St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News
... in Our Parish

Sunday of Advent

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.”
Matthew 1:20

December 22, 2019

“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 frbanka@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Yesobu Banka, Parish Administrator
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, please read the message below from Bishop Cotta. I would like to wish you all a very blessed Christmas, and may the joy and peace of the season fill your hearts and homes. May the loving presence of the risen Christ continue to guide us as we await the coming of our Lord.

Father Banka

A Message from Bishop Myron J. Cotta

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Wishing all of you a joyful Christmas!

As we come to the end of 2019 and welcome 2020, I want to express my thanks and appreciation for your prayers and loving support. They have been great gifts to me.

For all involved in diocesan, parish and school ministries; those serving on boards, councils and committees, along with our benefactors, I am sincerely grateful for all that you do.

As clergy, religious and laity, I appreciate the spirit of collaboration as we move forward as a diocesan faith community. Working “as one” is necessary if we are going to make strides to live out our faith in our homes, parishes and schools.

As we desire a more profound relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives, may the Holy Spirit guide and inspire us throughout the New Year 2020.

A Blessed Christmas to all!

Bishop Cotta

“The Parish Staff at St. Patrick’s would like to wish all our wonderful parishioners a Joyous, Blessed and Merry Christmas!”

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, and Ushers:

The 1st Quarter (Jan-Feb-March) 2020 Ministry Mass Schedules are ready to be picked up. You will find them in the basket in the vestibule after Mass, alphabetical by last name. They will also be available on our website.

Thank you all for your ministry!

“‘In heaven, everyone’s in the choir.’ Why not join an earthly one? St. Patrick’s choir needs you!
Pianists, singers, guitarists - come share your talents!
For more information, please contact Sandra Betti, Music Director:
209-532-7139, ext.109 or sandra@stpatssonora.org

Why do we sing during Mass?

We are born to sing – just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities! Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone’s in the choir; why not start practicing now?

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Please consider becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Our sick and homebound brothers and sisters in Christ need your help! If you can spare up to an hour a week to participate in this wonderful and rewarding ministry, please contact Gina Minners at (209)532-4864 or gvwein@gmail.com for more information.

“I was sick, and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:36)
Monday 12/23 ~ Parish Office closes at Noon, and will remain closed until Thursday January 2nd, 2020

Monday 12/23 ~ Reconciliation 8:30 - 9:30 am, after Daily Mass

Tuesday 12/24 ~ Reconciliation 8:30 - 9:30 am, after Daily Mass

Tuesday 12/24 ~ Christmas Eve, Mass Schedule below

Wednesday 12/25 ~ Christmas Day, Mass Schedule below

Friday 12/27 ~ Encounter: Adoration, Worship & Praise 6:30 - 7:30 pm, St. Patrick’s

St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
2019 Christmas Season Mass Schedule

St. Patrick’s ~ 127 Jackson St. ~ Sonora
Christmas Eve ~ Family Mass ~ 5 p.m. in Parish Hall
Mass at Midnight preceded by
Musical Prelude at 11 p.m.
Christmas Day ~ 10 a.m.
New Year’s Eve ~ Adoration at 11 p.m.,
Mass at Midnight
New Year’s Day ~ 9 a.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel ~
11700 Catholic Cemetery Road ~ Big Oak Flat
Christmas Eve ~ 4 p.m.
Christmas Day ~ 9 a.m.
New Year’s Day ~ 9 a.m.

St. Anne’s ~ 22518 Church Lane ~ Columbia
Christmas Day ~ 12 noon

For unto us, a Child is given . . .
(Isaiah 9:5)

Here are some ways for YOU to give during this joyous season!

Share the spirit of Christmas
Adopt-A-Family

If you would like to share the Joy of Christ’s birth with those in need, you have a chance this Advent season to “Adopt a Family.” If you would like to adopt a family, or if you know of any families in need in our Parish, please call the Parish Office at 209-532-7139 and leave a message for Deacon Mike.

ST. PATRICK’S PARISH CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE is on the wall in the Church vestibule and ready for you to give a Christmas gift wrapped in joy and filled with love. This year we partner with the Foothill Pregnancy Center to help the children of those in need. Please stop by the Giving Tree after Mass and choose your ornament tag. Purchase your gift and return it to the Parish Office with the ornament tag attached. Do not wrap the gift.

Your love will help many infants, siblings, and parents. Imagine the face of a child receiving an unexpected gift this Christmas, or parents receiving some badly needed necessities for their newborn. You can make that happen.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 209-532-7139.

