St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

Mass Times:
M-F  8:00 am
Sat  5:00 pm
Sun  7:30 am
       9:00 am
       11:00 am
       5:00 pm
Spanish
Reconciliation
Sat  4:00 pm
Wed  6:30 pm
Or by appt.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mission Church
11700 Catholic Cemetery Rd.
Big Oak Flat, CA

Mass Times:
Sat  5:00 pm
Sun  9:00 am
Reconciliation:
Sat  4:30 pm

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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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Everyone knows we have a day, Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday of November, on which we give thanks as a grateful nation. But did you know the whole month of November is designated as “National Gratitude Month?” In the Church, however, November is traditionally a time when we remember and pray for those who have died. So how can praying for our departed loved ones possibly be connected to gratitude? One connection is we are immensely grateful to God for the gift of our Faith. From those who have experienced the death of a loved one, I have heard more than once comments like, “I don’t know what people who don’t believe in God or eternal life do when they lose someone,” or “How do people who don’t have faith handle the death of a loved one?” Because we have been given by God’s mercy the gift of Faith, we can know God in the person of Our Lord Jesus Christ, discern the reality of eternal life, and recognize God’s desire for our eternal happiness. We are grateful for having been given in our Baptism the theological virtue of having believed in the person of Christ. While we may not always understand our grief and loss, we can use our Baptism gift to grow into the image of Christ, imitating and being like Him in His life, death, and Resurrection. Through the intercession of the Mother of Christians, we pray in a special way for all our dearly departed loved ones and ask our Merciful God to give them the eternal peace and happiness for which they were created. May they see God face to face!

We grow into the image of Christ, imitating and being like Him, by following the Commandments and teachings of the Church, worthy and frequent reception of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion, and performing the works of mercy. When we strive daily to be like Jesus and do what He wants of us in the practice of our Faith, we can then love as He loves, and our gift of Faith grows so as to comfort, support, and guide us in the most difficult of circumstances, including the deaths of our loved ones.

For our gift of Faith to provide the support God wants for us in difficult and trying times, it needs to be continuously nourished and strengthened. The first way we grow and intensify the Faith is to obey God and do what He commands. In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus affirms the “first and greatest” commandment of God – “The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” We hear in our first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy how God originally enjoined, through Moses, this “first” commandment on His Chosen people, Israel.

At first glance, what God has commanded seems impossible. How can we love God with our whole selves – our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our strength – in every moment of our daily lives? To do so, we would have to be able to love like God loves. However, God would not command us to do something unless it was possible to fulfill. But we must acknowledge it is only possible with the help of His grace. God has come to show us how to love like Him in the suffering and death of His Only-Begotten Son. In His gracious love for us, God gave us the power to fulfill His greatest commandment to “love the Lord your God” in the person of our Lord Jesus. So we want to allow God to shape us, conforming us more fully into the image of Jesus. To be more like the Risen Lord and love like Him, He gives us Himself through His Body and Bride, the Church. Through the Church, we have the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the Teachings to receive the necessary grace and instruction to love as we have been commanded. In the Gospel, our Lord Jesus also affirms the second commandment is “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus clearly “links” these two commandments in His response to the question from “one of the scribes.” The commands are mutually supported, really depending on each other. So this means we cannot faithfully follow the first command to love God with our whole selves without also fulfilling the second by loving our neighbor.

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In Christ, Fr. Sam West
November 4, 2018

This Week in our Parish

Saturday 11/3 & Sunday 11/4 ~ Parish Services Collection

Sunday 11/4 ~ Meet & Greet: Ministers to the Sick

Sunday 11/4 ~ Youth Group Meets!
6:15 pm, Parish Hall

Thursday 11/8 ~ Religious Study, OLMC
4:00 - 5:30 pm Parish House, OLMC Big Oak Flat

Saturday 11/10 ~ Altar Duty: Barbara Sweeney

Sunday 11/11 ~ Meet & Greet: YLI

Your VOTE counts!

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Timothy 1:7)

Vote on Election Day ~ Tuesday, November 6

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church invites you to a special presentation:

Guided by the Holy Spirit in Times of Trouble

With trust in God, we can restore our spiritual joy and face our challenges as a Church, a Nation, and as individual members of the Body of Christ.

Presented by Bishop Stephen E. Blaire
Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Stockton
Saturday, November 17th
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
98 W. Jackson St.
Sonora, CA

For more information, please call the Parish Office at 209-532-7139.
Reception and potluck lunch will follow the presentation.

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

Our nation has once again been victimized by a horrendous act of violence and hatred in the tragic shootings at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Violence as a response to political, racial or religious indifference cannot be tolerated and we must not return evil for evil.

All of us are deeply grief-stricken over this tragic event. Let us stand with, and pray for, our Jewish brothers and sisters as we continue to work to find an end to hatred and bigotry of any kind. Let us pray for peace in our communities and for all people of faith to be able to worship God in peace and security.

Through the intercession of the maternal heart of Mary, may God grant healing to the injured and comfort to the families who have lost loved ones.

