St. Patrick’s Church
127 Jackson St., Sonora, CA

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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St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News
... in Our Parish

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 6, 2018

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
John 15:13

“...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
Brennan Manning tells the story of an Irish priest who, on a walking tour of a rural parish, sees an old peasant kneeling by the side of the road, praying. Impressed, the priest says to the man, "You must be very close to God." The peasant looks up from his prayers, thinks a moment, and then smiles, "Yes, he's very fond of me." Yes our God is so fond of each one of us. It is He who loved us first, and so we have to love Him and, for His sake, love everyone as He did..........by laying down one’s own life for one’s friend.

In Christ, Fr. Joseph Lawrence

* “AGAPE” is a Greek term found in the Bible meaning the highest form of love possible - God’s divine love for humankind. “Agape” embraces the truth of God’s immeasurable, incomparable, and self-sacrificing love, given to us unreservedly and unconditionally. Christ calls us to love one another with the same pure love, Agape.

This Sunday’s readings are about love, friends and friendship. We know from the Bible that believers were called “friends” before they were called Christians. The New Testament says, "It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'". In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus saying to the disciples, "I have called you friends........you are my friends if you do what I command you." Let it sink into our hearts...... "I have called you friends." Before anything else, "I have called you friends."

What is Jesus’ Commandment? “Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friend.” Jesus is inviting us to be friends to each other. Husband and wife must be good friends to each other, children and parents are to be friends, teacher and student must be good friends, pastor and parishioners must be one in friendship, citizens and authorities must be friendly, etc., etc. God’s love is our guiding force. Love God above all else and love one another as Jesus loved us ........with sacrificial love..............AGAPE* ...........

Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

**Father Joseph’s Message**

**THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE**

We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Chorus:
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand
And together we’ll spread the news
That God is in our land (Chorus)

(Authors: Peter Scholtes; Tune: St. Brendan’s)

Please join us as we celebrate the **Pentecost Vigil**, using the extended form of the Mass.

**Saturday, May 19th 5:00 pm**

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Just as the Easter Vigil is a powerful celebration of the beginning of Easter Time, the extended Vigil of Pentecost can be a powerful conclusion to Easter. The extended Vigil provides a rich and full celebration of the mystery of Pentecost - the mystery of the God who through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit calls us to deeper communion, so that the Spirit of God might burn brighter in our lives.
This Week in our Parish

Sat 5/5 & Sun 5/6 ~ Parish Services Collection

Sat 5/5 & Sun 5/6 ~ Spiritual Growth Team
BAKE SALE in the Parish Hall after all Masses

Sun 5/6 ~ Meet & Greet: Ministers to the Sick

Sun 5/6 ~ Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, Mass at 3:00 pm followed by Potluck in the Parish Hall

Mon 5/7 ~ Altar & Rosary Society Potluck
11:30 am Parish Hall

Wed 5/9 ~ No Adoration or Reconciliation due to our Priests being on Retreat

Wed 5/9 ~ Financial Peace University, 6:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall, Rm. 4

Thurs 5/10 ~ OLMC Religious Study, Parish House
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, OLMC Big Oak Flat

Sat 5/12 ~ Altar Duty: Marge Clennon

Sat 5/12 ~ Mother Lode Round Up Parade

Sun 5/13 ~ Meet & Greet: YLI

The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
La Fiesta de San Jose el Obrero

Sunday, May 6th ~ Domingo, 6 Mayo
3:00 pm Mass ~ 3:00 pm Misa

Potluck in the Parish Hall after Mass
Potluck despues de Misa en el Salon

Please bring a dish to share
Estamos pidiendo por favor que traigan un platillo para compartir

For more information ~ Mas info
Call Salvador @559-9841 or Gerardo @984-4381

St. Patrick’s Altar & Rosary Society
Potluck Luncheon
Monday, May 7th ~ Parish Hall
Doors open at 11:30 am

Our prayers go with Fr. Sam and Fr. Joseph as they attend the Priests’ Retreat next week. There will be normal 8:00 am Daily Mass on Monday May 7, and a Communion Service (no Mass) at 8:00 am Tuesday, May 8 through Friday, May 11. There is no 6:30 pm Adoration or Reconciliation on Wednesday, May 9.

EXTENDED!
OLMC Religious Study:
The Bible and the Virgin Mary
OLMC Parish House Great Room
4:00-5:30 pm; Thursdays: May 10, 17, 23
For more information, please contact:
Warren Belisle @ 209-962-4394

Baby Bottle Boomerang!
† Starts next Mother’s Day weekend, May 12-13.
† Pick up your baby bottle bank, fill it with coins and cash, and bring it back to church on Father’s Day weekend, June 16-17.

