St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Pastor
In asking this of Jesus, they are not considering what God’s will is for them and what His plan is for their lives. They only seem to be thinking about what they want for themselves. With this attitude, they run into conflict, first with God’s will and then with the other ten Apostles. Jesus says, “but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared,” and “When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John.” God’s plan is for us to serve Him and others. We are called to imitate Jesus, who “did not come to be served but to serve.” God has given each of us particular gifts for the sake of serving Him and to build up His Kingdom. However, at times, we can misuse our gifts, using them to attempt to control and dominate others. To avoid falling into conflict with God and others, we surrender to God’s will for us. We always recognize, acknowledge, and honor God as our Creator; He is the source of our life and all the good things we have. We are called to use what gifts we have been given not for ourselves alone but for the good of others. Offering to others what we have received from God is how we serve others and give of ourselves.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Patrick, we pray for the grace to always imitate our Lord Jesus by not wanting to be served but to serve others and give of ourselves for their good.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West

**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 office, 209-532-7139, with your name and phone number.

**Matthew 25**

(Whatever you do for the least...
This Week in our Parish

Sunday 10/21 ~ Meet & Greet: Religious Ed & Teens

Sunday 10/21 ~ Youth Group Begins!
   6:15 pm, Steinmetz House

Monday 10/22 ~ 40 Days for Life continues

Thursday 10/25 ~ OLMC: Religious Study
   The Prophets: Messengers of God’s Mercy
   OLMC Parish House, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Saturday 10/27 ~ Altar Duty: Pat Eaton

Saturday & Sunday 10/27-10/28~ Second Collection
   World Mission Sunday

Sunday 10/28 ~ RCIA Rite of Welcome and Acceptance, 11:00 am Mass, St. Patrick’s

Sunday 10/28 ~ Knights of Columbus Breakfast Fundraiser, after all morning Masses
   St. Patrick’s Parish Hall, $5 per person

St. Patrick’s Offertory Program
Be Sure To Read Your Offertory Brochure

Last week during Mass we heard from Bishop Cotta regarding the Parish Offertory Program. This week, you were sent a brochure in the mail which contains information regarding the nature of the Program. If you didn’t get a brochure, please contact the Parish Office right away.

You are asked to carefully study the brochure and to note the financial giving recommendations that it contains, categorized by personal income so that they are fair to all.

This weekend during Mass, you will receive a commitment card and will be asked to indicate your weekly commitment. Regardless of whether you give monthly, quarterly, etc., please indicate the amount that your gifts represent on a weekly basis.

If you have not used envelopes, checks or e-giving in the past, please begin to do so. It is very important for us to know how many members of our parish are actively involved in offering their financial support.

Please make a conscious effort to examine your spending priorities, see where our parish is currently placed within them and then adjust your priorities as you deem necessary based on our obligation to support the work of the Lord.

St. Patrick’s Youth Group starts this Sunday!
Sunday, Oct 21 6:15 pm ~ Steinmetz House, upstairs
We joyfully welcome Angela Cordes as our new Coordinator of Youth Ministry!

Food  Fun  Fellowship in Christ

Knights of Columbus
Breakfast Fundraiser
Next Sunday
Buy your tickets now!

After all morning Masses on Sunday, October 28th, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a hot breakfast in the Parish Hall. For only $5.00 per person, you will get French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, a cup of fruit, juice and coffee. Tickets are available after each weekend Mass and in the Parish Office. All proceeds from this breakfast will support the efforts of the Knights of Columbus, as they strive to bring Christ to our community by helping those in need.

Canonized Oct 14, 2018

Saint Óscar Romero: 1917 - 1980
Defended the rights of the poor in El Salvador, assassinated 1980

Pope Saint Paul VI: 1897-1978
Second Vatican Council
Wrote the encyclical Humanae Vitae (1968)
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.

