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

Staff
- Fr. Sam West, Pastor
- Fr. Joseph Lawrence O.C.D., Parochial Vicar
- Mike Kubasek, Deacon
- Ron Ivey, Business Manager
- Marie Dahlstrand, Coordinator of Liturgy
- Sandra Betti, Music Director
- Kathy Casas, Religious Education
- Angela Cordes, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
- Gail Andrus, Receptionist
- Jan DePaoli, Administrative Asst.
- Emergency Intercessions “8”

Contact Us

Office: 116 W. Bradford St., Sonora, California  95370
Hours: Mon-Thurs: 8:30–4:00
Fridays: Closed
Phone: 209-532-7139
FAX: 209-817-8879
Web: www.StPatsSonora.org
Email: StPats@StPatsSonora.org
Bulletin: GoodNews@StPatsSonora.org
Parish Services:
- Sonora: 209-532-7139 Ext. 107
- Big Oak Flat: 209-532-7139 Ext. 111

Volume 8, Number 40

“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
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Father Banka’s Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

All three readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time speak about “Faith” and how it works in our lives. “To one who has Faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without Faith, no explanation is possible.” (St. Thomas Aquinas). It is this Faith that is the nucleus of all of our readings today. They give us three dimensions of Faith. The theological virtue of Faith enables us to believe something to be true and therefore worthy of trust simply because it has been revealed to us by God. In his instructions to Timothy, Paul, who in Hebrews 11:1 defined Faith as, “the assurance of the things hoped for,” shows Faith operating as a believing, trusting, loving relationship with Christ. Finally, Christian Faith is that trusting Faith in God in action, expressed by steadfast loyalty, fidelity and total commitment to Him, resulting in our offering ourselves to Him in those we encounter, through our humble, loving service.

As said above, it is time for me to serve you all at St. Patrick’s, our family of faith, in humility. As you all know, starting on October 1, 2019, I will be taking on the role of parish administrator. First of all, I thank God for the gift of my Priesthood, for my ministry and the many gifts that come attached to the priesthood in serving people. My heart is filled with gratitude, for God has called me to come back to Sonora to serve you all as your priest. It’s a great joy for me to come home. I am happy to meet with every one of you in the coming days and weeks as individuals, families, ministries and as the entire St. Patrick’s family.

I am sure that God has good things in store for all of us as we, in faith, open our hearts to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, leading us to the fullness of life that Christ our savior offers for us. Let us continue to build the bonds of our parish faith family, as we strive every day to grow in faith. I thank God for you, for the gifts that you bring for the growth of our family of faith community.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our dear Fr. Sam West for his wonderful five years of service at St. Patrick’s, Sonora. I had the joy and privilege of working with him for three years as his associate. He is a great and committed priest of God. He has done great things in his five-year term at St. Patrick’s as a pastor of this wonderful parish. Fr. Sam has zeal for the saving of souls and building up the kingdom of God. He did a great job for our beautiful and historical church front entrance and fixing the new doors can never be forgotten. I am sure he will do amazing things at his new parish, St. Joseph’s, Modesto. While I thank him wholeheartedly, I also request every one of you to keep Fr. Sam in your prayers for his new endeavors at his new parish.

In October, we once again celebrate Respect Life Month. This year’s theme is: “Christ Our Hope: In every Season of Life.” Please support our parish activities promoting the dignity of life.

Please keep me in your prayers that I may exercise my priestly ministry as parish administrator with joy and commitment. Let us support each other through our prayers. May our blessed Mother intercede for us with her Son to bestow His blessings upon us.

May God bless us all with Peace and Joy.

In Christ, Fr. Banka

Encounter

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Worship and Praise Music
Monday evenings 6:30-7:45 pm
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Sonora

All are Welcome!

Adoration and Reconciliation
Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.” (CCC #289)
This Week in our Parish

Saturday 10/5 & Sunday 10/6 ~ Parish Services Collection

Monday 10/7 ~ 40 Days for Life begins

Monday 10/7 ~ 6:30 pm Encounter, St. Patrick’s Adoration, Worship & Praise Music

Wednesday 10/9 ~ 6:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation, St. Patrick’s

Saturday 10/12 ~ Blessing of the Animals, 10:00 am

Saturday 10/12 ~ Organ Recital, 3:00 pm, St. Patrick’s Jason Jeffrey, organist ~ Tickets $15 at the door

Saturday 10/12 & Sunday 10/13 ~ Second Collection for Respect Life

October is Respect Life Month
40 Days for Life

Our Catholic faith calls us to participate in our communities. That same faith calls us to protect life and to promote dignity and respect for all human beings, from conception to natural death. We at St. Patrick’s Church will participate in 40 Days for Life on each Monday in October, starting October 7, by standing on the corner of Greenley and Mono Way from 9 am to 5 pm, as we give witness to the sanctity of all human life. We pray for the protection of the unborn, support for the mothers who carry this precious life, and an end to abortion. Please try to give us one hour per week. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Office.

