St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News
... in Our Parish

Easter Sunday
April 21, 2019

Christ is Risen!

“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
Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness. Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

These are the words from the beginning of the Exsultet, the Church’s ancient Easter hymn, which is powerfully and joyfully proclaimed at the start of the “mother of all liturgies,” the Easter Vigil. On this holiest of nights, we begin outside the Church after sunset with the lighting and blessing of the sacred fire. From the fire a single large candle, the Paschal Candle, is lit and then carried, usually by a deacon, leading a procession into a darkened church. During the procession, the Paschal Candle is raised three times to the chanting of the words “The Light of Christ,” signifying the triumph of our Lord Jesus, who is the Light of the World, over the darkness of death. We then light our small candles from the flame of the single Paschal Candle showing we have received in our Baptism the gift of the eternal light from Christ’s resurrection. Then, as we sit in a dark church holding our lit candles, the Exsultet suddenly breaks forth proclaiming the exultation of “Mother Church” because Her Divine Spouse has truly conquered death. We are all called to experience the indescribable joy of all creation, including the Angels, at our Lord’s Resurrection. We who are united to Him in our own dying and rising in the waters of baptism have a real share in His victory over death and now have the offer of Eternal life. With the whole Church, we are also rejoicing with our dear Elect, those whom our Lord Jesus has chosen to be reborn in the Sacrament of Baptism, given the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, and fed with the Lord’s own Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist for the first time at this most solemn of the Church’s celebrations.

To “exult” in our Lord Jesus’ triumph in the Resurrection, we remain faithful to Him, staying united with Him by remaining united to His Mystical Body, the Church. In receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, we were united to Jesus’ Death and Resurrection, brought into an intimate relationship with Him. We want to do everything we can to let this relationship with Him grow so we can know and enjoy the fruits of Eternal Life. Frequently seeking God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and weekly (at least every Sunday) participation in the Sacrament of the Eucharist are necessary for us to share in His victory over death and enjoy the fullness of Life He offers.

We do not only celebrate our Lord’s triumph over death on Easter Sunday. Every Sunday is considered a “little Easter” because on this day of the week, the Lord’s Day, we recognize and celebrate in a special way the Lord Jesus’ Resurrection. We also renew the anticipation of our own future resurrection in Him. Every time we attend Mass, we are mystically present at His resurrection, by which He saves us from our own death and renews our hope in eternal life. In the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the pledge of our eternal Life is made. Each time we receive Holy Communion, worthily in a state of grace, we are transformed more into the image of the Divine Son, Jesus, who is “the Resurrection and Life.” We are truly fed with our Lord’s risen and glorified Body and Blood and, thereby, because we have His Spirit dwelling in us, we too have power over death.

Like all Sacraments, the Sacrament of Marriage, for those who are called to this sacred union of man and woman, confers special graces on the couple to grow in an intimacy with the Risen Lord and to more fully experience the power of His Resurrection. Here at St. Patrick’s we have now two women who have recently completed training to serve as Diocesan “Tribunal Aides.” This means they can assist in filing a petition for the declaration of nullity of a previous attempted marriage with the Diocese of Stockton (“an annulment”) in order for a present marriage to possibly be blessed in the Church, to receive the sacrament of Matrimony, in the future. I urge any married couple who was married outside of the Church and needs their marriage blessed in the Church to call the parish office. With God’s mercy, many of these difficult situations from the past can be rectified, made right. This is the time to allow God to remove anything in our lives that has been holding us back from experiencing the fullness our new life in the Risen Lord.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, we pray everyone will experience our Lord Jesus’ transforming power over sin and death and live the infinite joys of Eternal Life offered in His Resurrection! He has Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! He has truly risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! A most blessed and joyous Easter to you all!

In Christ, Fr. Sam West
This Week in our Parish

| Sunday 4/21 | Easter Sunday (No Meet & Greet) |
| Monday 4/22 | Parish Office Closed |
| Saturday 4/27 | YLI Luncheon and Bunco  
11:30 am, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall (see below) |
| Saturday 4/27 | Altar Duty: Peggy Patin,  
Carmen Fleck |
| Sunday 4/28 | Divine Mercy Sunday |
| Sunday 4/28 | Meet & Greet: Knights of Columbus |

Divine Mercy Novena and Divine Mercy Sunday

Pope John Paul II declared the second Sunday of Easter (April 28) as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy was given to St. Faustina by Jesus. He told her to have the Novena of Divine Mercy prayed starting on Good Friday and through the first week of Easter, culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Novena and Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed daily at the hour of mercy, 3:00 pm, in the church except Easter Vigil. On Easter Vigil we will pray the Novena in the Parish Hall at 3:00 pm. The Novena starts Good Friday and will include Easter Sunday. Each day we pray the Novena and Chaplet for a different intention.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated April 28 in the church with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confession starting at 2:00 pm. At 3:00 pm we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, alternating English and Spanish. This will be followed by the Litany of Divine Mercy followed by a benediction.

