St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish  
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

HOLY TRINITY
June 16, 2019

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.” Revelation 1:8

“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

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This Sunday we joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. We are so blessed to have God reveal Who He is in Himself to us. By doing so, God invites us to share intimately in the Divine Life of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We confidently and gratefully affirm the central dogma of the Catholic Faith – God is ONE God in three Divine Persons. All three Persons are fully God, co-equal and co-eternal. This revelation is truly a sign of God’s love and mercy for us, His children, because the only way we could ever know God is Trinity is if He revealed this mystery to us. Our Lord Jesus Himself is the fullness of God’s revelation to the human race, and He spoke on the mystery of the nature of God as Trinity, three in one. In the early Church, there were Christians, including priests and bishops, who dissented from Christ’s teaching on the Trinity, a teaching that has always been part of the Sacred Tradition handed on from the Apostles. They practiced their mistaken belief and taught others to do the same. In response to the erroneous teachings on the Trinity, the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, clarified and explained the true teaching of Jesus in the earliest Creeds of the Church. In this week’s Gospel, Jesus confirms for us that we can trust what the Church teaches is the same as what our Lord Himself taught the Apostles. Jesus says, “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.” At the time, the Apostles, representing the Church, were not ready for the details, nor did they have the words to explain the mysteries Jesus revealed to them. But our Lord affirmed that the Holy Spirit would remain with the Church to guide her to “all truth” and “remind them” of all that He revealed. The explanations of these Divine Mysteries that we are blessed to have today articulated in the Deposit of Faith (the Catechism of the Catholic Church) were the fruit of much prayer, discussion, and debate among the bishops, including the Pope, within the Councils of the early Church.

Today, most, if not all, Catholics seem to accept the Church’s teaching on the Holy Trinity. However, there are many Catholics who reject and scorn, even publicly, the moral teachings of the Church, including the teaching on the evils of abortion, contraception, and euthanasia (physician-assisted suicide). There are Catholics who support and endorse same-sex marriage contrary to Christ’s clear teaching on the gift of marriage between one man and one woman. Similar to how some members of the early Church, who called themselves Christians, rejected the truth on the nature of the Trinity, there are Christians in our own day who reject the true teaching given by Christ to His Church on moral issues. In his encyclical, Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis reaffirms the Church’s long-standing teachings on these so-called “controversial” issues. Like the erroneous teaching in the first centuries of the Church that proposed Jesus was not divine or that the three Persons of the Trinity were not co-equally God, the erroneous and false teachings of today, particularly the rejection of the true teaching on morality, will not last or be sustained in the long run. We trust the splendor of the truth Christ taught will always shine out from the Church to enlighten our desperately confused and chaotic world. But the truth can only be known and seen by the world if we ourselves remain faithful to our Lord Jesus, and we do so by remaining faithful to everything the Church teaches on matters of Faith and Morals.

We ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Patron, St. Patrick, to help us more deeply appreciate the gift of our Faith. We ask the Holy Spirit for the grace to understand the mysteries of God; to better comprehend the revelation on the Trinity – one God in three Divine Person, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

“In Christ, Fr. Sam West

“You formed my inmost being; You knit me in my mother’s womb. I praise You, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works! My very self You know. (Psalm 139:13-14)
**This Week in our Parish**

**Saturday & Sunday, 6/15 & 6/16 ~ Baby Bottle Boomerang ends, Father’s Day weekend**

**Sunday 6/16 ~ Meet & Greet: Religious Ed**

**Monday 6/17 ~ Encounter! Adoration, Worship & Praise, 6:30 - 7:45 pm, St. Patrick’s**

**Thursday 6/20 ~ Religious Study, OLMC (Big Oak Flat) 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Parish House**

**Saturday 6/22 ~ Altar Duty: Gwen Barendregt**

**Sunday 6/23 ~ Meet & Greet: Knights of Columbus**

**Sunday 6/23 ~ Corpus Christi Procession, after the 11:00 am Mass**

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**INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD, we commend the soul of Judi Maguire**

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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**St. Patrick’s choir needs you!**

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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**He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers.**

*Malachi 3:24*

**Happy Father’s Day!**

Everyone is invited to join our celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi with a Eucharistic Procession after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, June 23. We will walk from the Church to Courthouse Park, in a public proclamation of our adoration, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the great gift of the Holy Eucharistic.

