St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

October 14
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said,

“GO, sell what you have, and GIVE to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven;
THEN COME, FOLLOW ME.”

(Mark 10:21)

“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
Father Sam’s Message

In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus answers a “rich man’s” question about what he “must do to inherit eternal life.” This is a question we all should be asking. However, given how he responded when the Lord told him to “sell what you have, and give to the poor,” the man seemed to want to do only the bare minimum to get into heaven. He reminds me of a student who does just enough of the required class work to pass his course without ever really wanting to know the subject. Because Jesus “loved” this man, our Lord tells him this attitude of just doing the minimum is not enough for eternal life. To have the abundant rewards of eternal life, we need to be willing to do whatever it takes, give up ourselves and follow Jesus, to be His disciple. We need to be willing even of giving up for our Lord those things which are most important to us - “house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel.”

We learn from the “rich man’s” encounter with Jesus for us to inherit eternal life demands more than just us superficially following the Commandments. When our Lord listed off the commandments, the “rich man” replied, “All of these I have observed from my youth.” But the Lord Jesus, “looking at him, loved him, said to him, ‘you are lacking in one thing.’” We certainly need to obey God’s commandments, but we also need to do, as Jesus tells the “rich man,” these three additional actions, in which we completely give ourselves to God. Jesus says to him,

1. “Sell what you have,”
2. “Give to the poor,” and
3. “Come, follow me.”

So, in addition to following God’s commandments, we need to do these three actions of self-giving, sacrificial love which can be restated as:

1. Willing to trust God, giving up everything we have for the sake of growing in our relationship with God;
2. Helping and serving those who are in need; and
3. Surrendering ourselves completely to God’s will for us, following Jesus to the Cross.

Our Lord Jesus, out of love for us, wants us to have a faith that is, as the second reading reminds us, “living and effective.” He invites us to abandon whatever holds us back from living out the gift of faith fully and calling us to not “lack” anything. Our Lord wants to free us from being stuck in a faith and, therefore, a life that is superficial, unfruitful, and self-centered. To have a faith that is “living and effective” means giving our whole self to Jesus. It takes everything we have to give up our egos and submit to what God wants for us. We have to let go of our opinions, preferences, habits, and sins. To do this on our own is impossible, but as Jesus tells us, “All things are possible for God.” Our Merciful Father continuously gives us all the grace we need to do what He lovingly asks of us, to do what He asks for our eternal happiness and to reach our eternal reward. By His mercy, we have been given Divine wisdom, which, as we hear from our first reading this week, is a gift beyond this world. He has given us the Church, the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the examples of the lives of the saints to help us let go of those things to which we are attached and submit to His holy will. We trust that whatever God asks us to give up, He will take care of us and fulfill His promise to provide for us abundantly.

We are undertaking an Offertory Program to balance our budget & strengthen our finances for the future. The largest source of the parish’s income is the contributions you make each week. The success of our new Offertory Program depends on each family contributing what they are able. Please see below for more details.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West

Be Sure To Read Your Offertory Brochure

This week, you will receive a brochure in the mail. This brochure not only contains information regarding the nature of the Parish Offertory Program, it also contains information on the current giving of our parishioners and the income and expense budget of our parish. You are asked to carefully study the brochure and to note the financial giving recommendations that it contains. These recommendations are categorized by personal income so that they are fair to all.

Next weekend, during Mass, you will receive a commitment card and will be asked to indicate your weekly commitment. Regardless of whether you give monthly, quarterly, etc., please indicate the amount that your gifts represent on a weekly basis. If you have not used envelopes, checks or e-giving in the past, please begin to do so. It is very important for us to know how many members of our parish are actively involved in offering their financial support.

