

## 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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

You cannot  
serve both God  
and mammon.

Luke 16:13

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***"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](http://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](mailto:frsam@stpatssonora.org). God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Pastor



# Father Sam's Message

In this week's Gospel, Our Lord offers the interesting parable of the "dishonest steward." At first glance, it may appear Jesus praises a servant who is caught stealing from his master. However, rather than endorsing the evil actions of the steward, our Lord is commending the steward for how he deals with his dire situation. Jesus says, *"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."* He is not applauding the dishonest actions of the steward, but only praising how cleverly the steward acted when confronted with the grave consequence of his dishonest behavior. When the servant knew he would face a negative consequence for his mismanagement, he acted decisively and quickly to insure a more positive outcome for himself. When it comes to our eternal salvation, to *"be welcomed into eternal dwellings,"* we too need to act decisively and quickly. Each of us will stand before our merciful Judge, the Lord Jesus, and will need to make a *"full account"* to Him, our Master, of how we used the gifts He has given us in this earthly life. Have we been trustworthy in the small matter of our earthly life so as to be granted an even greater life of heaven? How have we used the gifts of this limited time on earth for our salvation and the salvation of others? Or, have we squandered our gifts on "serving" another master beside Jesus?

If we have not been trustworthy stewards to this point in our lives, there is still time before we will be confronted with the frightful consequences, which are eternal. We can do what the "dishonest steward" does by acting prudently, quickly preparing for a better future, an everlasting future. We can prepare right now by living out our faith more intentionally and intensely. We need to be generous with God and others. We are generous with God by frequently, worthily, and attentively participating in the gift of the Sacraments – going to Confession regularly and attending Mass every Sunday. We are generous with God when we spend time each day in prayer and offer our daily struggles, joys, trials, and temptations – our entire selves – to Him. We prepare for our "eternal dwelling" by being generous and giving to others, including forgiving the sins others have committed against us, performing works of mercy, and sharing the gift of our faith with others.

In addition, by praising the dishonest steward's response to being caught, Jesus is saying the *"children of this world"* work harder, more resourcefully, for dishonest

wealth, or human wealth, than do the *"children of the light"* for the *"true wealth"* of heaven. Our Lord is telling us, who desires us to grow in our relationship with Him, we can learn from the discipline, focus, intensity, and work ethic of those who are successful in worldly matters – business, sports, entertainment, etc.



This is what Jesus means when he says, *"make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth."* We want to be just as intense and focused on our relationship with our Lord Christ as *"the children of this world"* are about making money, *"serving dishonest wealth."* Regarding this puzzling parable, the Navarre

Biblical Commentary explains, *"Of course, our Lord presumes that we realize the immorality of the man's [the dishonest steward's] behavior. What he emphasizes and praises, however, is his shrewdness and effort: he tries to derive maximum material advantage from his former position as steward. In saving our soul and spreading the Kingdom of God, our Lord wants us to apply at least the same ingenuity and effort as people put into their worldly affairs or their attempts to attain some human ideal. The fact that we can count on God's grace does not in any way exempt us from the need to employ all available legitimate human resources even if that means strenuous effort and heroic sacrifice."* In addition, St. Josemarie Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei, writes, *"What zeal people put into their earthly affairs... When you and I put the same zeal into the affairs of our souls, we will have a living and working faith. And there will be no obstacle that we cannot overcome in our apostolic works."* (St. J. Escriva, The Way).

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Patron, St. Patrick, we ask the Lord Jesus to grant us the grace to always be good and trustworthy stewards of the graces He showers upon us each and every day. We pray for the wisdom and strength to faithfully, intensely, and passionately follow our Lord and serve Him alone.

*In Christ, Fr. Sam West*

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

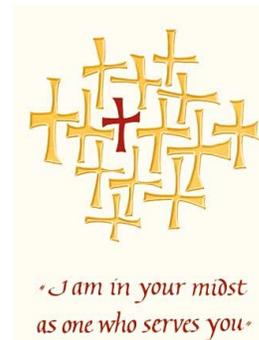
# This Week in our Parish

Saturday 9/21 & Sunday 9/22 ~ Second Collection, Catholic Charities Sunday
Sunday 9/22 ~ OLMC Cinnamon Sunday and farewell reception for Fr. Sam, after the 9:00 am Mass
Monday 9/23 ~ 6:30 pm Encounter, St. Patrick's Adoration, Worship & Praise Music
Tuesday 9/24 ~ RCIA, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall Rm. 1
Wednesday 9/25 ~ 6:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation, St. Patrick's
Sunday 9/29 ~ RCIA: Rite of Full Communion during 11:00 am Mass, St. Patrick's
Sunday 9/29 ~ Reception for Fr. Sam following the 11:00 am Mass, St. Patrick's Parish Hall

All are invited to wish a warm farewell to Fr. Sam West as he prepares to transfer to his new appointment as Pastor at St. Joseph's in Modesto. We will have a potluck luncheon and reception next Sunday, September 29, after the 11:00 am Mass.

