St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

February 4, 2018
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.”

Mark 1:38

“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 intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and 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
On behalf of our entire parish family, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon last Sunday. Also, of course, I am deeply grateful to each of you who helped put on this most splendid event. As usual, there was warm fellowship, great entertainment, and delicious food! We do this event every year to show our appreciation to our many generous volunteers who serve our parish community by giving of their time, effort, and talent. May the Good Lord continue to reward their generosity and sacrifice. St. Patrick’s, along with Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mission, is so blessed to have the volunteers we have and our hope in the coming year is to increase the number of parishioners who are willing and able to serve in our many important ministries.

At the luncheon, I made the challenge that each volunteer invite just one other parishioner to become part of our team of volunteers. There are many ways to serve our parish community, whether it is serving at our Masses – as a greeter, usher, lector, in the choir – or serving in our ministries for the poor, or helping with our Faith Formation programs. In addition, we are in the process of forming a new team to achieve our vision of becoming a more Welcoming Parish and a team to provide more opportunities for Spiritual Growth. Please let me know if you are interested, and I would be glad to help you find the right ministry for you. Not only would you be helping your parish, but by serving, we also grow in our Faith. Next year, we are hoping, with God’s grace, to double our number!

In this week’s first reading, we hear of Job’s lamentations as a result of the tremendous suffering he has endured, the great tragedy of losing his wealth, his children, and his health. He says, “Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.” Understandably, Job sounds like he is completely miserable and temporally caught in despair, totally overwhelmed by the burdens he is experiencing. Because of the many trials of our earthly life, all of us at times may feel the same gloomy and depressing sentiments Job expresses. One of the ways to overcome these unescapable moments is to recommit ourselves to complete the mission God has given to each of us. This is a sure sign of our continued trust in God’s plan for our ultimate happiness.

We see our Lord Jesus in the Gospel today remain completely focused on His mission. The Lord says to His disciples, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” Despite the burdens and overwhelming demands of His earthly ministry, Jesus continues to move forward, committed to complete the mission the Father has given Him. This is also what we can do when we feel overburdened by our responsibilities. We renew our commitment to fulfilling God’s will and keep moving forward in our mission to love and serve Him and others. We now turn again to Jesus and keep our eyes fixed on Him.

Finally, I thank all of you for your patience as we continue our annual Bishop’s Ministry Appeal campaign, also known as the BMA. With your generous support, I am very confident we will again exceed our goal amount, which this year is $55,000. Our new bishop, Myron Cotta, needs our support as he begins, we pray, many years of ministry as our successor to the Apostles. If you have received your letter from the Diocese, please respond as soon as possible. Since, thanks to your generous help, we reached our goal last year, I ask you to contribute at least the same amount you did in the previous year. However, if you are able, a slight increase would certainly help. The money you contribute to our Diocese does help our parish directly. For those who were not able to contribute last year, I am asking you to consider giving at least some amount. I understand that many are on fixed incomes and some are unemployed or under-employed. In these cases, I ask you to see if you can give at least something, perhaps $25 or even $15 per month. For those who have been blessed with financial resources, I ask you to consider a donation of more than $40 per month for eight months.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may we continue moving forward to fulfill our mission to love and serve God and others. May the Good Lord continue blessing our Parish and especially all of our volunteers!

In Christ, Fr. Sam West
**This Week in our Parish**

- **Sat 2/3 and Sun 2/4 ~** Parish Services Collection
- **Sun 2/4 ~** Meet & Greet hosted by the Ministers to the Sick
- **Mon 2/5 ~** Altar Society Luncheon and Meeting, 11:30 am Parish Hall
- **Wed 2/7 ~** Meeting for all Ministers to the Sick, 11:00 am Parish Hall
- **Wed 2/7 ~** Teens! Steinmetz House 6:30 pm
- **Sat 2/10 ~** Mass to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of YLI Patricia #79, 10:30 am St. Patrick’s
- **Sat 2/10 ~** Altar Duty: Marge Nath, Deb Cushman
- **Sat 2/10 and Sun 2/11 ~** Bishop’s Ministry Appeal
- **Sun 2/11 ~** Meet & Greet hosted by the YLI

**Please Note:** During this unusually severe flu season, the Diocese of Stockton has recommended that we do not shake hands during the Sign of Peace, nor hold hands when praying the Our Father. Additionally, we will not be distributing the Precious Blood during Communion. Once the flu season begins to pass we will again distribute Communion under both species.

**St. Patrick’s Altar Society** will have their first meeting of the New Year on Monday, February 5. There will be a Potluck Luncheon starting at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall. Please bring your favorite dish to share. We will have a short installation of officers for 2018, followed by a guest speaker. All new members are WELCOME!

Please bring your blessed palms from Palm Sunday last year to Mass this and next weekend. There will be a large basket at the back of both churches (OLMC and St. Patrick’s) for the palms. We will burn the palms on Tuesday Feb 13th, and the ashes will be used for Ash Wednesday services, Feb 14th.

**Next Session**
- **Wednesday February 7th**
- **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:
    - Feb 7, Feb 28, March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25
  - For more information, please contact: Warren Belisle @ 209-962-4394

There will be a meeting for all the Ministers to the Sick on Wednesday, February 7th, 11:00 am in the Parish Hall.

**Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers** will begin on February 16, and continue every Friday evening in Lent.