All proceeds benefit the Foothill Pregnancy Center.
Thank you for promoting the sanctity of human life!

Come join the parade!

St. Patrick's is participating in this year's Mother Lode Round-Up Parade on Saturday, May 12th. Represent your ministry or group by signing up in the parish office. Wear your St. Patrick's T-shirt, jacket or sweatshirt representing your group, or just something green, and show Sonora what a vibrant parish we have!

Everyone participating will meet at 8:00 am Saturday in the Steinmetz parking lot.
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

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

Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Mary’s Garden

It is a Catholic tradition to acknowledge and honor the unselfish and holy life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, particularly in the month of May. In the Middle Ages, missionaries and travelers spread stories across Europe about flowers named after Mary and various times of her life. “Mary’s Gardens” that featured these flowers became popular there, and later the tradition made its way to America. Our YLI planted a garden in 2001 on the west side of the Steinmetz House. It has recently been replanted and can be visited at any time. There are two benches where one can pray or contemplate. Please use the stepping stones so as not to crush the flowers.

Spiritual Growth ~ "Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for Souls"

Continues on Saturday, May 19
10:00 am - Noon, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

Please join us as we hear the intriguing story of Mary, this gentle and perfect mother, and her battle for our souls with Lucifer, the fallen angel.

Reminder - no session on May 12 due to the Mother Lode Round-up Parade.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Dragun @ 209-984-5726. Email: atonewiththespirit@gmail.com

New Divine Mercy Cenacle

A “cenacle” is a study and prayer group. We study St. Faustina’s Diary, the catechism of the Catholic Church, and the Bible using the Divine Mercy Cenacle book as our guide. We end the class by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by fellowship. Come join us for the book one class! We meet the second and fourth Monday at 11:00 am in classroom 1, in the Parish Hall. Please come join us or just check it out. We would love to have you take part in this vibrant group.

For more information: Cecilia Woosley @ 536-4020 or Deb Cushman @ 533-2756

St. Patrick’s Pastoral Council Update

The Council thanks departing members David Bolles (Council Chair) and Juddy Kendall for their efforts and enthusiasm in supporting the Council for the last several years. We welcome incoming members Bill Ruiz and Raquel Diaz who bring a wealth of experience with them. A poster of current members will be available within the next few weeks.

Efforts to create a team of parishioners to welcome people into the Parish community continue; your participation is encouraged! The next organizing meeting for the Parish Welcoming Team will be Monday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 6 of the Parish Hall. Contact Jim Woosley @ 209-536-4020 for further information.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 6 in the Parish Hall, and the public is welcome to attend.
Mass for the Intentions of the Week

Saturday May 5 ~ Sunday May 13

Saturday 5:00 pm Tony Pallante

Sunday 7:30 am All Parishioners
   Tony Pallante
   Ruth Ann McGee
   George & Cynthia Chesel
   Mary Sampson, Healing
   Lupe Diaz
   Michael Johnston

We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.

Monday 8:00 am Jeanette Bennett
   Jeff Fish
Tuesday 8:00 am Communion Service (no Mass)
Wednesday 8:00 am Communion Service (no Mass)
Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service (no Mass)
Friday 8:00 am Communion Service (no Mass)
Saturday 5:00 pm Jack & LaVon Woodcock
   Jack McCoy
Sunday 7:30 am All Parishioners
   Tony Pallante
   Ruth Ann McGee
   Hezzy Arellano
   Dick Tasto
   Lupe Diaz
   Soledad Balbuena,
   Happy Birthday!

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Saturday 5/19 ~ St. Patrick’s will celebrate the extended form of the Pentecost Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm
Saturday 5/19 and Sunday 5/20 ~ 2nd Collection for Catholic Communication Campaign
Monday 5/28 ~ Memorial Day Mass at 9:00 am, St. Patrick’s Catholic Cemetery (No 8:00 am Daily Mass)
Saturday 6/16 ~ Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Applebee’s, 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Sunday 6/24 ~ Parish Picnic! Pinecrest Lake
Saturday 7/28 ~ Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne will be celebrated at St. Anne’s in Columbia, 9:00 am

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday May 7 ~ Sunday May 13

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-31; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday May 6 ~ Saturday May 12

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Thursday: St. Damien de Veuster
Saturday: St. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

The Ascension of the Lord
Celebrated Sunday, May 13th
All Masses at St. Patrick’s Parish

They went forth and preached everywhere

Weekly Offerings

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Home Missions Appeal: St. Pat’s $715; OLMC $145
Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!