The GOOD News
... in Our Parish

February 11, 2018
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Imitate Christ”

“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

St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

Vol. 7 No. 6
Father Joseph’s Message

BISHOP’S MINISTRY APPEAL // Season of Lent

I am happy to share of my call to serve in this Parish of St. Patrick’s, Sonora.

Being in need of priests here in this Diocese of Stockton in May 2016, our Bishop requested my Provincial Superior for a Carmelite Priest from the Province of Manjummel. In turn, my Provincial asked me whether I could go to this Diocese to help with my ministry. I most willingly accepted the challenge of going to the United States of America for my priestly ministry and started the procedures for the same. It took almost one year for all the documents to be ready. Meantime, our Bishop sent me the needed security documents and the formal invitation. Through the Legal Advocates, my Visa was prepared; and from the Bishop’s Office, Patricia Ianni, the Executive Assistant, Clergy Services, was constantly in touch with me to prepare the documents needed. My paperwork was ready by January 2017. And with all other preparations, I reached the States on 06 April 2017. I stayed with Fr. John Peter Pragasam, the Pastor of St. Bernadette’s Parish, Stockton, for over a month and reached here on 15 June 2017. I thank the Pastor and parishioners of St. Bernadette’s for the love and care I experienced.

With grateful heart, I thank our Bishop and the Diocese of Stockton for bearing the huge financial burden to bring me here, approximately $3,500 plus the Annual Retreat Charge, etc. I am informed that the financial burden is met by the fund collected annually through the Bishop’s Ministry Appeal. This year itself, the Diocese had to invite four or five priests from different countries. I appreciate all the parishioners of the different parishes of this Diocese for their generosity in responding to the Bishop’s Ministry Appeal. I, too, extend my heartfelt thanks to one and all of you for the generous contribution you made towards this worthy ministry in the previous years.

This Sunday, we have the Gospel Reading from Mark 1:40-45. A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down, begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, I do will it. Be clean.” And the leprosy left him immediately and he was made clean. I feel this reading gives us a needed message for Lent.

In this Season of Lent we, as a community, are going to meditate on the love and mercy Jesus the Lord has for us. We know one way or other, we are weak and frail, needing the touch of Jesus. Like the leper, we too are waiting for his presence. In these forty days, we acknowledge that we are sinners in need of his touch. With humility, we, as a community, beg him, “If you wish, you can make us clean.” This prayer must be for all of us, for those who do not know him and even for those who do not accept him.

As to the leper’s prayer, Jesus, moved with pity, stretched out his hand and touched the leprosy of the leper and made him well again. On Good Friday, as to our prayer, our ancestors’ prayers, moved with pity, he stretched out both his hands and touched our sinfulness (the Cross) and said, “I do will it. Be clean, all of you.” He gave us Salvation.

Wish you a fruitful Season of Lent!

In Christ, Fr. Joseph Lawrence

Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD, we commend the soul of Sister Gloria DeJesus
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful Religious who have departed this life, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Notes of Condolence may be sent to:
Eucharistic Franciscan Missionary Sisters
c/o Diocese of Stockton Pastoral Center
212 N. San Joaquin St.
Stockton, CA 95202-2409
February 11, 2018

This Week in our Parish

Sat 2/10 and Sun 2/11 ~ Bishop’s Ministry Appeal

Tue 2/13 ~ YLI Minestrone Soup Luncheon, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Parish Hall

Wed 2/14 ~ Ash Wednesday

Wed 2/14 ~ Teens! Steinmetz House 6:30 pm

Fri 2/16 ~ Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm

Sat 2/17 ~ Altar Duty: Faustina Coleman, Kathleen Kahl

Sun 2/18 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by Religious Ed

Please Note: During this unusually severe flu season, the Diocese of Stockton has recommended that we do not shake hands during the Sign of Peace, nor hold hands when praying the Our Father. Additionally, we will not be distributing the Precious Blood during Communion. Once the flu season begins to pass, we will again distribute Communion under both species.

St. Patrick’s Knights of Columbus, Council #2165, will be having open recruiting during the month of February. Initiation fees for new members are being waived this month. What a great time for new parishioners, who were members in another Council, to transfer to St. Patrick’s! For new members, basic requirements are that you must be a man at least 18 years old and a practicing Catholic in good standing. Meetings occur monthly, for about one hour. We undertake three-four projects per year, effected by the full council.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael McGivney at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, CT as a men’s fraternal service organization outside of the Church to assist struggling parishioners before any type of welfare or insurance programs were instituted in this country.

For more information, please contact Roger Stevens @ 532-0731, George Kosko @ 213-5860, or Ernie Cuzzocreo @ 532-9696.

February 14, 2018

Services

St. Patrick’s:
Masses at 8:00 am, 6:30 pm
Distribution of Ashes (no Mass) at 12:00 noon
OLMC: Mass at 5:00 pm

“Behold, NOW is a very acceptable time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation.”