The Sonora Bach Festival presents:
A Gala Concert featuring
Mr. Jason Jeffrey
Organist and Pianist for the Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton

Saturday, October 12th ~ St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
Organ Recital 3:00 pm - in the Church
Piano Recital 4:00 pm - in the Parish Hall
Tickets: Organ Recital only $15
Organ Recital and Piano Recital $35 - includes dinner catered by Chef Dave Ingram
Reservations are required for Piano Recital
Reservations are not required for the Organ recital only

For tickets and more information:
www.sonorabach.org Or call 209-536-6330
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Jackie Boling  Bill Kiesling
Mary Brown    Rosemarie Lapan
Anna Davidson Lois Marzocchi
Aldo Diaz     Nuncy Patania
Ed Hall       Mary Russell
Eileen Hogan  Clay Sweeney
A. J. Holmes  Dan Ward
Jeanne Kiely  Mitch & Trish Woods

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

NEW Religious Study to begin at OLMC!

What: The Sacraments of the Catholic Church (11 sessions)
Where: OLMC Parish House
When: Wednesdays starting on October 23, 2019
Time: 4:00 – 5:30 PM
DVD Speaker: Matthew Leonard

The seven sacraments are the heart of our Catholic faith. But do we really understand them? Do we truly grasp the incredible beauty of these amazing channels of grace and their life-changing power?
The Bible and the Sacraments is a dynamic video-based Bible study that explores the deeply scriptural roots of the sacraments. By illuminating the relationship between the Old and New Testaments and their connection to the rites of the Catholic Church, The Bible and the Sacraments reveals the sacramental nature of God’s plan for humanity.
The Bible and the Sacraments is unlike any other study on the sacraments. Certainly it looks at the basic teaching of the Church as to their meaning and origin, but it goes further. It investigates the deeper mystery of the sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture.
By examining the rich relationship between the Old and New Testaments, it reveals the sacraments as more than mere earthly rituals. They are incredible “powers that come forth from the Body of Christ.” (CCC 1116)
This study will be based on a DVD presentation followed by a group discussion which will require minimal preparation. Please come to watch and discuss the material presented in the video. I want to mention that I want to keep this study stress free for everyone, so even if you do not have time to prepare for the lesson, come and join in with us anyhow!
Please sign up for this class as soon as possible to reserve your study materials!
Contact Warren Belisle at 962-4309 or email: bellale@msn.com for more information

In Loving Memory

Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend the soul of Alvena Leal
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Lantern of Light
Faith-Based Suicide Prevention Ministry

Suicide is recognized as a serious community health problem worldwide. How can further deaths and injuries be prevented? How can we support people to choose life when something prevents them from seeing a way forward? The safeTALK suicide alertness training will teach skills to help make a life-saving connection that will support people to choose life.
When: November 9, 2019 (Saturday)
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Where: St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Parish Hall
Fee: $15 for safeTALK materials and snacks (Scholarships available upon request)
Registration: miwuk.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/276191
For more information or assistance:
Please call Martha Golay @ 209-588-2935

The Blessing of the Animals
Sat, Oct 12
10:00 am
We will gather on the steps in front of St. Patrick’s for the blessing. For their own safety, please be sure your beloved pets are on a leash or in a crate.

“Ask the beasts, and they will teach you the beauty of this Earth.”
(St. Francis of Assisi)
**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Sat 10/19 & Sun 10/20 ~ World Mission Sunday**

Second Collection

**Friday 11/1 ~ All Saints Day**

**Saturday 11/2 ~ All Souls Day**

**Sunday 11/3 ~ Daylight Saving Time ends**

**Saturday 11/9 ~ Suicide Prevention Training**

8:30 am - 12:30 pm, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

**Saturday 11/23 ~ St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair**

**Thursday 11/28 ~ Thanksgiving Day**

**Sunday 12/1 ~ First Sunday of Advent**

**Monday 12/9 ~ Immaculate Conception**

**Tuesday 12/24 ~ Christmas Eve**

**Wednesday 12/25 ~ Christmas Day**

---

**Respect Life Sunday**

---

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday October 7 ~ Sunday October 13**

**Monday:**
Jon 1:1 - 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:**
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:**
Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:**
Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:**
Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:**
Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday:**
2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

---

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday October 6 ~ Saturday October 12**

**Sunday:**
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday;

**Monday:**
Our Lady of the Rosary

**Tuesday:**
Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement) begins at sundown

**Wednesday:**
St. Denis and Companions;
St. John Leonardi

**Friday:**
St. John XXIII

**Saturday:**
Blessed Virgin Mary

---

“Those who want to work for moral reform in the world must seek the glory of God before all else.”

**St. John Leonardi**

---

**Weekly Offerings**

**Weekly Goal $10,000**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>9-22-19 Week 38 Participation</th>
<th>9-29-19 Week 39 Participation</th>
<th>September Totals</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>General Offerings</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. Pat’s</td>
<td>$5,068</td>
<td>$4,768</td>
<td>$29,552</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OLMC</td>
<td>$1,051</td>
<td>$1,256</td>
<td>$6,557</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E-giving</td>
<td>$593</td>
<td>$1,440</td>
<td>$5,392</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$6,712</td>
<td>$7,464</td>
<td>$41,501</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LAST YEAR</td>
<td>$10,663</td>
<td>$7,158</td>
<td>$38,553</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Maintenance Offering**

<p>| | | | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>St. Pat’s</td>
<td>$70</td>
<td>$45</td>
<td>$1,127</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OLMC</td>
<td>$20</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$90</td>
<td>$45</td>
<td>$1,327</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!*