May the Lord have mercy on us and help us extinguish the fires of hatred that have developed in our society.

Bishop Myron J. Cotta

November
A Month of Remembrance

In November the Church, in communion with all the saints, prays for our dearly departed.

❖ 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.

❖ We encourage you to bring photos of deceased family and friends, and place them in the windows of the Church.

❖ At the beginning of Mass each weekend in November, 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.”
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Rich Abdelnour, Jr.  Donald C. Kellogg
Catherine Bentz  Bill & Rolene Kiesling
Al Biedrzycki  Kristine Kitamura
Ken & Jackie Bolling  Joseph Murtagh
Rae Ann Bozzo  Juan Pulido
Angela Brown  Mike Schirmer
Robby Combs  Connie Scott
John DeHerrea  Joshua Stevenson
Vern & Jo Froehlich  Clay Sweeney
Bill Gookin  Mitch & Trish Woods
Ed Hall
A. J. Holmes

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

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day
You are not alone. Join a community of suicide loss survivors to find comfort and gain understanding as we share stories of healing and hope.

This event also includes a screening of the documentary “A Daughters Journey,” a film that shares hope, connection, and resilience in the aftermath of a suicide loss.

Saturday Nov 17, 2018
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Enrichment Center
101 Hospital Road
Sonora, CA 95370

For more information:
https://afsp.org/survivor_day/sonora-california

St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair Updates

🌟 If you took a tag in order to help out with our lovely Christmas baskets this year, please remember to bring your items and the tag to the Parish Office by November 21st, so we have enough time to construct the baskets. Please call Carol Cashen at 209-213-9991 if you have questions or need someone to pick up your contribution.

🌟 We still need more donations for the Raffle! We need items such as gift certificates for: Movies, theaters, adventures, grocery stores, gas stations, retail shops, hair and nail salons, special events, restaurants, car repair or tire shops, gift and book stores, and other local businesses. Tickets for pro or college sporting events would be fun too! Any coaches or crafters want to give a few lessons as a raffle item? Be creative! Thank you all so much! Please bring them to the office by November 21st.

🌟 Thank you to all our wonderful parishioners for their generous donations for our “White Elephant” booth. We now must turn to the task of pricing and organizing all your treasures, so please save any further donations of household items until next year.

🌟 Volunteers are still needed to help run the booths during the day of the Christmas Fair. Volunteers work in 2-hour shifts, and you’ll get to see and chat with a lot of friends and parishioners during that time! Please call the Parish Office if you can help. 209-532-7139

St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair
Saturday December 1st
7:00 am to 7:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

The Hill Top Musical Kids will be welcoming the Christmas Season to Groveland, and taking everyone to heaven with the Christian Musical Play, “CHARLIE AND THE CHERUB CHEERLEADERS!”

Performances:
Friday, Nov 9 at 7:00 pm
Saturday, Nov 10 at 2:00 pm

Where:
Groveland EV Free Church
19172 Ferretti Rd., Groveland.
No admission charge, donations gratefully accepted.
For more information, please call Louise Turney at 209-962-0609.

Spend the day in beautiful Groveland! Restaurants, shopping, then see the play! And on Saturday, you could also attend 5:00 pm Mass at OLMC.
**Mass for the Week**

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | Lena Tellez ♦  
Rosalie Fish ♦  
| Sunday 7:30 am | Stanley Cabral & Family  
Tony Pallante and Son ♦  
| 9:00 am | Adolfo Negrete ♦  
Lizbeth Gutierrez ♦  
| 11:00 am | Linda Mariscal ♦  
Eugene V. Estrade ♦  
| 5:00 pm | Lupe Diaz ♦  
Maria Del Refugio Guerrero ♦  
| We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass. |

**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

- **Tuesday 11/13** ~ Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers at St. Patrick’s  
10:00 am - 12:00 noon OR 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- **Saturday 11/17** ~ Presentation by Bishop Blaire  
St. Pat’s Parish Hall 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **Monday 11/19** ~ Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers at OLMC, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
- **Wednesday 11/21** ~ Thanksgiving Day Vigil Mass  
4:00 pm OLMC
- **Thursday 11/22** ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass  
9:00 am St. Patrick’s
- **Saturday 12/1** ~ St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair
- **Friday 12/7** ~ Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass,  
4:00 pm OLMC
- **Saturday 12/8** ~ Immaculate Conception  
10:00 am Mass, St. Patrick’s

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday November 5 ~ Sunday November 11**

| Monday | Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14 |
| Tuesday | Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24 |
| Wednesday | Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33 |
| Thursday | Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10 |
| Friday | 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 |
| Saturday | Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;  
Lk 16:9-15 |
| Sunday | 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28;  
Mk 12:38-44 [41-44] |

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday November 4 ~ Saturday November 10**

| Sunday | Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
National Vocation Awareness Week;  
Daylight Saving Time ends |
| Tuesday | Election Day |
| Friday | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica |
| Saturday | St. Leo the Great |

**Weekly Offerings**

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**Maintenance Offerings**

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**World Mission Sunday: St. Pat’s $541, OLMC $98**

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!