St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News
... in Our Parish

St. Patrick’s Parish
127 Jackson St., Sonora, CA

Mass Times:
M-F 8:00 am
Sat 5:00 pm
Sun 7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm
Spanish

Reconciliation
Sat 4:00 pm
Wed 6:30 pm
Or by appt.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mission Church
11700 Catholic Cemetery Rd.
Big Oak Flat, CA

Mass Times:
Sat 5:00 pm
Sun 9:00 am

Reconciliation:
Sat 4:30 pm

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Parochial Vicar
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September 16
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me

“The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.”

On behalf of St. Patrick’s Parish, I joyfully welcome you. Our hope is all who come to St. Patrick’s will know the love of Christ. By God’s mercy, and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our patron St. Patrick, you will truly encounter the risen Lord and experience the Joy of the Gospel.

If you would like more information about our parish, please visit our website at www.StPatsSonora.org. If you are new to the area, we encourage you to request a new member packet. I would like to meet all of you. I am available for appointments. Please call me at (209) 532-7139 ext. 112 or email frsam@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Pastor

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Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Message from Bishop Myron J. Cotta

The following are excerpts from Bishop Cotta’s communications from Rome, at the Annual Formation Course for New Bishops.

(Sept. 5) I send greetings from Rome as I attend the annual gathering of recently ordained bishops from all over the world. The event is hosted at the International College of the Legionaries of Christ in the outskirts of the City of Rome.

Wednesday was our first full day of conferences with 146 bishops scheduled to attend. There are three of us from California. Two new Auxiliary Bishops: one from Los Angeles - Bishop Marc Trudeau & Bishop Robert Christian from San Francisco. There are several others from the United States.

At Mass, the Gospel proclaimed that Jesus was sent to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God - “for this purpose He was sent.” All of us bishops have been “sent” (“apostles”) to proclaim the good news of the kingdom; but, “What is the “good news” of the kingdom?” The good news is that the Kingdom is in our midst! God is with us - “Emmanuel!” The good news is: God dwells with us! He dwells and journeys among the Bishops represented, here, and among the people we serve within our dioceses. You and they are called, and invited, to participate in building up the Kingdom of God in this day and age.

Let us never forget: God dwells and journeys with us, as the people of the Diocese of Stockton! We are all “co-workers” with God. It’s all His work, but each has their part to offer. As the “baptized,” all are invited and privileged to take part in it!

(Sept. 6) After this morning’s celebration of a votive Mass in honor of the Holy Spirit, we were given a General Introduction of Pope Francis’ Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel). The Church has the great challenge to do what it is “called” to do by Christ, Himself: to evangelize! As a starting point, we need to ask ourselves, as the people & ministers of our Diocese of Stockton, the following questions:

1. How are we evangelizing in our homes, at work, in our parishes and Catholic schools?
2. Do we have an authentic life-giving relationship with the Risen Jesus?
3. Are we “forming” individuals in the Christian Faith or are we simply “instructing” them in our sacramental and religious programs?
4. Do our diocesan and parish ministries “accompany” the person on their Christian walk?
5. Do we go out to the person that needs the presence of the Church instead of waiting and expecting them to come to us?
6. Do we reflect the pastoral and merciful way of Jesus to those whom we meet and serve?
7. How do we share the “Joy” of the Gospel with those who have been hurt by the Church and lost the joy and respect for Her and for those who proclaim the Gospel of Jesus? How do we regain, re-establish, trust?

These are just a few of the ways that we are challenged to live out the Call to encounter others and invite them to enter into a relationship with the Crucified and Risen Christ. In addition, we are called to patiently encourage our brothers and sisters to be evangelizers as they put the Gospel into action in their everyday lives - loving their neighbor as themselves.

(Sept. 8) On the Feast of the Birth of Mary, we journeyed into the City of Rome to celebrate Mass at one of the four major basilicas of the city: St. Mary Major. What an honor and privilege it was to be there on Our Lady’s Feast and to celebrate, within that beautiful environment, the Mass.

As in anything having to do with Our Lady, she, or the circumstance, always points to her Son, Jesus. Even though we were acknowledging her birth on that day, the readings of the Mass pointed to the birth of her Son. Her simple, “yes” and the trustful response of her husband, Joseph, fulfilled “the promise” of the God of Israel to send a deliverer, a “messiah.” This Messiah would be God’s Presence among us, “Emmanuel” - Jesus!

That First Saturday, at the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, was a unique time to “ponder” in our hearts, as Mary did in her Immaculate Heart, the Mystery of the Incarnation. All of us departed from that sanctuary filled with a sense of the joy of the Gospel of the Nativity of Jesus, while we honored Him in celebrating his Mother’s birth.

May the Mother of Jesus, and Mother of the Church, pray for us.

In the Peace of Christ,
Bishop Myron J. Cotta
This Week in our Parish

Sunday 9/16 ~ Meet & Greet: Religious Ed

Tuesday 9/18 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
   Room #6, Parish Hall

Wednesday 9/19 ~ Religious Education Classes
   2nd Grade to Confirmation, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Thursday 9/20 ~ OLMC: Religious Study
   The Prophets: Messengers of God’s Mercy
   OLMC Parish House, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Saturday 9/22 ~ Altar Duty: Sue Zunino, Bonnie Patania

Saturday 9/22 & Sunday 9/23 ~ Second Collection
   Catholic Charities

Sunday 9/23 ~ Meet & Greet: Knights of Columbus

Music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and prayer for our communal liturgies and parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come sing with us!