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**Religious Study at OLMC Discover the Roots of Our Catholic Faith**

“Epic: The Early Church” will lead you on a powerful, fast-paced journey through the first 500 years of Church history. You’ll meet courageous saints, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors and heroic martyrs. This dynamic 10-part program presents the origins of the Faith from a truly Catholic perspective! Understanding Church history is an important part of our faith journey as a Catholic. And yet, we might find it difficult to articulate those reasons to others. This study will give us information to more easily evangelize with confidence.

Thursday evenings, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Parish House, OLMC (Big Oak Flat)
For more information, please contact Warren Belisle
bellale@msn.com

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**Attn: All Teens! Youth Group Retreat at Pinecrest Lake Saturday, July 6**

Parents - we need some volunteer drivers.
If you are willing to drive teens to the retreat, please call or text Angela Cordes, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at 760-399-0438.
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

| Al Biedrzycki      | Bill Kiesling       |
| Jackie Boling      | Kristine Kitamura   |
| Jalen Bozzo        | Cindy Merritt       |
| Mary Brown         | Juan Pulido         |
| Anna Davison       | Clay Sweeney        |
| Bernie Frost       | Dan Ward            |
| Ed Hall            | Mitch & Trish Woods |
| A. J. Holmes       |                      |

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

In loving memory of

Frank Castro Torres
November 27, 1932 - April 9, 2019

Funeral Mass
Friday, June 21 ~ 11:00 am
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
“And may perpetual light shine upon him.”

The Power of Prayer
St. Patrick’s prayer chain shares names of those needing prayer for health or other healing. Our community is dedicated to asking the Lord and His Blessed Mother to hear our prayers for one another. The list of people comprising our prayer chain is being revised. If you are already listed on the Prayer Chain or want to join, please contact Debby Cushman at (209) 533-2756.

All Saints Parish, Twain Harte
Sunday Mass at Pinecrest Lake
11:30 am,
Pinecrest Amphitheater
Every Sunday during the summer months.

July 4th in Columbia!

9:00 am Mass at St. Anne’s Church
12:00 pm Parade in Columbia
Be a part of the group carrying the banner for St. Anne’s!

★ Kids ~ decorate your bike or wagon.
★ Teens and adults ~ put on your favorite red, white, and blue duds or Old West costume.
★ Costumed doggies and cats are welcome too, on a leash, please.
★ Meet at 11:45 am in front of the Fallon House Theater to line up for the parade.

Call Marcia Watts, 533-3662 for more information.

SB 360, the bill which threatens the seal of confession, is now headed to the State Assembly after passing out of the Senate. We must continue to work to protect confession for all. Please sign one copy of the letter that is in the pews this weekend, and drop your copy in the basket in the vestibule. St. Patrick’s staff will take care of the mailing. Please urge your State Assembly Member to vote ‘no’ on SB 360 to protect the seal of confession. Please do your part in protecting the seal of confession.

Take Action Now: Send an email to our Assembly Member Frank Bigelow (District 5) opposing SB 360. Go to: www.assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers
Scroll down to Frank Bigelow, click on Contact.
Or go to: www.cqrcengage.com/cacatholic/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=498306

Attn: St. Patrick’s kids - you are welcome to attend Vacation Bible Camp at All Saints Church, Twain Harte
All Saints Church Vacation Bible Camp
Dates: July 15 – 19
Time: 8:45am to 1:00pm
For more information, call: 831-588-9223 or All Saints Parish Office 209-586-3161.
Registrations are now available. Contact DRE, Noli Farwell at nfarwell@sbcglobal.net
Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Thursday 7/4 ~ Independence Day Mass 9:00 am
St. Anne’s, Parade in Columbia State Park at Noon

Saturday 7/6 ~ Youth Group Pinecrest Lake Retreat

Friday 7/12 ~ “Joyful Noise” Praise & Worship Event
for Youth Groups, St. Katherine Drexel, Jackson

Saturday 7/13 ~ “Sanctus Cup” Catholic Young Adults Event at St. Stanislaus School, Modesto

Tuesday 7/16 ~ Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,
Mass at 5:00 pm OLMC

Saturday 7/27 ~ Special Mass for the Feast of St.
Joachim and St. Anne, 9:00 am St. Anne’s, Columbia

Thursday 8/15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday 9/2 ~ Labor Day, Parish Office closed

Friday 9/13 - Sunday 9/15 ~ Catholic Men’s Fellowship Retreat