Please make a conscious effort to examine your spending priorities, see where our parish is currently placed within them and then adjust your priorities as you deem necessary based on our obligation to support the work of the Lord.
October 14, 2018

**This Week in our Parish**

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| Thursday 10/18 | OLMC: Religious Study  
                     The Prophets: Messengers of God’s Mercy  
                     OLMC Parish House, 4:00 - 5:30 pm |
| Saturday 10/20 | Altar Duty: Faustina Coleman, Kathleen Kahl  
                     OLMC Parish House, 4:00 - 5:30 pm |
| Sunday 10/21 | Meet & Greet: Religious Ed & Teens                                     |
| Sunday 10/21 | Youth Group Begins! 6:15 pm, Steinmetz House                           |

**COME AND SEE . . . GHANA!**

You are cordially invited to come, see and share in the experience of my journey to Ghana. The presentation will be on Sunday October 14th at 2:00 pm, in rooms 3&4 of the Parish Hall at St. Patrick’s.

Hope to see you there!  

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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 Mary Bento 209-499-6739

**October is Respect Life Month**

40 Days for Life

Our Catholic faith calls us to participate in our communities. That same faith calls us to protect life and to promote dignity and respect for all human beings from conception to natural death. We at St. Patrick’s Church will participate in 40 Days for Life on each Monday in October, by standing on the corner of Greenley and Mono Way from 9 am to 5 pm, as we give witness to the sanctity of all human life. We pray for the protection of the unborn and their mothers, and an end to abortion. Please try to give us one hour per week. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Office.

**The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Offertory Program Begins**

This weekend, we will begin a program that asks everyone to reflect on the amount they give to the Offertory. This review will ask several questions.

1. Do I have a need to give or do I give only when there is a need?

2. Do I understand that there is an obligation to provide regular financial support to the parish?

3. Where does the parish fit relative to the other ways that I spend my money?

4. How much do I give to the parish on a weekly basis? (If you give monthly or quarterly, calculate your weekly commitment to put it in perspective.)

5. Is it too much, too little or just right?

6. If I am not at the parish for one or more Sundays, do I make up the amount that I have not given?

7. How much will I give each week during the coming year?

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast Fundraiser**

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 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.

**Knights of Columbus**

**Breaking News**

**In Loving Memory**

Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend the soul of Ron Gianelli

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Catherine Bentz  
Al Biedrzycki  
Ken & Jackie Bolling  
Rae Ann Bozzo  
Evelyn Brom  
Angela Brown  
Vern & Jo Froehlich  
Ed Hall  
A. J. Holmes  
Donald C. Kellogg  
Bill & Rolene Kiesling

Kristine Kitamura  
Joseph Murtagh  
Nuncy Patania  
Juan Pinela  
Juan Pulido  
Mike Schirmer  
Connie Scott  
Joshua Stevenson  
Clay Sweeney  
Mitch Woods

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

“Be sober, as God’s athlete. The prize is incorruption and life eternal.”  
St. Ignatius of Antioch (Feast Day October 17)

A Message from Bishop Myron J. Cotta

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, it is a perfect time to encourage the faithful, and us, to pray the Rosary with more fervor than ever. On October 13, 1917, Our Lady identified herself as the “Lady of the Rosary” to the Three Shepherd Children of Fátima during her sixth and final apparition.

Let us, during these troubling times in the Church and in the world, take Our Lady’s request to heart and pray the Rosary daily. Let us pray it with a greater fervor for ongoing conversion in our own lives, and as Our Lady mentions: for the conversion of “poor sinners.”

In reparation for the grave sin of sexual abuse, the healing of the survivors of abuse, and for the many ways that human life is not “respected” in our day and age, let us pray the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as individuals, as a community, and as the clergy of the Diocese of Stockton.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fátima, pray for us.

Grace and Mercy,  
Bishop Myron J. Cotta

Attention - all parents with teenagers:

St. Patrick’s Youth Group is starting!

Sunday, Oct 21 6:15 pm ~ Steinmetz House, upstairs
We joyfully welcome Angela Cordes as our new Coordinator of Youth Ministry!

Food Fun Fellowship in Christ

Hello, my name is Angela Cordes. I was born and raised in California; I love music, art, being outdoors, reading, dancing, and singing, but above everything, I love my Faith.

“To love God is the greatest romance, to seek Him is the greatest adventure and to find Him is the greatest human achievement.”

