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Sonora, California

The GOOD News

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Sat 4:30 pm

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Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.
Matthew 3:13

The Baptism of the Lord

“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 frbanka@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Yesobu Banka, Parish Administrator

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The Baptism of the Lord

How many of you remember the TV series called Mission Impossible or the big screen movies of the same name starring Tom Cruise? A seemingly “impossible mission” is described and accepted at the beginning of each show. Today we celebrate Jesus’ baptism, the day he accepted His mission to preach the Good News of God to all people.

Impossible? Certainly not, as His disciples have helped the Church prevail despite all the ups and downs over the centuries. Many people ask why Jesus had to be baptized because He was the Son of God, a human like us in all things but sin. Jesus answers that when He says to John the Baptist, “Allow it for now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”

Jesus fulfills the words of Isaiah from the first reading today: Thus says the Lord: “Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am well pleased, upon whom I have put my Spirit; He shall bring forth Justice to the nations.” Jesus accepts His mission which also becomes the mission of His Church and our mission, too.

Jesus embraced His humanity and modeled the sacrament of Baptism for His disciples. When the priest or deacon pours the water into the chalice and cups during the Preparation of the Gifts, he says, “By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.” We share in the divinity of The Baptism of the Lord as each of us is represented by the water that mixes with the wine and is consecrated into the Blood of Christ. Let us take some time in prayer to ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten and guide us on our baptismal mission to see and be the Light of Christ to all we meet, no exceptions!

As we enter the cold and flu season, Bishop Cotta has given Pastors the discretion to suspend Communion from the cup. Fr. Banka asked me to remind you that this temporary suspension begins today and continues until he hears from Bishop Cotta again. God Bless you.

Deacon Mike

Matthew 25
Feeding the Hungry

Breakfast is served in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6:30 am to 8:00 am for the hungry, homeless, and anyone in need in our community.

Our guests at Matthew 25 breakfasts receive nourishment and friendship, delivered with compassion and respect for their dignity and value as children of God. If you would like to volunteer to work at the breakfast for an hour or two, or donate a needed food item on a regular basis, please call the Parish Office, 209-532-7139, with your name and phone number.
This Week in our Parish

Wednesday 1/15 ~ Adoration and Reconciliation
6:30 pm St. Patrick’s

Friday 1/17 ~ Encounter: Adoration, Worship & Praise
6:30 - 7:30 pm, St. Patrick’s

In case you missed it last week, here is our new official St. Patrick’s Parish Logo!

Our Celtic Cross represents the strength of the four churches in Saint Patrick’s Parish as one in Christ. The golden crown proudly hangs on the Celtic Cross symbolizing the sun with its circular shape as the light of Jesus. Four shining jewels on the crown are tied together representing the joy of each Church’s liturgical colors. Saint Patrick’s Church is green, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission Church is blue, Historic Saint Anne’s is red, and Saint Francis Xavier Church is purple. A shamrock placed in the center of the crown represents Saint Patrick and the Holy Trinity.

INTO YOUR HANDS,
O LORD,
we commend the soul of
Mary Jane McMahon
May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Please consider becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Our sick and homebound brothers and sisters in Christ need your help! If you can spare up to an hour a week to participate in this wonderful and rewarding ministry, please contact Gina Minners at (209) 532-4864 or gvwein@gmail.com for more information.

“I was sick, and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:36)

Walk for Life West Coast

Join us for the 2020 Walk for Life!
Saturday, January 25th in San Francisco

We will again have the opportunity to share a bus with St. Patrick’s in Angels Camp. We will meet in the Parking Lot at St. Patrick’s Angels Camp, and the bus will depart at 8:00 am sharp! Bring your own lunch.

The bus arrives in San Francisco at 1:30 pm. The Walk begins at the Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco. The bus will leave for Angels Camp at 4:00 pm, arriving back at St. Patrick’s in Angels Camp at 7:00 pm. Cost for the bus is $20 per person. Please contact Madelyn Ruff (209-297-1613) or Kirsten Inks (701-580-4634) to sign up or for more info.

Don’t miss the most exciting Pro-life event in the country! Stand up for the littlest among us. Visit www.walkforlifewc.com for details of the event.

