The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 1, 2018

just have faith

“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 Sam’s Message

The two miracles we hear of in this week’s Gospel remind us our Lord Jesus has the power to heal all afflictions of the soul caused by the festering wound of habitual sin; He even has the power to raise to new life those who have died spiritually as a result of serious sin.

In the first miracle described in the Gospel, Jesus heals a woman who had suffered with hemorrhages for 12 years. For the Jewish people of Jesus’ time, blood represented life, the source of a person’s life force. The bleeding this woman suffers meant she was losing her life slowly. Relating this circumstance to the spiritual life, we can think of the sins we may commit over and over as a chronic affliction of the soul. Habitual sin slowly drains out the Divine Life in a person’s soul, like the woman’s hemorrhages. We know these repeated sins hold us back from progressing and thriving in the spiritual life. Sin causes the bleeding out of innocence and holiness from our souls resulting in the loss of life of grace in us, the vigor of the soul, which we need to have an intimate relationship with God and to know His peace.

Following the example of this poor woman who never gave up seeking a cure for her hemorrhages, we too who may suffer from the effects of habitual sin must persevere in finding a cure. In this scene, the large crowd “followed and pressed upon” Jesus, but only the woman with the hemorrhage had the faith and courage necessary to find true healing and peace. Like this brave woman, we need the courage to push through “the crowd” of our fear, our resistance to change, and our self-doubt, and have faith in the Christ’s power to heal us. We cannot be afraid or intimidated by the crowd.

We can be healed of any sin, even those sins we seem to commit over and over again; we only need to touch Him. Only Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician, can truly heal us. So as the woman did, we need to fight through the “crowd” to “touch” Jesus. Each time we humbly seek God’s mercy in the Sacrament of Confession, we touch Him and His healing hand touches us. Frequent celebration of this Sacrament of Healing, Confession, is the way to freedom from habitual sin. In addition, when we receive our Lord Jesus’ Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist, we are released from the attachment to sin and healed a little more from the afflictions caused by sin. The healing of our afflictions through the Most Holy Eucharist can only happen if we are in a state of grace.

We also touch our Lord and are strengthened against sin when we spend time in prayer, when we strive to live by the Commandments and the Teachings of the Church, and when we generously help those in need.

In the second miracle recorded in the Gospel, our Lord raises a little girl from the dead. We can consider the death of the synagogue official Jairus’ 12-year-old daughter as representing the death of the innocence in a person as a result of a serious or mortal sin. But when a person “dies” spiritually, we never take the attitude of the people who laughed at Jesus when he tells them that the little girl is “not dead but only asleep.” Like Jairus, we cannot listen to the scoffers and the doubters who say, “Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?” The miracle of Jesus raising this man’s little girl shows us our Lord has the power to raise the death of a person’s innocence, even from the mortal wound of a serious sin. Our Lord is so ready to forgive any and all sin, restoring the Divine life of the soul. He has the power to raise anyone who has died spiritually – raise anyone no matter how horribly they have sinned. Therefore, we never lose the hope of conversion and salvation even for the most hardened sinner.

Parish Picnic

I sincerely want to thank all those who made our Parish Picnic last Sunday at Pinecrest Lake a beautiful experience of God and community. We praise God for this gift! We experienced His love for us in the beauty of nature and our fellowship – spending a very enjoyable and relaxing time with one another. We had a perfect 80-degree sunny day! On behalf of our entire parish family, I thank all of you who organized, set up, attended, and cleaned up. A special thank you to some of the gentlemen from our Knights of Columbus council who cooked the hamburgers and hot dogs. If you missed out, plan on joining us for next year’s picnic!

Through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our mother, and St. Joseph, her chaste spouse, let us continue to pray for the courage we will need. We pray for greater FAITH and trust in God’s power to heal and to raise innocence. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Samuel West
### This Week in our Parish

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### July 4th in Columbia!

- **9:00 am Mass at St. Anne’s Church**
- **★ 12:00 pm Parade in Columbia**
  - Be a part of the group carrying the banner for St. Anne’s!
  - ★ Kids ~ decorate your bike or wagon.
  - ★ Teens and adults ~ put on your favorite red, white, and blue duds or Old West costume.
  - ★ Costumed doggies and cats are welcome too, on a leash, please.
  - ★ Meet at 11:45 am in front of the Fallon House Theater to line up for the parade.

Call Marcia Watts, 533-3662 for more information.

