The GOOD News

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

John 6:51

AUGUST 12 2018

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“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
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Deacon Mike’s Message

Jesus continues his “Bread of Life” discourse in John’s gospel today, JN 6:41-51. I think one of the most unmistakable aromas we can experience is that of freshly baked bread. In today’s gospel, Jesus clearly shows the crowd, and us, the difference between physical, smell-good bread of the world, and spiritual bread. Jesus is asking us, “What are YOU looking for?” The comfort of some fresh-baked bread or the challenges of the bread come down from heaven?

The Jews in today’s Gospel had a comfortable reference place for their God, and it certainly was not Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph. Jesus tells them to stop murmuring among themselves. If you want more than the physical or worldly manna your ancestors had in the desert, if you want the spiritual bread come down from heaven, then get out of your comfort zone and follow my teachings.

If we call ourselves disciples of Jesus, then we must stop murmuring, complaining, and gossiping, and truly love our neighbor as ourselves. Any conflict we may have about truly loving our neighbor, with no exceptions, comes from our spiritual vision of discipleship, not from without. Have we put our relationship with Jesus Christ in a comfortable box filled with the many delicious breads of the world, or do we choose the bread of eternal life given to us in the Eucharist? That is God’s great gift to us, the real presence of Jesus’ body and blood in the Eucharist. This is our “heavenly” insurance policy.

I know most people consider insurance policies illogical but necessary. We are betting that our car will get in an accident, and the insurance companies collect our payments, and bet that we will not get in an accident. Jesus offers us a very simple heavenly insurance policy in the Gospel. Each time we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we can be reminded of the words we heard today, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

Take some time to reflect on the spiritual experiences you have had after receiving the Body of Christ. How did these experiences renew your faith, give you hope, and help you live as a disciple of Jesus? Then take a piece of paper and jot down the people you trust, and why. Where does God fit in on this list? As we consider our role as disciples of Jesus, let us be reminded of the ending of the Prayer of St. Francis, “O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

In Christ, Deacon Mike Kubasek
**This Week in our Parish**

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**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

"The Immaculate Mother of God, ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

(Pope Pius XII, Dogma of the Assumption, 44)

**Mass Times**

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**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

† Are you, or is someone you know, interested in becoming Catholic?
† Are you an adult who was baptized Catholic, but still needs the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist, and/or Confirmation?
† Learn more about the Catholic Faith during the RCIA Inquiry period, which starts this Tuesday, August 14th. The sessions are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall, Room 1.

For more information, please contact Linda Knapp:
925-231-5849
lindasmiles2001@yahoo.com

Or call the Parish Office 209-532-7139

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**Grieving with Great HOPE**

Grief Support Workshop

This week will meet on Thursday!

Grieving with Great HOPE is a five week grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one.

**Thursday, August 16, 6-8 pm**
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
127 Jackson Street, Sonora

For more information, contact Steve and Martha Golay at 209-588-2935, or email golaymartha@yahoo.com

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**Men - last chance to register for the 2018 Catholic Men’s Fellowship Fall Retreat**

“The Magnificent Seven: Men of Virtue.”

**Retreat Dates:**

**Friday - Sunday ~ August 17 - 19, 2018**
Beginning 5:00 pm Friday, concluding at noon on Sunday

**Retreat Cost:** $185 per person donation for lodging and all meals. We encourage father/son participation, half price for second registration.

To register, visit www.catholicmen.org
Make checks payable to 2018 CMF Fall Retreat
Mail to: 10905 Kelso Ct. Sonora, CA 95370
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

- Catherine Bentz
- Phil Fish
- Vern & Jo Froehlich
- Ed Hall
- Shirley Hamblin
- A. J. Holmes
- Bill & Rolene Kiesling
- Kristine Kitamura
- Joan Macauley
- Joseph Murtagh
- Juan Pinela
- Juan Pulido
- Mike Schirmer
- Clay Sweeney
- Mitch Woods
- Jean Wobbe

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

At One with the Spirit Ministry
is pleased to announce:
A pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and other Holy Places and Cathedrals in and around Mexico City, including the beautiful city of Puebla, Mexico.

- January 30 - February 4, 2019
- $2,199 from San Francisco
- Spiritual Director: Fr. Samuel West
- Group Coordinators: Juddy Kendall & Dolores Schlichtmann

For more information, please visit www.pilgrimages.com/stpatrickchurch

Detailed flyers are available in the vestibule.

Is the Lord Calling You?
Each year He calls forth those He has chosen to formally pass on our faith to the next generation. It is the responsibility of parents, accepted at the baptism of their child, to instruct them, but the responsibility of the church to assist parents in that role.

We need teachers who can bring God’s message of love to students of a variety of ages.

If you would like to join us on Wednesday evenings and help with the faith formation of our young people, please contact the Parish Office or Kathy Casas, Director of Religious Ed, @ 532-7139 or 770-5987

“Jesus said, let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

(Matthew 19:14)

Religious Education Classes Begin...

- Kindergarten and First Grade
  Sundays 10:15 through 11:00 Family Mass
  Includes Liturgy of the Word for Children
  Begins Sunday, September 16th
  Downstairs in the Parish Hall

- 2nd Grade through Confirmation
  Begins Wednesday, September 12th
  6:30-7:30 pm - Parish Hall

PRE-REGISTRATION is helpful!
Forms are in the church vestibule, hall, and office.
Baptismal certificates are necessary unless baptized at St. Patrick’s.

Please return the forms to the Parish Office or mail to:
St. Patrick’s Church
116 W. Bradford St.
Sonora, CA 95370

99th Birthday!

All are invited to celebrate our dear parishioner Ruth Callahan’s 99th Birthday! Come honor a long life, well lived.

Wednesday, August 15th
12 noon to 3:00 pm
Avalon Care Center
19929 Greenley Rd., Sonora
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.

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Wednesday 9/12 ~ Religious Ed Classes begin 2nd Grade - Confirmation, 6:30-7:30 pm Parish Hall
Saturday 9/15 ~ YLI Potato Bar Luncheon and Bunco, 11:30 am, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Sunday 9/16 ~ Religious Ed Classes begin K - 1st 10:15-11:00 am, downstairs Parish Hall
Tuesday 9/18 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 pm Room #6, Parish Hall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday August 13 ~ Sunday August 19

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8 -- 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16 -- 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a -- 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4b-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 5:51-58

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday August 12 ~ Saturday August 18

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus
Tuesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Wednesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Weeky Offerings

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Maintenance Offerings

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Fr. Banka’s Mission Appeal: $13,741
Parish Services: St. Pat’s $432; OLMC $94

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!