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 frbanka@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Yesobu Banka, Parish Administrator

“The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.”
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Father Banka’s Message

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

This weekend’s readings help us understand our Salvation in Jesus. In the first reading: God reveals Himself in history as the God of goodness and mercy. He is a friend to all and offers salvation to all who seek Him. He is merciful to all because He loves each and every one of us. In the second reading: Paul warns his community to beware of false prophets who predict about the future judgement. It is not time for us to look for predictions and signs but to use the time God has given to lead a life worthy of our call. We are all advised to turn toward Jesus, the Judge over the living and the dead.

A Latin proverb says: “The knowledge of sin is the beginning of salvation.” Salvation presupposes conversion of heart. Jesus came to call sinners and to save the lost. The story of Zacchaeus in the gospel illustrates the theme of conversion. Jesus is moved by the attitude of Zacchaeus who said he would pay back four times the amount to anyone he had cheated. These words need no explanation to say that Zacchaeus is transformed and there is clear conversion of heart. So Jesus said: “Today salvation has come to this house.”

God wants to save each one of us. Therefore, let us ask ourselves: are we ready to have a new, transformed heart? Like Zacchaeus, we need to act immediately and welcome Jesus into our hearts and our homes to change our lives. Then Jesus will come and dwell within.

The month of October has come to an end. This month is known as the month of the Rosary. So, please remember to continue to pray the rosary and through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, to abundantly receive the blessings of her Son, Jesus.

We now begin the month of November which is dedicated to the Holy Souls. The church reminds us of the importance of praying for these souls who are part of the Mystical Body of Christ. These holy souls are unable to pray for themselves, so it is up to us to pray for them to reach their heavenly homeland. Let us remember to fulfill this spiritual work of mercy as we join together in praying for the departed.

In the loving Mercy of Christ,
Fr. Banka

The Temple of Stones is a Symbol of the Living Church

On November 9 the liturgy celebrates the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, called “mother and head of all the churches in the world.” In fact, this basilica was the first to be built after Emperor Constantine’s edict, in 313 AD, which granted all Christians the freedom to practice their religion openly. On this solemnity the Word of God recalls an essential truth: the temple of stones is a symbol of the living Church, the Christian community, built by God with “living stones,” namely, Christians themselves, upon the one foundation of Jesus Christ, who is the Cornerstone. The beauty and harmony of the churches, destined to give praise to God, also draws us human beings, limited and sinful, to convert to form a “cosmos,” a well-ordered structure, in intimate communion with Jesus, who is the true Saint of saints. This happens in a culminating way in the Eucharistic liturgy, in which the community of the baptized, come together in a unified way to listen to the Word of God and nourish themselves with the Body and Blood of Christ. From these two tables the Church of living stones is built up in truth and charity and is internally formed by the Holy Spirit.

Dear friends, today’s feast celebrates a mystery that is always relevant: God’s desire to build a spiritual temple in the world, a community that worships him in spirit and truth. But this observance also reminds us of the importance of the material buildings in which the community gathers to celebrate the praises of God. Every community therefore has the duty to take special care of its own sacred buildings, which are a precious religious and historical patrimony. For this we call upon the intercession of Mary Most Holy, that she help us to become, like her, the living temple of God’s love.

Pope Benedict XVI, Excerpts from the Angelus Address, November 9, 2008
### This Week in our Parish

#### Parish Services Blanket Drive
The Christmas Fair will be here soon! Please stop by the board outside after Mass to take a list of items needed for a basket to be sold at the upcoming fair on November 23. Monetary donations are also welcome. Contact Carol Cashen at 213-9991 or Debby Cushman at 533-2756 for further information.

#### Attention Bakers!
The Bake Sale Booth for the annual St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair needs your help to stock the booth with yummy goodies. Bring your baked goods to the Parish Hall Friday, Nov 22nd so we can price and have the booth ready for the 7 am opening of the Fair. If you are bringing cookies, brownies, etc. please pack them in groups of three for sale. Also, if you are making something with nuts, please be sure to mark it clearly. Remember: There will be no refrigeration available at the booth itself, so we cannot accept any items that need to be kept cold. Signup sheets are at the Parish Office, or in the back of the Church, or contact YLI member Jan Opie (209-532-5955).

#### NEW Religious Study at OLMC!

**What:** The Sacraments of the Catholic Church (11 sessions)
**Where:** OLMC Parish House
**When:** Wednesday evening
**Time:** 4:00 – 5:30 PM
**DVD Speaker:** Matthew Leonard

Contact Warren Belisle at 962-4309 or email: bellale@msn.com for more information.

### The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Parish Logo Contest!
**Dear Parishioners,**

Let us join together and celebrate the New Year of 2020 with a Parish Logo. This logo/symbol will identify us as the uniquely wonderful and historic Parish that we are. How can you participate? Design a logo!

Not artistic? Provide a comment or suggestion!

Please pick up a logo contest envelope after Mass or in the Parish Office. Details are provided on the form. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 209-532-7139 or email welcome@stpatssonora.org

#### Kids Coloring Contest!
**All Parish children** should pick up a picture of our patron, St. Patrick, either at Mass or at their religious education classes, and color it! They may then submit their completed colored pieces of artwork at any Mass or to the Parish office on or before November 17!