~St. Augustine

I am 21 years old and I have been a parishioner here at St. Patrick’s for the past five years. In that time, it has been my joy to be involved with choir, the Youth Group Core Team, and the Foothill Pregnancy Center. Thanks to your generosity, in 2016, I went with Fr. Sam and other young adults to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. This experience left me with a desire to follow my Lord even more closely. Later that same year, I traveled to Austria to study theology and philosophy with Franciscan University of Steubenville.

The following year, I graduated from Columbia College and was accepted to serve with NET ministries. NET is a group of Catholic young adults who travel across the U.S., inspiring young Catholics to know Christ and live out our Faith to the full. With Net Ministries, my team and I visited over 15 states, put on 120 retreats and reached over 7,000 youth in parishes and schools. It was a beautiful adventure, and an incredible blessing in my life.

This past summer, I was asked to be the Coordinator of Youth Ministry here at St. Patrick’s, and it is my great joy to be able to give back to the parish that has helped me to grow in my faith so much. If you are in high school and are looking to share in an adventure, Youth Group will be starting up again on Sunday, October 21st! Please keep me and all the youth here in your prayers, as we seek to know Christ even more and dive deeper into the Faith of His Church. “You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)

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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 Intentions for the Week

Saturday October 13 ~ Sunday October 21
Saturday 5:00 pm Mary Ann Widerman ✝️ William Schrag ✝️
Sunday 7:30 am Adolfo Negrete ✝️ Victoria Uriarte ✝️
9:00 am Hezzy Arellano ✝️ Joanne Meyers ✝️
11:00 am Leno & Doris Fletcher ✝️ Alex Ramirez, Happy Birthday!
5:00 pm Lupe Diaz ✝️ Alicia Sanchez ✝️

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

Monday 8:00 am Lizbeth Gutierrez ✝️
Tuesday 8:00 am No Intentions
Wednesday 8:00 am Joanne Myers ✝️ Kamal Dash, Happy Birthday!
Thursday 8:00 am Jason Dunne ✝️ Mercedes Gregorio, Happy Birthday!
Friday 8:00 am No Intentions
Saturday 5:00 pm Ken Francek ✝️ Dennis Philip Regan ✝️
Sunday 7:30 am All Parishioners
9:00 am Deceased members of the YLI ✝️ Adolfo Negrete ✝️
11:00 am Marcos Balbuena ✝️ Francis Weldon Regan ✝️
5:00 pm Lupe Diaz ✝️ Michael Johnston ✝️

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Sunday 10/28 ~ RCIA Rite of Welcome and Acceptance, 9:00 am Mass, St. Patrick’s
Sunday 10/28 ~ KOC Breakfast, after all Masses St. Patrick’s Parish Hall, $5 per person
Thursday 11/1 ~ All Saints Day
Masses: St. Patrick’s 8:00 am and 6:30 pm; OLMC 4:00 pm
Friday 11/2 ~ All Souls Day
Masses: St. Patrick’s 8:00 am; St. Patrick’s Cemetery 12:00 noon; OLMC 4:00 pm
Thursday 11/22 ~ Thanksgiving Day
Saturday 12/1 ~ St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday October 15 ~ Sunday October 21
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31– 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday October 14 ~ Saturday October 20
Sunday: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Teresa of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Thursday: St. Luke
Friday: St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Joques and Companions
Saturday: St. Paul of the Cross; Blessed Virgin Mary

Weekly Offerings

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- **General Offerings**
  - St. Pat’s: $5,578 $30,659 $4,754
  - OLMC: $1,047 $5,857 $2,107
  - E-giving: $533 $2,037 $300
  - Total: $7,158 $38,553 $7,161

- **Last Year**
  - $6,215 $36,574 $8,556

- **Maintenance Offerings**
  - St. Pat’s: $140 $1,129 $740
  - OLMC: $0 $165 $185
  - Total: $140 $1,297 $925

Parish Services: St. Pat’s $237, OLMC $64

Respect Life Sunday: St. Pat’s $629, OLMC $115

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!