### St. Patrick’s Parish Picnic, Pinecrest Lake

June 24, 2018

It was a beautiful, uplifting, and fun day!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for doing all the cooking!

### Last weekend Sister Maria and Sister Serafica from the Franciscan Poor of Jesus Christ visited St. Patrick’s in Sonora. They spoke at all our Masses, and had beautiful hand made rosaries for sale. They were able to raise $4,823 to support their ministries to the poor, especially for their mission in Los Angeles. The sisters would like to offer a sincere thank you to St. Patrick’s for our kindness and generosity. If you would like to contact them to offer prayers, donations, or rosary orders, they can be reached at:

MISSION HOUSE
SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI
SISTERS OF THE FRANCISCAN POOR
2223 FARGO ST.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90039

### United in Freedom, Rooted in Faith.

Happy Birthday, America!

### Liturgical Ministers

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, and Ushers:

Your 3rd Quarter (July - August - September) 2018 Ministry Mass Schedules are ready to be picked up. You will find them in the basket in the vestibule after Mass, alphabetical by last name. They are also available on our website.

Go to www.stpatssonora.org, click on “More,” click on “Ministry Schedules,” and scroll to your schedule.

Thank you all for your ministry!
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Gus Allegri  
Tete Arellano  
Catherine Bentz  
Al Biedrzycki  
Beverly Brainard  
Carolyn Bruning  
Jan Buck  
Phil Fish  
Vern & Jo Froehlich  
Mitch & Patti Gerner  
Susan Goodspeed  
Bill Gookin  
Ed Hall  
Cecilia Hallock  
Joan Holland  
A. J. Holmes  
Jeanne Kiely  
Bill & Rolene Kiesling  
Kristine Kitamura  
Lois Marzocchi  
Dorothy McCargar  
Joseph Murtagh  
Pat Newton  
Barbara North  
Lee O'Shaughnessy  
Joseph Perez  
Juan Pinela  
Juan Pulido  
Jackie Sample  
Mike Schirmer  
Clay Sweeney  
Jean Wobbe

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

Sonora Men's Fellowship is now accepting registrations for the 2018 Catholic Men's Fellowship Fall Retreat - “The Magnificent Seven: Men of Virtue.”

The Seven Virtues Perfect our Seven Principles  
Prudence - Justice - Fortitude - Temperance  
Faith - Hope - Charity

“Virtues are gifts from God that lead us to live in a close relationship with Him. Virtues are like habits. They need to be practiced; they can be lost if they are neglected.”

Stephen Valgos, Catholic Evangelist and teacher, will lead our Retreat and share his wisdom of the teachings of the Church leading us to a better understanding of how “The Seven Virtues Perfect our Seven Principles,” and tip the scales of the moral life toward good and away from evil. Fr. Mike Lacey, former Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, San Lorenzo, CA will celebrate Mass for our Retreat.

Accept this invitation to join other men for a weekend of reflective spirituality. Get away from the pressures and activities of daily life for a refreshing weekend of renewal. Regain, deepen and strengthen your spiritual perspective.

Retreat Dates:  
Friday - Sunday ~ August 17 - 19, 2018

Beginning 5:00 pm Friday, concluding at noon on Sunday  
Retreat Cost: $185 per person donation for lodging and all meals. We encourage father/son participation, half price for second registration.

To register, visit www.catholicmen.org  
Make checks payable to 2018 CMF Fall Retreat  
Mail to: 10905 Kelso Ct. Sonora, CA  95370

Retreat Location:  
OLD OAK RANCH  
15250 Old Oak Ranch Rd.  
Sonora, California 95370

Grieving with Great HOPE  
Grief Support Workshop

Grieving with Great HOPE is a five week grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include Cathi Ruiz and Martha Golay, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement apostolate.

Wednesdays: August 1, 8, 22, 29, 6-8 pm;  
Thursday, August 16, 6-8 pm  
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church  
127 Jackson Street, Sonora

Contact Steve and Martha Golay for registration details and a registration form at 209-588-2935, or email golaymartha@yahoo.com

There is a $15 fee for the workshop, which will be collected at the first meeting.  
Advanced registration by July 27, 2018

While cleaning out your closets, attics, and garages, remember our Christmas Fair! You can bring donations to the office now, no need to wait! We’d love to have household items, crafts, religious items, Christmas decorations, and more (no clothing, please). Please donate clean sellable items. If you have any questions, or would like to help with this year’s Christmas Fair, please call Teresa @209-206-1062.
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.