St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News
... in Our Parish

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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Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away,
behold, new things have come.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

“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
At our baptism, we each were given a lighted candle, lit from the Paschal Candle, as a sign of the light of Faith we received in the sacrament of our rebirth. The gift of Faith gives us the supernatural light needed to see, to know, and to love God. St. Paul reminds us in this week’s second reading from his letter to the Ephesians, which is taken from liturgical cycle A because of the Second Scrutiny of our Elect, that we have already been made children of the Light. “You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.” We want to remain in His Light and always “live as children of the light.” Through the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Eucharist, our Lord Jesus offers us the sanctifying Grace to keep and strengthen the light of Faith we received in Baptism. The grace of the Sacraments helps us to “live as children of the light” and to “produce every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.” Being open to God’s grace, His light, means responding to what God has revealed, what He has shown us. Through the gift of the Church, we have been shown how we are to respond – what we should do – to remain, grow, and thrive in the light of God’s grace. By participating in the Sacrifice of the Mass, we “learn what is pleasing to the Lord” and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we receive the grace we need to overcome any sinful tendency to take part “in the fruitless works of darkness .”

In the Gospel we are using for this Sunday, also taken from cycle A, we hear of our Lord’s curing of the man born blind. In this scene, we see that Jesus does all the “work” in the blind man’s cure. Our Lord makes clay with His saliva and smears it on the man’s eyes. But the blind man also had a small part in his healing. After applying the clay, Jesus told him to wash his eyes in the pool of Siloam. In our effort to change, to become more a child “of the light” and live as such, God’s amazing Grace does all the work in us, but we too have a part by accepting the grace He graciously offers. When we sin, abusing the freedom God has given us and refusing to live as a child of the light, we then are not able to see His goodness, His peace, and His joy. We become blind to His presence in our lives. When Jesus opened the eyes of the man born blind, it was then the man was able to see Him and came to believe in Jesus. We also hear in this scene how the Pharissee could not accept this obvious miracle. They refused to accept the once blind man’s testimony of how Jesus cured him. They were “blinded” to the work Jesus had done because of their hatred and jealousy of Him.

Jesus tells them, “if you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.” He is saying if a person is blind but responds to the offer of God’s grace to be healed, then he or she can be freed from sin, able to see God’s work. But if a person thinks he or she is not in need of God’s grace, healing, they remain in sin and, therefore, remain in blindness. We all need God’s grace to heal the blindness caused by sin. I encourage all to attend our Lenten Penance Service scheduled for this upcoming Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:30 pm. In the Sacrament of Confession, Jesus wipes away our sins so we can see Him more clearly in our lives. We receive the grace to live in the light of our Lord’s peace.

As we continue our Lenten practices of prayer, penance, and works of charity in preparation of the great joy of the Lord’s Resurrection at Easter, let us ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, to help us respond fully to the grace He offers and always live as His children, the “children of the light.”

In Christ, Fr. Sam West

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**Grieving with Great HOPE**

**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. If you have lost a spouse, a child, a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include Cathi Ruiz and Martha Golay as well as John and Sandy O’Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate. Contact Steve and Martha Golay for registration details and registration form at 209-588-2935 or email golaymartha@yahoo.com

**Thursdays, May 9 – June 6, 6-7:30p.m.**
**St. Patrick Catholic Church ~ 127 Jackson Street, Sonora**
There is a $15 fee for the workshop. This will be collected at the first meeting.
Advanced registration by April 30, 2019
This Week in our Parish

Sunday 3/31 ~ Meet & Greet: Altar Society

Wednesday 4/3 ~ Lenten Penance Service
6:30 pm, St. Patrick’s

Thursday 4/4 ~ Religious Study 4:00 - 5:30, OLMC

Thursday 4/4 ~ Youth Group 6:30 pm Steinmetz

Friday 4/5 ~ Daytime Stations of the Cross and
Reconciliation, 10:00 am, St. Patrick’s

Friday 4/5 ~ Stations of the Cross, 5:00 pm OLMC
6:00 pm, St. Patrick’s

Saturday 4/6 ~ Altar Duty: Eleanor Lauterio

Sunday 4/7 ~ Meet & Greet: Ministers to the Sick

INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD,
we commend the soul of
Rolene Kiesling
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We are pleased to announce the results of our recent
elections. Here are the elected members to the 2019
Pastoral Council:

Ron Cordes
Mary Cordes
Dina Pinocchio
Richard Roe
Christina Welch (2nd Term)

Divine Mercy Novena and
Divine Mercy Sunday
Pope John Paul II declared the
second Sunday of Easter (April 28)
as Divine Mercy Sunday. The
Chaplet of Divine Mercy was given
to St. Faustina by Jesus. He told
her to have the Novena of Divine
Mercy prayed starting on Good
Friday and through the first week
of Easter, culminating on Divine
Mercy Sunday.