The Parish will provide the entree. We are asking everyone to bring either a salad or a dessert to share.

Please join us as we show our appreciation to Fr. Sam for all he has done for our Parish. Through him, we have all grown in our faith, our knowledge, our devotion to the Catholic Church, and in our own journey with our Lord, Jesus Christ.



## Cinnamon Sundays at OLMC

This month Cinnamon Sunday will be held on Sept 22, so we can give Fr. Sam our best wishes and gratitude as he begins a new adventure! All are invited to come to Our Lady's House after the 9:00 am Mass.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton  
Second Collection Sept 21-22

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**Religious Education at St. Patrick's**  
Religious Education classes will continue  
**Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 pm**  
**St. Patrick's Parish Hall**



Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.  
Please contact Kathy Casas for more information:  
(209)770-5987

## 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, 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 their mothers, and an end to abortion. Please try to give us one hour per week. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Office.



All Weekend Masses, Daily Masses, all Adoration and Reconciliations at St. Patrick's are back in the church! Please note, however, that the church will be **closed** after Daily Mass and remain closed during the day until the front doors have been replaced. Our apologies and, God willing, it should only be for a few more weeks.



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

**Jackie Boling**  
**Mary Brown**  
**Anna Davidson**  
**Sally Forrest**  
**Jo Froehlich**  
**Ed Hall**  
**Eileen Hogan**  
**A. J. Holmes**  
**Jeanne Kiely**  
**Bill Kiesling**

**Lois Marzocchi**  
**Cindy Merritt**  
**Marge Nath**  
**Nuncy Patania**  
**Juan Pulido**  
**Mary Russell**  
**Clay Sweeney**  
**Dan Ward**  
**Mitch & Trish Woods**  
**Cecilia Woosley**

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

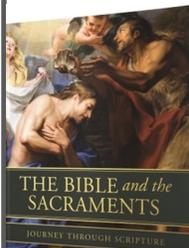
**Catholic Men's Fellowship Fall Retreat 2019**

"The retreat this year was a resounding success!

Fr. Yesobu Banka was a wonderful retreat leader, and we all left feeling refreshed, renewed, and strong in our faith. If you were not able to join us this year, please plan on joining us in 2020." *Mark Pasby, attendee*



**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?

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*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](mailto:bellale@msn.com) for more information



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

The 4th Quarter (Oct-Nov-Dec) 2019 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 will also be available on our website.

Thank you all for your ministry!



**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)



**Saturday September 21 ~ Sunday September 29**

<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 pm	Marcos Balbuena †
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	Fred Rodrigues †
	9:00 am	Lizbeth Gutierrez †
		Lois McLain †
	11:00 am	Alice Clisham †
	5:00 pm	Alicia Sanchez †
		Adolfo Negrete †

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

Monday	8:00 am	Louisa El Yasset ( <i>Healing</i> )
Tuesday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	Keith Cook ( <i>Healing</i> )
Thursday	8:00 am	Linda Flynn
		Cindy Merritt ( <i>Healing</i> )
Friday	8:00 am	Adolfo Negrete †
<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 pm	Adolfo Negrete †
		Daniel Vanzini †
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Marie Evans †
	11:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
	5:00 pm	Alicia Sanchez †
		Domingo Diaz †

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday September 23 ~ Sunday September 29**

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday:** Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday September 22 ~ Saturday September 28**

**Sunday:** Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Charities Sunday

**Monday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); First Day of Autumn

**Thursday:** St. Cosmas and St. Damian

**Friday:** St. Vincent de Paul

**Saturday:** St. Wenceslaus; Blessed Virgin Mary  
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions



**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Sunday 9/29** ~ Reception for Fr. Sam after the 11:00 am Mass, St. Patrick's

**Sunday 10/6** ~ Respect Life Sunday

**Monday 10/7** ~ 40 Days for Life begins

**Saturday 10/12** ~ Blessing of the Animals, 10:00 am St. Patrick's

**Saturday 10/12** ~ Jason Jeffrey, organist at the Cathedral of the Annunciation, will perform a short organ recital at St. Patrick's Church at 3:00 pm, as part of the Sonora Bach Festival.

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

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

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

**Thursday 11/28** ~ Thanksgiving Day

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



## Weekly Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	9-8-19 Week 36 Participation 34%	9-15-19 Week 37 Participation 26%	Sept Totals To Date
<b>General Offerings</b>			
St. Pat's	\$7,227	\$4,952	\$19,716
OLMC	\$1,570	\$1,223	\$4,249
E-giving	\$2,141	\$608	\$3,359
Total	\$10,939	\$6,783	\$27,325
LAST YEAR	\$6,344	\$6,526	\$20,732
<b>Maintenance Offering</b>			
St. Pat's	\$312	\$70	\$1012
OLMC	\$15	\$35	\$180
Total	\$327	\$105	\$1,192
Diocesan Mission Appeal Cooperative: St. Pat's \$1,692; OLMC \$184 Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!			

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