This wonderful tradition and beautiful time of fellowship in Christ does not happen without volunteers. We need your help! There will be sign up sheets in the Parish Hall during Meet & Greet after Mass, or in the Parish Office during the week. Please call Linda Knapp @ 925-231-5849, for more information.

**Married Couples:** Open your heart this Valentine’s Day and let your Spouse in!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you that chance. It is the greatest gift you can give one another - the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Upcoming weekend is February 16-18, 2018 in Lodi. For more information, please our website at:

https://www.stocktonwwme.org
or call 209-691-0603.
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Leanne Abbe-Alcioti  A. J. Holmes
Tete Arellano  Fred Kahl
Ruben Bacci  Bill & Rolene Kiesling
Catherine Bentz  Kristine Kitamura
Al Biedrzycki  Lois Marzocchi
Cardiff Family  Joan Montesano
Joe Gamboa  Joseph Perez
Mitch & Patti Gerner  Juan Pulido
Bill Gookin  Mike Schirmer
Ed Hall  Clay Sweeney
Joan Holland

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

100th Anniversary!
Patricia Institute #79, YLI

Saturday, February 10th
Mass at 10:30 am
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Luncheon following Mass in the Parish Hall
(by reservation only)

Services
St. Patrick’s:
Masses at 8:00 am, 6:30 pm
Distribution of Ashes (no Mass) at 12:00 noon
OLMC:
Mass at 5:00 pm

February 14, 2018
ASH WEDNESDAY

“Behold, NOW is a very acceptable time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation.”
2 Corinthians 6:2

EUCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF THE DIVINE MERCY

The Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy continue to meet to study and pray about God’s Mercy and our Catholic Faith. You are welcome to drop in and join us to experience our group. We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 11:00 am in room 1 in the Parish Hall.

We pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy each Friday at 3:00 in the Church and participate in the monthly 1st Friday Adoration. Do join us for either of these prayerful events.

For questions or more information please call Marcia Watts (533-3662) or Deborah Cushman (533-2756). To be included as a regular participant in the monthly 1st Friday Adoration please call Carole Harte (890-5115) or Dolores Schlichtmann (209 768-1947).

Spiritual Growth

The Silence of Our Mother, Mary

All are invited to a special presentation by Fr. Yesobu Banka on the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Four Great Marian Dogmas of the Church.

1. Her Immaculate Conception
2. Her Perpetual Virginity
3. Her Divine Maternity
4. Her Glorious Assumption

Saturday, February 24th
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Parish Hall, St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
Breakfast Potluck
please bring your favorite baked goods
For more information, please contact Cynthia Dragun
Email: atonewiththespirit@gmail.com

“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)

INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD,
we commend the souls of
Victoria Rotelli
Susan Pagni
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
For regularly scheduled meetings, please check the Master Calendar at www.stpatssonora.org. If you have calendar requests or need to make changes to your current calendared items, please email ron@stpatssonora.org.

### Mass for the Intentions Week

**Saturday February 3 ~ Sunday February 11**

**Saturday** 5:00 pm  
Raul Gamboa  
Josefina Andrada  

**Sunday** 7:30 am  
Jaime Rodrigues  
All Parishioners  
9:00 am  
Robert DeCristofari  
Josephine Esparza  
Mitch & Patti Gerner,  
*58th Wedding Anniversary*

11:00 am  
Roommie Romero  
Aurora Andre  
5:00 pm  
Lupe Díaz  
Maria De La Luz Guillén  
*We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.*

**Monday** 8:00 am  
Jacob & Trang Latone  
Henry Ratti  
**Tuesday** 8:00 am  
Bill Cook  
**Wednesday** 8:00 am  
Ken Franke  
**Thursday** 8:00 am  
*No Intentions*

**Friday** 8:00 am  
Joan Holland, Healing  
Irene Casey  
**Saturday** 5:00 pm  
Jerry & Sandy Tannhauser,  
*50th Wedding Anniversary*

Matthew & Kiri Latone  
**Sunday** 7:30 am  
All Parishioners  
9:00 am  
Irene Bryant  
Hezzy Arellano  
11:00 am  
Darlene Lehman  
David Utecht  
5:00 pm  
Lupe Díaz  

### Weekly Offerings

**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Wednesday 2/14** ~ Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins  
**Friday 2/16** ~ Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm  
**Saturday 2/24** ~ Faith Formation “The Silence of our Mother, Mary” presented by Fr. Banka  
9:00 am - 12:00 noon, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall  
**Saturday 3/3** ~ Diocese of Stockton Ministry Day  
St. Mary’s High School, Stockton  
**Tuesday 3/13** ~ Lenten Penance Service, 6:30 pm  
St. Patrick’s  
**Thursday 3/22** ~ Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton  

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday February 5 ~ Sunday February 11**

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;  
Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;  
Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;  
Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;  
Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19;  
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34;  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:**  
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;  
1 Cor 10:31 -- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday February 4 ~ Saturday February 10**

**Sunday:** The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Day for Consecrated Life;  
Boy Scouting Sunday  
**Monday:** St. Agatha  
**Tuesday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions  
**Thursday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;  
International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking  
**Saturday:** St. Scholastica  

**Weekly Goal**  
$10,000  
**1-21-18**  
**Week 3**  
**1-28-18**  
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*Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!*