God bless you for your help in this Advent season!

Spiritual Growth Opportunity
Four Catholic Women: Mystical Doctors of the Church
Experience insight and inspiration from
† St. Hildegard of Bingen
† St. Catherine of Siena
† St. Teresa of Avila
† St. Therese of Lisieux

Saturday January 11th
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Ramona Harris, presiding
(More details forthcoming)

As we enter the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas, let us remember those less fortunate, especially as the weather grows colder. The St. Patrick’s Food Pantry is in need of donations. Any contribution of food is welcome, but what the Pantry needs most right now is: pasta, pasta sauce, soups (canned or packaged), jelly/jam (small jars), and boxed dinners such as Rice-A-Roni, Mac & Cheese. You can put the items in the large basket inside the Church during Mass, drop them off in the Parish Office, or call Sandy Tannhauser @ 532-3899.
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Jackie Boling  Ashlie Lotz
RaeAnn Bozzo  Lois Marzocchi
Anna Davidson  Rosie Napier
Aldo Diaz  Lee O’Shaughnessy
Pat Fernandez  Jan Opie
Claudia Day Fossum  Gloria & Nuncy Patania
Diane Goodspeed  Chuck & Pat Pesha
Ed Hall  Juan Pulido
Eileen Hogan  Mary Russell
A. J. Holmes  Connie Scott
Jeanne Kiely  Clay Sweeney
Rosemarie Lapan  Dan Ward

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

Movie Night at OLMC

When: 2nd and 4th Mondays @ 6:30 PM
Where: OLMC Parish House Great Room
Why: To get together with friends and family to share a movie.
Cost: No cost but you may occasionally bring a “movie treat.”
Types of Movies: spiritual, inspirational, religious documentaries, moving or just “feel good” movies. Movie title will be sent out before the movie date. Movies shown previously include “God's Not Dead,” “The Shack,” “On Golden Pond,” “Megan Leavey,” “An Interview with God,” and “The Snow Walker.”
Other: Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided along with other traditional snacks.
Disclaimer: Since these are "Hollywood" movies, they may not be biblically factual. We will be starting the movie promptly at 6:30 pm.
For more information, please contact: Warren Belisle at bellale@msn.com

Update on the Church Doors
The new entry doors absorbed moisture and water during this last rain that caused the swelling and separation of some parts to the doors. The doors are made of solid wood, however, there were two parts that were engineered to help prevent swelling and contracting during the hot and cold times of the year. The glue that was used on these engineered parts failed, which allowed water to get in. The doors will be removed and taken back to the shop. They will be disassembled and the engineered parts will then be made out of solid wood and the doors will be reinstalled. This process should take four days once all the parts are in. The frame will not be removed. Once the doors are rebuilt and rehung, the vestibule space will be completed, as well as the trim around the frame.
Thank you for your patience as we move forward.

New Year’s Ball
Saturday January 4th
7:00 PM
St. Patrick’s in ANGELS CAMP

Tickets $15
For more information: Madelyn Ruff 297-1613

Encounter has moved to Friday
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Worship and Praise Music
Friday evenings 6:30-7:30 pm
## Mass Intentions for the Week

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

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## Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

**Tuesday 12/24** ~ Christmas Eve, OLMC Mass at 4:00 pm; St. Patrick’s 5:00 pm and Midnight

**Wednesday 12/25** ~ Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am OLMC; 10:00 am St. Patrick’s; Noon St. Anne’s

**Tuesday 12/31** ~ New Year’s Eve
Adoration 11:00 pm ~ Mass at Midnight St. Patrick’s

**Wednesday 1/1/2020** ~ New Year’s Day
Mass at 9:00 am, St. Patrick’s Mass at 9:00 am, OLMC

**Saturday 1/11** ~ Spiritual Growth Presentation
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

**Saturday 1/20** ~ Walk for Life West Coast

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### Readings for the Week

**Monday December 23 ~ Sunday December 29**

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Wednesday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

**Thursday:**Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1-8

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5-22; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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### Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday December 22 ~ Saturday December 28**

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Monday:** St. John of Kanty; Hanukkah Begins

**Tuesday:** Vigil of Christmas

**Wednesday:** The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**Thursday:** St. Stephen

**Friday:** St. John

**Saturday:** The Holy Innocents

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### Weekly Goal

- **Total:** $390,000
- **Participation:** 29%

### December Totals to Date

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**Immaculate Conception:** St. Pat’s $848; OLMC $472

**Retirement Religious:** St. Pat’s $749; OLMC $220

*Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!*