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
Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

I am so thankful to God for the gift of Anointing to the Priesthood. I am truly honored and humbled to be the parish administrator of this wonderful, historical and loving St. Patrick's Parish, Sonora. This weekend we are going to learn how Jesus healed ten lepers. In fact, Luke is the only gospel that tells us about Jesus healing these ten men. The one person who came back to give thanks is so characteristic of our own culture today. Most of us are grateful when God answers a prayer, but how many of us go out of our way to express that thanks? This is one of the main purposes of the Eucharist, so much so that the word Eucharist comes from a Greek word which means "Thanksgiving."

Thanksgiving is the key to joy and happiness. A person who goes through life with an ungrateful attitude, feeling as if life has been unfair toward him or her and thinks life owes them much more than they have received, that person will be the unhappy person. It's the person who knows that God has blessed them and who has learned to be grateful who is able to be joyful and happy in life.

All ten of them were healed physically but nine of them went their way. One of them, however, was touched at a much deeper level in his being and he was converted to Christ and returned to the source of the blessing he received. He came to Jesus and knelt at the feet of Jesus who healed him. Every day many of us get healed in many ways but we go on our own way without returning to Jesus to thank Him. It is time for us to go back to Jesus.

I invite every one of you to come for the Eucharist which is Thanksgiving itself to the Lord. Please invite people whom you all know and welcome them to join us in thanking the Lord for all the blessings that He gave us and is going to give us in every day of our lives. I thank God for all of you and for all your families and invite you to join me in thanking the Lord every Sunday. You are all so amazing and blessed in many ways to be thankful. I thank God for all the gifts that you bring in to share with our loving St. Patrick's family.

Thanking you....!!!

In Christ, Fr. Banka
This Week in our Parish

Saturday 10/12 & Sunday 10/13 ~ Second Collection for Respect Life

Monday 10/14 ~ Columbus Day, Parish Office closed

Monday 10/14 ~ 6:30 pm Encounter, St. Patrick’s Adoration, Worship & Praise Music

Wednesday 10/16 ~ 6:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation, St. Patrick’s

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?

The Bible and the Sacraments is a dynamic video-based Bible study that explores the deeply scriptural roots of the sacraments. By illuminating the relationship between the Old and New Testaments and their connection to the rites of the Catholic Church, The Bible and the Sacraments reveals the sacramental nature of God’s plan for humanity.

The Bible and the Sacraments is unlike any other study on the sacraments. Certainly it looks at the basic teaching of the Church as to their meaning and origin, but it goes further. It investigates the deeper mystery of the sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture. By examining the rich relationship between the Old and New Testaments, it reveals the sacraments as more than mere earthly rituals. They are incredible “powers that come forth from the Body of Christ.” (CCC 1116)

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 for more information

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 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. Please try to give us one hour per week. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Office.

Religious Education at St. Patrick’s
Religious Education classes will continue
Wednesday, October 16th
6:30 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Session #5

Please contact Kathy Casas for more information:
(209)770-5987

The White Mass
The White Mass, so named by the color worn by those in the healing profession of medicine, gathers health care professionals under the patronage of St. Luke to ask God’s blessing upon the patient, doctor, nurse, and caregiver alike.

The Mass will be held on October 17 at St. Joseph’s Church, 1813 Oakdale Road, Modesto, 5:45 pm. There will be a reception following the Mass to meet and chat with the Bishop and other colleagues in the Father O’Hare Hall behind the Church.

For more information, please call 209-545-0035.

The Christmas Fair is right around the corner. Please stop by the board outside after Mass to take a list of items needed for a basket to be sold at the upcoming fair November 23. Your contribution to this effort is well appreciated and adds to the success of the fair. Monetary donations are also welcome.
Contact Carol Cashen at 213-9991 or Debby Cushman at 533-2756 for further information.
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Jackie Boling  Bill Kiesling
Mary Brown   Rosemarie Lapan
Anna Davidson  Lois Marzocchi
Aldo Diaz   Nuncy Patania
Ed Hall   Mary Russell
Eileen Hogan   Clay Sweeney
A. J. Holmes   Dan Ward
Jeanne Kiely  Mitch & Trish Woods

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

October is Respect Life Month

“You formed my inmost being; You knit me in my mother’s womb. I praise You, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works! My very self You know. (Psalm 139:13-14)

Lantern of Light
Faith-Based Suicide Prevention Ministry

Suicide is recognized as a serious community health problem worldwide. How can further deaths and injuries be prevented? How can we support people to choose life when something prevents them from seeing a way forward? The safeTALK suicide alertness training will teach skills to help make a life-saving connection that will support people to choose life.

When: November 9, 2019 (Saturday)
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Where: St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Parish Hall
Fee: $15 for safeTALK materials and snacks
(Scholarships available upon request)
Registration: miwuk.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/276191
For more information or assistance:
Please call Martha Golay @ 209-588-2935

Parent Retreat
Raising our children in the Faith is the most important role we have. To encourage you in your mission as parents, we invite you to a Parent Retreat on Saturday November 16th, from 9 am to 12 noon. Our guest speaker, John Sablan, is a devoted husband, father and Catholic evangelist.

This is a free retreat; all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, Godparents, and confirmation sponsors are invited. Parents of confirmation students and confirmation sponsors are required to attend. Come be inspired, learn some of the struggles our children and youth face today and how we can more effectively pass on the Catholic Faith to them!!!

Saturday, November 16
9:00 am to Noon
Registration begins at 8:45 am
St. Patrick’s Church, Sonora

World Mission Sunday
Second Collection the weekend of October 26-27
**Mass Intention for the Week**

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**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

- Sat 10/26 & Sun 10/27 ~ World Mission Sunday Second Collection
- Friday 11/1 ~ All Saints Day
- Saturday 11/2 ~ All Souls Day
- Sunday 11/3 ~ Daylight Saving Time ends
- Saturday 11/9 ~ Suicide Prevention Training 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
- Saturday 11/23 ~ St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair
- Thursday 11/28 ~ Thanksgiving Day
- Sunday 12/1 ~ First Sunday of Advent
- Monday 12/9 ~ Immaculate Conception
- Tuesday 12/24 ~ Christmas Eve
- Wednesday 12/25 ~ Christmas Day

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday October 14 ~ Sunday October 20**

**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

**Sunday:** Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 -- 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday October 13 ~ Saturday October 19**

**Sunday:** Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sukkot (Jewish Festival of Tabernacles: begins at sundown

**Monday:** St. Callistus I

**Tuesday:** Columbus Day; Canadian Thanksgiving Day

**Wednesday:** St. Teresa of Jesus

**Thursday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch

**Friday:** St. Luke

**Saturday:** St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, and Companions; Sweetest Day

**Weekly Offerings**

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Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!