Help fill our Christmas Baskets!
Please stop by our table outside the church after Mass! You will find a large board with red “theme” tags and a suggested list of items for that theme. Please pick up a tag (your choice!), place those items in a bag and take it to the Parish Office before November 21st. They will be arranged, decorated, and transformed into lovely baskets for our annual Christmas Fair on December 1st. Gift cards or cash are also greatly appreciated. For more information, please call Debby Cushman at 533-2756.

St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair
Saturday December 1st
7:00 am to 7:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

An Important Message from our Bishop
Dear People of God,
Election Day is November 6 and when we will choose our local officials and representatives to Congress. Today, there are so many issues that affect you and me. What can we do about them? First, make sure you register to vote. Then VOTE on November 6.
Pope Francis encourages Catholics to participate in politics for the common good. All are called upon to “build a civilization of truth and love.” We want the dignity of every human being to be respected, especially the poor. We want a world where the air is healthy and everyone has access to clean water, where the streets are free of violence, where everyone earns fair wages, and there is free, quality education for your children.
Archbishop Oscar Romero said that we must be God’s microphone; that each one of us must be a messenger, a prophet. As your Pastoral Leader, I want you to realize that your “microphone” is your VOTE; it is YOUR way to make a difference. Let us be “good and faithful” citizens: let us register to vote before the deadline on October 22nd and vote on November 6.

Bishop Myron J. Cotta

November
A Month of Remembrance
Beginning with the commemoration of All Saints and All Souls, November is a month where the Church, in communion with all the saints, prays for our dearly departed.

All Saints ☠ Thursday November 1
Masses:
8:00 am and 6:30 pm, St. Patrick’s Church;
4:00 pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

All Souls ☠ Friday November 2
Masses:
8:00 am, St. Patrick’s Church;
12:00 noon, St. Patrick’s Cemetery;
4:00 pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel

October is Respect Life Month
40 Days for Life
We at St. Patrick’s Church 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 and their mothers, and an end to abortion. Please try to give us one hour per week. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Office.
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.

**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Thursday 11/1 ~ All Saints Day**
Masses: St. Patrick's 8:00 am and 6:30 pm; OLMC 4:00 pm

**Friday 11/2 ~ All Souls Day**
Masses: St. Patrick's Church 8:00 am
St. Patrick's Cemetery 12:00 noon
OLMC 4:00 pm

**Wednesday 11/21 ~ Thanksgiving Day Vigil Mass**
4:00 pm OLMC

**Thursday 11/22 ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass**
9:00 am St. Patrick's

**Saturday 12/1 ~ St. Patrick's Christmas Fair**

**Sunday 12/2 ~ First Sunday of Advent**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday October 20 ~ Sunday October 28**

**Saturday** 5:00 pm  Ken Franczek ✝
Dennis Philip Regan ✝

**Sunday**
7:30 am  All Parishioners
9:00 am  Adolfo Negrete ✝
Deceased members of the YLI ✝
11:00 am  Marcos Balbuena ✝
Francis Weldon Regan ✝
5:00 pm  Lupe Diaz ✝
Michael Johnston ✝

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

**Monday** 8:00 am  Mary Bond, Healing
Karen Vetter, Healing

**Tuesday** 8:00 am  Audrey Dent ✝

**Wednesday** 8:00 am  Nightengale Family

**Thursday** 8:00 am  Audrey Dent ✝

**Friday** 8:00 am  Gabriel Gyamfi

**Saturday** 5:00 pm  Roberto Pinella ✝
Paula Wolfe ✝

**Sunday** 7:30 am  All Parishioners
9:00 am  Dorothy McCargar ✝
Adolfo Negrete ✝
11:00 am  Dennis Philip Regan ✝
Alice Quezada ✝
5:00 pm  Lupe Diaz ✝
Pedro Guerrero, Happy Birthday!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday October 22 ~ Sunday October 28**

**Monday:** Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday October 21 ~ Saturday October 27**

**Sunday:** Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

**Monday:**  St. John Paul II

**Tuesday:**  St. John of Capistrano

**Wednesday:**  St. Anthony Mary Claret

**Saturday:**  Blessed Virgin Mary

**Weekly Offerings**

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