*Every child is an artist.* (Pablo Picasso)

### November

#### A Month of Remembrance

We will place the Book of Remembrance in the church, where you may write the names of your loved ones who have passed into eternal rest.

You may bring photos of deceased family and friends, and place them in the windows of the Church.

At the beginning of Mass, we will sing a litany of the names of our parishioners who have died in this past year. Please join us on the refrain, “We Remember.”

**NEW** Parish Services Collection

**Monday 11/4** ~ Altar Society Meeting, 1:00 pm
Parish Hall, Rm. 1

**Wednesday 11/6** ~ Religious Study at OLMC

**Wednesday 11/6** ~ 6:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation, St. Patrick’s

**Friday 11/8** ~ Altar Society Fundraiser
“Western Dinner/Dance” 6:00-9:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall, $20 per person

**Saturday 11/9** ~ Suicide Prevention Training
8:30 am - 12:30 pm, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

**NEW** Parish Welcome Team presents:

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Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Jackie Boling
Ricardo Cervantes
Mary Kay Clark
Anna Davidson
Aldo Diaz
Claudia Day Fossum
Diane Goodspeed
Ed Hall
Eileen Hogan
A. J. Holmes
Jeanne Kiely
Bill Kiesling
Rosemarie Lapan
Ashlie Lotz
Lois Marzocchi
Rosie Napier
Jan Opie
Gloria Patania
Nuncy Patania
Juan Pulido
Mary Russell
Clay Sweeney
Dan Ward
Mitch & Trish Woods

To add or remove a name from this list, please contact the Parish Office at 209-532-7139.

Lantern of Light
Faith-Based Suicide Prevention Ministry

Suicide is recognized as a serious community health problem worldwide. How can further deaths and injuries be prevented? How can we support people to choose life when something prevents them from seeing a way forward? The safeTALK suicide alertness training will teach skills to help make a life-saving connection that will support people to choose life.

When: November 9, 2019 (Saturday)
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Where: St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Parish Hall
Fee: $15 for safeTALK materials and snacks
(Scholarships available upon request)
Registration: miwuk.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/276191
For more information or assistance:
Please call Martha Golay @ 209-588-2935

Parent Retreat

Raising our children in the Faith is the most important role we have. To encourage you in your mission as parents, we invite you to a Parent Retreat on Saturday November 16th, from 9 am to 12 noon. Our guest speaker, John Sablan, is a devoted husband, father and Catholic evangelist.
This is a free retreat; all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, Godparents, and confirmation sponsors are invited. Parents of confirmation students and confirmation sponsors are required to attend. Come be inspired, learn some of the struggles our children and youth face today and how we can more effectively pass on the Catholic Faith to them!!!

Saturday, November 16
9:00 am to Noon
Registration begins at 8:45 am
St. Patrick’s Church, Sonora

The Hill Top Musical Kids presents:
Josie and the Jinglicious
Dream Lamp
Performances:
Friday November 15, at 7:00 pm
Saturday November 16, at 2:00 pm

St. Patrick’s Altar Society presents:
A Western Dinner & Dance!

Friday, November 8
Dinner 6:00 pm, Dance 7:00-9:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
$20 per person
Tickets may be purchased after all weekend Masses, or in the Parish Office during the week.
Please purchase your tickets in advance!
All proceeds will go to replenish and replace our Altar cloths and linens.

St. Patrick’s Altar Society will have an important meeting on Mon, Nov 4th at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall, Room 1. If you do church linens, clean the church, or would like to help with this ministry, please attend. We will be nominating new officers for 2020. All ladies of the Parish are welcome! For more information, contact Marge Nath at 532-2229.

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Where: Groveland EV Free Church
19172 Ferretti Rd., Groveland
No Admission Charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted.
For more information, please call
Louise Turney at 209-484-9822
November 3, 2019

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Saturday November 16 ~ Parent Retreat, 9:00 am to Noon, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Saturday November 23 ~ St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair 7 am to 7 pm, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Saturday November 23 & Sunday November 24 ~ 2nd Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Wednesday November 27 ~ Thanksgiving Day Vigil Mass, 4:00 pm OLMC
Thursday November 28 ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:00 am St. Patrick’s

Sunday November 1 ~ First Sunday of Advent

Monday November 4 ~ Immaculate Conception, Mass at 8:00 am and 6:30 pm St. Patrick’s, 4:00 pm OLMC
Tuesday November 5 ~ Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 pm OLMC; 5:00 pm and Midnight, St. Patrick’s

Wednesday November 6 ~ Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am OLMC; 10:00 am St. Patrick’s; Noon St. Anne’s

Tuesday November 12 ~ New Year’s Eve, Adoration 11:00 pm, Mass at Midnight

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday November 4 ~ Sunday November 10

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;
2 Thes 2:16 -- 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday November 3 ~ Saturday November 9

Sunday: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time;
National Vocation Awareness Week
Daylight Saving Time ends

Monday: St. Charles Borromeo

Saturday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Weekly Offerings

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| Maintenance Offering |                                     |                                     |                |
| St. Pat’s            | $60                                  | $173                                | $1,194         |
| OLMC                | $0                                   | $0                                  | $190           |
| Total               | $60                                  | $173                                | $1,384         |

World Mission Sunday: St. Pat’s $528 ; OLMC $114
Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!