For further information call Cecilia Woosley at 602-7013 or Deborah Cushman at 533-2756

Hilltop Musical Kids present “Cross the World”

Performances:
Friday April 26 - 7:00 pm  
Saturday April 27 - 2:00 pm

Free Admission

Groveland EV Free Church  
19172 Ferretti Rd., Groveland

Script by Sharon Turney ~ For more information, please call Director Louise Turney at 209-962-0609

YLI Patricia #79
Join us for a fun afternoon!  
Saturday April 27, 2019  
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall  
98 W. Jackson St. Sonora CA  
Tostada Bar Luncheon and Bunco

Doors open at 11:30 am $15 per person.  
All adults welcome.  
Advance tickets or reservations suggested.  
Call Vicki @ 532-6010

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Feast

Friday, May 3 ~ 6:00 pm  
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall  
Choice of meat or vegetarian sauce  
INCLUDES: Salad, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream  
Adults $8.00 ~ Children 12 and under $5.00  
Beer, wine, and sodas available  
All proceeds go to Knights of Columbus programs which help the hungry, and to scholarships for our youth.  
Tickets available in the Parish Office, or after Mass.

Encounter

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Worship and Praise Music

Monday evenings 6:30-7:45 pm  
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Sonora
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Al Biedrzycki, Jalen Bozzo, Angela Brown, Katrina Garcia, Ed Hall, Joan Holland, A. J. Holmes, Bill Kiesling, Judi Maguire, Lois Marzocchi, Cindy Merritt, Michelle Mullen, Juan Pulido, Clay Sweeney, Dan Ward, Kristine Kitamura, Mitch & Trish Woods

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

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

Sunday, May 5
Domingo, 5 Mayo
Mass 3:00 pm ~ Misa 3:00 pm
Followed by potluck ~
Potluck después de Misa

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
La Iglesia de San Patricio

Mas Info: Salvador 559-9841
or Gerardo 454-7720

“In heaven, everyone’s in the choir.”
Why not join an earthly one?
St. Patrick’s choir needs you! For more information, please contact Sandra Betti, Music Director:
209-532-7139, ext.109 or sandra@stpatssonora.org

In heaven, everyone’s in the choir.
Why not start practicing now?
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Grieving with Great HOPE

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

Thursdays, May 9 – June 6, 6-7:30p.m.
St. Patrick Catholic Church ~ 127 Jackson Street, Sonora

There is a $15 fee for the workshop. This will be collected at the first meeting.

Advanced registration by April 30, 2019

Grieving with Great HOPE dispels the gloom!
An angel sits beside the tomb.

Sarah Flowers Adams

Immortal hope dispels the gloom!
An angel sits beside the tomb.
Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Friday 5/3 ~ Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Feast, 6:00 pm Parish Hall
Sunday 5/5 ~ Fiesta de San Jose el Obrereo (Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker)
Mass 3:00 pm, followed by potluck in the Parish Hall
Saturday 5/11 ~ Mother Lode Round-Up Parade (St. Patrick’s will have a float!)
Sunday 5/12 ~ Mother’s Day
Wednesday 5/15 ~ Confirmation Mass 6:00 pm, St. Patrick’s
Tuesday 5/21 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Monday 5/27 ~ Memorial Day
Saturday 6/1 ~ Music Ministry Retreat
Sunday 6/9 ~ Pentecost
Sunday 6/16 ~ Father’s Day
Thursday 7/4 ~ Independence Day
Tuesday 7/16 ~ Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Friday 7/26 ~ Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne

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

Monday 8:00 am Lizbeth Gutierrez  
Gloria Patania  
(Happy Birthday!)
Tuesday 8:00 am Roy Volpetti  
Ignatius Jones (Happy Birthday!)
Wednesday 8:00 am Jospeh D. Coleman  
Rosemary June Barrow
Thursday 8:00 am Vern Froehlich  
Friday 8:00 am Vern Froehlich  
Saturday 5:00 pm Ed Dunne  
Evelyn Brom  
OLMC 5:00 pm Rolene Kiesling  
Sunday 7:30 am Stevenson Family  
Roy Volpetti  
9:00 am Vern Froehlich  
OLMC 9:00 am Judy McKenney  
OLMC 9:00 am Maria & Bernardo Pasqualina  
11:00 am Jose Ramirez  
Grace Grant  
5:00 pm Adolfo Negrete  
Alicia Sanchez

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday April 22 ~ Sunday April 28

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday April 21 ~ Saturday April 27

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
Monday: Monday within the octave of Easter; Earth Day
Tuesday: Tuesday within the octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the octave of Easter; Administrative Professionals Day
Thursday: Thursday within the octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday; Arbor Day
Saturday: Saturday within the octave of Easter

Weekly Offerings

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