St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News
... in Our Parish

March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Jesus said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible to You. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what You will.”

Mark 14:36

“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
Lamb of God......... Takes away the sins of the world.........

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday. We remember all the Salvation Events starting with the solemn entry of Jesus the Lamb of God into Jerusalem and ends with the solemn entry into Heavenly Jerusalem.

The Mystery is that our God loved us so much that He became one of us so His love could destroy the power of hatred in the world. He died so that we could join Him in dying to the world. He rose so we could join Him in sharing eternal life.

In the beginning of the New Testament, John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God (Jn 1:36), the One who would take the sins of the world upon Himself and become the eternal sacrifice to the Father. The Lamb of God appears again at the end of the New Testament. This is in the Book of Revelation. The scene is heaven. A scroll is brought forth with writings on both sides and sealed with seven seals. The scroll is God’s plan for mankind. “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” (Rev 5:02) a mighty angel calls out. But no one in heaven or on earth could be found. The visionary wept. Then the Lamb who had been slain came forward. He was given the scroll. And the angels sang, “Worthy are you to receive the scroll and to break open its seals, for you were slain.” With your blood you purchased for God men of every race and tongue, of every people and nation. You made of them a Kingdom of priests to serve our God. And they shall reign over the earth. God’s plan would now begin to take place.

This is what we commemorate during this, the holiest week of the Church year. We call Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday the Paschal Triduum, the three days of remembering the gift of the Lamb. Therefore, come let us celebrate the Sacrifice of the Lamb this week. Celebrate the Paschal Sacrifice. Let us join together in fraternal love on Holy Thursday evening to offer the sacrifice of the Lamb in Bread and Wine. Come and join as we renew our determination to be a Eucharistic People, a people who wash the feet of one another. Let us come together on Good Friday and remember the death that makes life possible. Come and realize that the Love of God is infinitely more powerful than anything that evil, or the world, can do to us. Let us gather together on the Easter Vigil with garments made pure to listen to the Salvation Story and to experience the mystery of the Enlightening Light, the Life giving Water, the purifying Fire; and to sing the Glory of Light. And let us be together on Easter Sunday to celebrate the JOY, PEACE and LOVE in the Mystery of the RESURRECTION – the Victory of the LAMB.

(Rv 7:10)

In Christ, Fr. Joseph Lawrence

Triduum

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night is the high point of the Easter Triduum celebrating the passion and resurrection of Jesus. With a rich tradition of symbols, rites and readings, the church in worship expresses her faith in the mystery that brought her into being. “Rejoice!” this night says to all creation. The Word who made all things, freshly proclaims God’s promise of life. Please join us on Saturday, March 31 at 8:00 pm, as we join together with all creation, and rejoice!
This Week in our Parish

Sun 3/25 ~ Meet & Greet: Knights of Columbus

Wed 3/28 ~ Teens! Steinmetz House 6:30 pm

Thur 3/29 ~ Parish Office closed

Thur 3/29 ~ Holy Thursday, See schedule below

Fri 3/30 ~ Good Friday, See schedule below

Sat 3/31 ~ Altar Duty: Patti Gerner

Sat 3/31 ~ Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm St. Patrick’s

Sun 4/1 ~ Easter Sunday, See Mass schedule below

Holy Week and Easter Services

Come Worship With Us!

March 29 Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper
St. Patrick’s: 7:00 pm
OLMC: 4:00 pm

March 30 Good Friday: Passion of the Lord
St. Patrick’s: Veneration and Communion 12:00 noon
Stations of the Cross and Veneration 6:00 pm
OLMC: Stations of the Cross and Veneration 3:00 pm

March 31 Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil
St. Patrick’s: 8:00 pm

April 1 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
St. Patrick’s: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am
OLMC: 7:30, 9:00 am
St. Anne’s (Columbia): 1:00 pm

Next Session
Wednesday, March 28th
OLMC Religious Study:
The Bible and the Virgin Mary

We will be meeting at the OLMC Parish House Great Room from 4:00 - 5:30 pm on the following Wednesdays: March 28, April 11, April 25

For more information, please contact:
Warren Belisle @ 209-962-4394

Bishop Ministry Appeal Update ~ March 25th, 2018

On Thursday March 15th, Bishop Myron Cotta was installed as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton. To fulfill the mission Christ has entrusted to him as our shepherd, Bishop Cotta really needs our continued prayers and support. One of the important ways we can directly support our new Bishop’s work is by contributing to the Bishop’s Ministry Appeal, the BMA.

The latest report, as of March 14th, shows our parish has only reached 23% of our goal amount - $12,650 of the total amount of $55,000 needed. So I am humbly asking that if you have received a letter from the Diocese of Stockton, please make a pledge and return it as soon as possible. I think the letter should have been sent to you over a month ago. So if you have misplaced your letter with the pledge card from the Diocese or never received one, you can easily get another one at the Church or parish office. There should be BMA envelopes available in every pew. You can return you pledges directly to the Diocese or simply put them into the regular Sunday collection. I am encouraging every family to participate in the BMA and donate at least some amount. I know you are very generous and with your wonderful response for past three years, we have easily exceeded our goal. Let us together show firm support for our new Bishop, Myron Cotta, and continue our BMA winning streak!