The Novena and Chaplet of Divine
Mercy will be prayed daily at the
hour of mercy, 3:00 pm, in the
church except Easter Vigil. On
Easter Vigil we will pray the
Novena in the Parish Hall at 3:00 pm. The Novena starts
Good Friday and will include Easter Sunday. Each day we
pray the Novena and Chaplet for a different intention.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated April 28 in the
church with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and confession starting at 2:00 pm. At 3:00 pm we will
pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, alternating
English and Spanish. This will be followed by the Litany
of Divine Mercy followed by a benediction.

For further information call Cecilia Woosley at 602-7013
or Deborah Cushman at 533-2756

2019 LENTEN PENANCE
SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 3
6:30 pm
St. Patrick’s

Monday, April 8
4:00 pm
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday, April 12
10:00 am
St. Patrick’s

Stations of the Cross
are prayed every Friday evening during Lent,
and followed by a Lenten soup supper.
Please join us for this beloved tradition as we
come together to remember His sacrifice on
the Cross, followed by a communal time of
fellowship in Christ.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Big Oak Flat ~ 5:00 pm
St. Patrick’s, Sonora ~ 6:00 pm
Special Daytime Stations of the Cross
and Reconciliation
Friday, April 5 10:00 am ~ St. Patrick’s, Sonora
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Josephine Barbarini
Al Biedrzycki
Angela Brown
Joseph Cognetti
Katrina Garcia
Bill Gookin
Ed Hall
Joan Holland
A. J. Holmes
Bill Kiesling
Kristine Kitamura
Judi Maguire
Lois Marzocchi
Cindy Merritt
Michelle Mullen
Gary Pizl
Juan Pulido
Clay Sweeney
Roy Volpetti
Dan Ward
Mitch & Trish Woods

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

Forty Days for Life continues this Monday, April 2. We will stand on the corner of Mono Way and Greenley every Monday in Lent, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. All participants are asked to stand for one hour. Please choose your hour, and sign up in the Parish Office. For more information, please call Joan Madsen at 533-3429.

Chrism Mass, a gathering of the entire diocese, bishop, priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful, where the bishop blesses the Holy Oils, and when the priests and deacons renew their promises to serve God and His people.

Thursday, April 11
6:00 pm
Cathedral of the Annunciation
400 W. Rose Street
Stockton

St. Patrick’s Day 2019
On behalf of our parish family, I sincerely thank all of you who attended our annual St. Patrick’s Luncheon on Sunday, March 17th. We shared a delicious meal and a wonderful time together celebrating our great patron, St. Patrick! A very special thank you to our Knights of Columbus for providing, cooking, and serving the traditional meal of corned beef, cabbage, & potatoes. These guys really work hard and the meal was great! I sincerely appreciate all who helped with the setup and clean up, especially Teresa Sweeney, Sandy Pasby, and Beatriz Gamboa. We also are grateful to Ulysses Verceles and Juliet Simerly for providing some entertainment. Also, I would like to give a special thank you to all who brought the delicious desserts. St. Patrick, pray for us!

Fr. Sam

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!
If you missed it, be sure to join us next year . . .
March 31, 2019

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Monday 4/8 ~ Penance Service 4:00 pm, OLMC
Thursday 4/11 ~ Chrism Mass, Stockton Cathedral
Friday 4/12 ~ Daytime Penance Service
   10:00 am, St. Patrick’s
Thursday 4/18 ~ Holy Thursday
   Masses at 4:00 pm OLMC; 7:00 pm St. Patrick’s
Friday 4/19 ~ Good Friday
   Noon, St. Patrick’s
   3:00 pm, OLMC
   6:00 pm Stations and Veneration, St. Patrick’s
Saturday 4/20 ~ Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm, St. Patrick’s
Sunday 4/21 ~ Easter Sunday
   Masses at 7:00 & 9:00 am, OLMC
   Masses at 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am, St. Patrick’s
   1:00 pm, St. Anne’s (Columbia)
Sunday 4/28 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday
   Exposition 2:00 pm, Chaplet 3:00 pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday April 1 ~ Sunday April 7
Monday:   Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:  Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
   Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:   Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
   Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:   (Year C) Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6;
   Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
   (Year A) Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8;
   Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday March 31 ~ Saturday April 6
Sunday:   Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny
Monday:   April Fool’s Day
Tuesday:  St. Francis of Paola
Wednesday: St. Isidore of Seville
Friday:   St. Vincent Ferrer; First Friday; Abstinence
Saturday: First Saturday

Weekly Offerings

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Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!