After this year’s Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany, with thousands of people gathered in St. Peter’s Square for the Angelus prayer, Pope Francis noted how the Magi did not stay in Bethlehem but returned home “by another way.”

The phrase, he said, can be read symbolically as an affirmation that the Wise Men were changed by their encounter with Jesus and sent back to their normal lives to live in a new way and share their experience. As with the Three Kings, the pope said, “The experience of God does not block us, but frees us; it does not imprison us, but puts us back on our way, returning us to the usual places of our existence. The places are the same but, after the encounter with Christ, we are not the same as before.”

Lord Jesus, help us return home by another way!
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Jackie Boling
Aldo Diaz
Pat Fernandez
Claudia Day Fossum
Diane Goodspeed
Ed Hall
Eileen Hogan
A. J. Holmes
Jeanne Kiely
Rosemarie Lapan
Ashlie Lotz
Lois Marzocchi
Rosie Napier
Lee O’Shaughnessy
Jan Opie
Gloria & Nuncy Patania
Juan Pulido
Cathì Ruiz
Mary Russell
Connie Scott
Clay Sweeney
Dan Ward

Pray to protect human life!
Join the 9 Days for Life Novena, January 21-29

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign up for daily prayers sent January 21-29 by email or text message, or get notified when the app is updated. Go to www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life and click on “Sign Up.”

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

WHAT IS “ORDINARY TIME?”

According to the Liturgical Calendar, Christmas Time has just ended and we now begin Ordinary Time. Because the word “ordinary” in English means something that is not special or distinctive, many people think Ordinary Time is somehow common or less important than other times of the year. Actually, this season is called Ordinary Time because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered in order - 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, etc. The Latin word ordinalis refers to numbers in a series, and comes from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order.

Christmas, Lent, and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. (USCCB)

Second Collection for The Church in Latin America January 25-26

For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Para muchos en América Latina y el Caribe, un incremento de una cultura secular, la dificultad que presentan los terrenos rurales y la escasez de ministros son unos obstáculos para practicar su fe. Su apoyo a la Colecta proporciona capacitación para el liderazgo laico, la catequesis, la formación para sacerdotes y religiosos y otros programas para compartir nuestra fe católica con aquellos que anhelan escuchar la Buena Nueva de Cristo. Para informarse más sobre cómo sus donativos hacen una diferencia, visiten www.usccb.org/latin-america.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday January 13 ~ Sunday January 19

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday January 12 ~ Saturday January 18

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary
Friday: St. Anthony
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020
Unusual kindness

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date
Saturday 1/25 ~ Walk for Life West Coast
Sunday 1/26 ~ Second Collection for the Church in Latin America
Saturday 2/15 ~ Altar Society Luncheon and Bingo
Lunch 12:00, Bingo 1:00-3:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Saturday & Sunday 2/15-16 ~
Bishop’s Ministry Appeal
Saturday & Sunday 2/22-23 ~
Bishop’s Ministry Appeal
Wednesday 2/26 ~ Ash Wednesday
Season of Lent begins
Sunday 3/8 ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
Tuesday 3/17 ~ St. Patrick’s Day
Thursday 4/2 ~ Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton
Sunday 4/5 ~ Palm Sunday
Thursday 4/9 ~ Holy Thursday
Friday 4/10 ~ Good Friday
Saturday 4/11 ~ Easter Vigil
Sunday 4/12 ~ Easter Sunday

Weekly Offerings
Weekly Goal
$ 10,000
12-29-19
Week 52 Participation
27%
December Totals
1-5-20 Participation
30%
General Offerings
St. Pat’s
$4,602
$31,054
$8,415
OLMC
$2,511
$7,102
$1,387
E-giving
$660
$3,790
$895
Total
$7,773
$41,946
$10,697
LAST YEAR
$11,980
$47,280
$10,408
Maintenance Offering
St. Pat’s
$30
$1,232
$876
OLMC
$0
$280
$145
Total
$30
$1,512
$1,021

Solemnity of Mary: St. Pat’s $1,268; OLMC $590
Parish Services: St. Pat’s $625; OLMC $123
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