God bless your generosity,
Fr. Sam West
Pastor

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

Your 2nd Quarter (April - May - June) 2018 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. You may also pick them up in the parish office during the week, and they are available on our website. Go to www.stpatssonora.org, click on “More,” click on “Ministry Schedules,” and scroll to your schedule.

Thank you all for your ministry!
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Leanne Abbe-Alcioti
Tete Arellano
Catherine Bentz
Al Biedrzycki
Carolyn Bruning
Jan Buck
Margaret Corotto
Vern & Jo Froehlich
Joe Gamboa
Mitch & Patti Gerner
Bill Gookin
Ed Hall
Joan Holland
A. J. Holmes
Fred Kahl
Bill & Rolene Kiesling
Lois Marzocchi
Dorothy McCargar
Letty Molinari
Pat Newton
Lee O'Shaughnessy
Tony Pallante
Joseph Perez
Mike Schirmer
Monica Steele
Clay & Barbara Sweeney

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

Divine Mercy Sunday ~ April 8, 2018
Pope John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter 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 culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday. At St. Patrick’s, we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily at 3:00 pm, in the church. On Easter Vigil, we will be praying the chaplet in the Parish Hall at 3:00 pm.

This is a nine-day novena and includes Easter Sunday. On Divine Mercy Sunday, the festivities start at 1:45 pm with a DVD and refreshments: English in rooms 4/5 and Spanish in room 1. We will then go to the church at 3:00 pm to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song with alternating English and Spanish verses followed by a benediction.

For further information please contact: Cecilia Woosley@536-4020 or Deb Cushman@533-2756.

St. Patrick’s Altar & Rosary Society will hold a meeting on Monday, April 2, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This is an important planning session, so please plan on attending.

Dave Ramsey says, “Debt is normal. . .be weird!” St. Patrick’s first-ever Financial Peace University course will cover these topics and more as we learn time-tested ways to manage finances, and edify personal relationships:

† Super Saving
† Relating with Money in Marriage and Family Relationships
† Cash Flow Planning
† Dumping Debt
† Responsible Purchasing and Marketing Psychology
† Insurance
† Retirement and College Planning
† Real Estate and Mortgages
† “The Great Misunderstanding” - Stewardship and Cheerful Giving

This course is presented in a DVD-based format, followed by rousing small-group discussion.

Not sure if this is for you? The first class on April 4th is free! Come, check out the course, then decide!
Childcare: provided. Snacks: possible. Entertaining humor: guaranteed!

For more info:
Nathan and Annika Graveline ~ (209)588-1780.
To register:
www.fpucentral.com/classes/1059095/registration

Spiritual Growth ~ "Queen of Heaven: Mary’s Battle for Souls"
Begins Saturday, April 21, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
This series gives us the intriguing story of Mary, this gentle and perfect mother, and her battle for our souls with Lucifer, the fallen angel. It also delves into the deeper meaning of her annunciation, her sorrows and her “dark night of the soul.” We learn why she is our Queen, and the Mother of our Church.

This series will run for four weeks, finishing right around Mother’s Day. What better way to honor our Blessed Mother!
For more information, please contact Cynthia Dragun @ 209-984-5726. Email: atonewiththespirit@gmail.com
**Mass for the Week**

**Saturday March 24 ~ Sunday April 1**

**Saturday** 5:00 pm Ken Francek  
Gail Andrus, Happy Birthday!

**Sunday** 7:30 am All Parishioners  
Ambrea Penny  
Vernon H. Cabral  
9:00 am Paul Schappek  
Vern & Jo Froehlich, Healing  
11:00 am Juanita Maria Crooms  
Lona Madsen  
5:00 pm Lupe Diaz  
Alicia Sanchez  
We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.

**Monday** 8:00 am Jack Cassinetto  
**Tuesday** 8:00 am No Intentions  
**Wednesday** 8:00 am Judith Mendoza, Happy Birthday!  
Peggy Dossi  
**Holy Thursday** No Intentions  
**Good Friday** No Intentions  
**Easter Vigil** No Intentions  
**Easter** 7:00 am Juanita Maria Crooms  
Lupe Diaz  
9:00 am Alicia Sanchez  
Brent Jamar  
11:00 am Dick Tasto  
1:00 pm Fred Kahl, Healing  
Miguel Bernal  
Lenny Wilder  

**Weekly Offerings**

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**Maintenance Offerings**

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Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday March 26 ~ Sunday April 1**

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<td>Wednesday:</td>
<td>Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25</td>
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<td>Thursday:</td>
<td>Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15</td>
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<td>Friday:</td>
<td>Is 52:13 -- 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16 -- 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 -- 19:42</td>
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<td>Saturday:</td>
<td>a) Gn 1:1 -- 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 -- 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 -- 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4b, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7</td>
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<td>Sunday:</td>
<td>Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9</td>
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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday March 25 ~ Saturday March 31**

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**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

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<td>Monday 4/2</td>
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<td>Wednesday 4/4</td>
<td>Financial Peace University 6:00 pm, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall</td>
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<td>Sunday 4/8</td>
<td>Divine Mercy Sunday</td>
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<td>Saturday 4/14</td>
<td>YLI Bunco and Tostada Bar St. Patrick’s Parish Hall, 11:30 am ~ $15 per person</td>
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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, please email ron@stpatssonora.org.