2 Corinthians 6:2

Congratulations
Jerry and Sandy Tannhauser!
50th Wedding Anniversary
Married February 10, 1968
“Love is the beauty of the soul”
(St. Augustine)

Stations of the Cross and Lenten Soup Suppers begin this Friday, February 16, and continue every Friday evening in Lent. Please join us for this wonderful tradition as we remember His sacrifice on the Cross, followed by a beautiful time of fellowship in Christ.

Come one, come all!
Soup’s on!

Come join us on Fat Tuesday, February 13
For
Minestrone Soup, French bread, water, tea or coffee, and dessert.
Cost: $6.00
11:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m.

Hosted by YLI, Patricia #79
All proceeds go to our High School scholarship program.
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Leanne Abbe-Alcioti  
Tete Arellano  
Ruben Bacci  
Catherine Bentz  
Al Biedrzycki  
Jan Buck  
Cardiff Family  
Jeanne Dugan  
Joe Gamboa  
Mitch & Patti Gerner  
Bill Gookin

Ed Hall  
Joan Holland  
A. J. Holmes  
Fred Kahl  
Bill & Rolene Kiesling  
Kristine Kitamura  
Lois Marzocchi  
Joseph Perez  
Juan Pulido  
Mike Schirmer  
Clay Sweeney

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

Financial Peace University

Beginning Wednesday, April 4 at 6:00 pm, St. Patrick’s Parish in Sonora will present a nine-week course on financial management. Based on biblical principles and developed by Dave Ramsey, nearly five million people have completed this dynamic course! Take control of your money with practical, humorous, easy-to-follow lessons. Learn in a supportive group environment how to: create a budget that doesn't feel like a straitjacket, pay off debt with the Debt Snowball, save for the future, and so much more.

For more information and to register, go to www.fpu.com/1059095 or contact Nathan and Annika Graveline at (209) 588-1780.

EUCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF THE DIVINE MERCY

The Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy continue to meet to study and pray about God’s Mercy and our Catholic Faith. You are welcome to drop in and join us to experience our group. We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 11:00 am in room 1 in the Parish Hall. We pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy each Friday at 3:00 in the Church and participate in the monthly 1st Friday Adoration. Do join us for either of these prayerful events.

For questions or more information, please call Marcia Watts (533-3662) or Deborah Cushman (533-2756). To be included as a regular participant in the monthly 1st Friday Adoration, please call Carole Harte (890-5115) or Dolores Schlichtmann (768-1947).

Spiritual Growth

The Silence of Our Mother, Mary

All are invited to a special presentation by Fr. Yesobu Banka on the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Four Great Marian Dogmas of the Church.

1. Her Immaculate Conception
2. Her Perpetual Virginity
3. Her Divine Maternity
4. Her Glorious Assumption

Saturday, February 24th
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Parish Hall, St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
Breakfast Potluck
please bring your favorite baked goods
For more information, please contact Cynthia Dragun
Email: atonewiththespirit@gmail.com

Ministry Day

March 3, 2018 ~ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
St. Mary’s High School
5648 N. El Dorado St., Stockton

Ministry Day is the Annual Adult Faith Formation Conference of the Diocese of Stockton. The Conference provides:

For conference details and to download a registration form, go to http://stocktondiocese.org/diocesan-departments/religious-education/diocesan-ministry-day.
Contact Kathy Casas @ 770-5987 for more information.

The focus of 40 Days for Life is peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Beginning Feb 19, we will be standing on the corner of Greenly and Mono Way from 9 am to sundown every Monday during Lent. There will be sign ups after Mass this weekend, or in the Parish Office during the week. All participants are asked to spend one hour each Monday, as we pray for unborn children and the mothers who carry these precious lives. For more information, please call Joan Madsen at 533-3429.
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.

**Mass for the Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday February 10 ~ Sunday February 18**

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We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.

- Monday 8:00 am: Alicia Diaz †
- Tuesday 8:00 am: No Intentions
- Wednesday 8:00 am: No Intentions
- Thursday 8:00 am: No Intentions
- Friday 8:00 am: Carlos Balbuena
- Saturday 5:00 pm: Jack McCoy †
- Sunday 7:30 am: All Parishioners

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- **Sunday February 11 ~ Saturday February 16**
  - Sunday: The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day of the Sick; World Marriage Day
  - Monday: Lincoln’s Birthday
  - Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
  - Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Valentine’s Day
  - Friday: Abstinence; Chinese New Year 4716
  - Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

- **Saturday 2/24** ~ Spiritual Growth “The Silence of our Mother, Mary” presented by Fr. Banka 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
- **Saturday 2/24 & Sunday 2/25** ~ Second Collection Black and Indian Missions, and Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA)
- **Saturday 3/3** ~ Diocese of Stockton Ministry Day St. Mary’s High School, Stockton
- **Tuesday 3/13** ~ Lenten Penance Service, 6:30 pm St. Patrick’s Church
- **Thursday 3/22** ~ Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday February 12 ~ Sunday February 18**

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<td>Wednesday</td>
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**Weekly Offerings**

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**General Offerings**

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**Maintenance Offerings**

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**Parish Services:** St. Pat’s $709 OLMC $114

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!