Please call the Music Office for more information:
209-532-7139, ext. 109

The annual Catholic Charities Sunday appeal is next weekend, September 22-23, 2018. We need your support and generous contribution on Catholic Charities Sunday to continue to serve the poor and vulnerable people in our communities. Please prayerfully consider your donation to this appeal, be as generous as your means allow, recalling that 100% of your contribution stays in our Diocesan community serving friends, neighbors and families in need. Catholic Charities provides services to the frail elderly, access to health insurance for families, low-cost legal immigration services, family counseling, parenting classes, CalFresh and nutrition education, food bank, services for Veterans, homeless and at-risk women, transitional care services for at-risk patients transitioning from hospital-to-home, and environmental justice advocacy. Together we demonstrate God’s mercy and love in concrete actions.

Catholic Charities
Second Collection, September 22-23

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Education Classes ...

Kindergarten and First Grade
Sundays
10:15 through 11:00 Family Mass
Includes Liturgy of the Word for Children
After class we will attend the 11:00 am Mass

2nd Grade through Confirmation
Wednesdays
6:30-7:30 pm - Parish Hall

“Let the WORD OF CHRIST dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, SINGING PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS with gratitude in your hearts to God.”
(Colossians 3:16)

Fundraiser Flute Recital
with our Music Director
Sandra Betti on flute, and pianist Diane Day.
Saturday, September 29th
2:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

This concert will include classical music by Telemann, Bach, Vidala, and Poulenc; show tunes from West Side Story, and a few of our favorite sacred songs. Light refreshments will be served after the performance. This recital is free of charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted. All proceeds will be used toward the sound system in the church, and new equipment for the music ministry at St. Patrick’s Parish.

Congratulations to Margaret (Maggie) Durgin! At the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, Sept 16, Maggie will make a Profession of Faith, be confirmed, celebrate the Eucharist, and come into full communion with the Catholic Church. We welcome her with love and great thanksgiving!
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Catherine Bentz  Joseph Murtagh
Al Biedrzycki      Juan Pinela
Ken & Jackie Bolling  Bob Porcella
Rae Ann Bozzo       Juan Pulido
Angela Brown        Mike Schirmer
Vern & Jo Froehlich  Joshua Stevenson
A. J. Holmes        Clay Sweeney
Donald C. Kellogg    Mitch Woods
Bill & Rolene Kiesling  Jean Wobbe
Kristine Kitamura

To add or remove a name from this list or the prayer chain, please contact Sandy Pallante at 532-7625.

St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair Raffle
Find treasures hidden in your home and donate them to the Christmas Fair Raffle!
You probably already have items in your closets that would make great raffle prizes. How about those unopened gifts, those pretty or useful items you’ve barely used, or those antiques that you’ve never put out on display? We could also use gift cards, game or theater tickets, overnight stays at your cabin, beach, or lake home, several lessons you might teach or coach, even a cooking lesson or dinner prepared at someone’s home. Be creative! Items are needed by mid-November. We hope to have many raffle items at the Christmas Fair fundraiser this year. Please help us by donating things, big or small, for this fun event. We will need them by mid-November. Please contact the parish office 532-7139 or Kathy Casas 770-5987 if you would like to donate.

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Anne’s Catholic Church in Columbia has memorials that can be sent in honor of a lost loved one. Please contact Judy Wilder for more information. (209) 532-9422

Journey in Christianity, an organization focusing on Christian renewal through Catholic service, is sponsoring a weekend retreat in Sonora. It begins Friday evening, October 19th, and lasts through Sunday October 21st. The Journey experience is an opportunity to share and encounter Christ in each other. The weekend is a great way to jump start or recharge your faith.
Anyone interested in further information, please contact Duarte Bento 209-499-5256 or

RESCHEDULED!
After all morning Masses on Sunday, October 28th, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a hot breakfast in the Parish Hall. For only $5.00 per person, you will get French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, a cup of fruit, juice and coffee. Tickets go on sale September 22nd, and are available after each weekend Mass and in the Parish Office. All proceeds from this breakfast will support the efforts of the Knights of Columbus, as they strive to bring Christ to our community by helping those in need.

All Saints Parish ~ Twain Harte
Classy Country Festival and Gourmet Dinner
Saturday, September 22, 2018
Hours: 5 to 9 PM
Dinner includes stuffed pork with salad, potatoes, grilled veggies, dessert and drinks
$15 adult, $7 child 6-12
Cash raffle and silent auction
Entertainment by The Fiddlers
Activities for the kids
All Saints Catholic Church
18674 Cherokee Dr., Twain Harte
For more information: 209-586-3161

Medaase!
“Thank you” does not adequately express the gratitude for all the support given me for my recent mission trip to Ghana, Africa. We are a universal church experiencing the same type of needs, joys and sorrows, though some at a greater intensity. Through the kindness of seminarians, priests, and the people of the villages, I was able to witness the church alive in Ghana. I pray, through the Eucharistic Lord, that the family of Ghana experienced the universal love shared through all the parishioners of St. Patrick’s.

In Christ,
Marla Rumbaugh
For regularly scheduled meetings, please check the Master Calendar at www.stpatssonora.org. If you have calendar requests or need to make changes to your current calendared items, please email ron@stpatssonora.org.