St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

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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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
In this week’s Gospel, our Lord Jesus tells three different parables about desperately looking for something that was lost and the joy in finding it. In the last of the three parables, we hear about finding the “lost” son, also known as the “prodigal son.” In this beautiful story of a father’s love for his repentant son, we come to know how much God, who is “rich in mercy,” loves us and if we have sinned, desperately wants to find us to restore our dignity as His children.

The parable starts out with the younger of two sons rashly asking his father for his “share of the inheritance.” By making such a bold request, the younger son is essentially telling his father, “I no longer want anything to do with you ... you are dead to me.” The father, who is so generous, complies with the younger son’s hurtful demand. This young man does not value his dignity, or “worthiness,” as the son of such a wonderful father. He is rebellious, going off to “a distant country where he squandered his inheritance” on sinful living. After he “had freely spent everything he had,” the young man finds himself in desperate hunger. His only chance of survival is “to tend the swine.” What an epic fall! A man with such potential and opportunity, being the son of a rich father, wastes his life, his dignity, on worldly pleasures. He fell from being respected and honored as the son of a rich man to the most humiliating and disgusting situation possible, being a servant of smelly pigs. Jesus tells us this story not to warn us to be cautious how we spend our money. Our Lord wants us to recognize how much sin ruins our dignity as a child of God. In our baptism into the Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, we received the greatest possible gift of being “adopted” children of God. This is our dignity, our glory — to be a child of the Most-High God, the Creator of all things. When we leave our Father’s house, turn our backs on God and go out on our own, we will waste, or squander, our dignity as a child of the most generous and loving Father. When we choose to turn from God, trying to find happiness without Him, we end up hungry and desperate. Like the Prodigal Son, we will be “lost” and “dead.”

“Coming to his senses,” the son recalls his father’s generosity, his mercy, and is moved to repentance. Because of his sin, the younger son knew he “no longer deserved” to be called a son and was willing to accept the humiliation of being “treated as a hired worker.” As a worker, he would no longer be “dying of hunger,” but he would have to suffer from the humiliation of no longer being treated as a son. The loving father does not want his son to experience this shame. On the son’s return, the father ignores his son’s request and immediately tells the servants to wait on the young man as his son. He orders them to “quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.” God does not treat us repentant sinners like hired workers. God’s mercy does not belittle, demean, or patronize us because of our past sins. In His love for us, God completely removes the shame and humiliation that is a result of every sin. God’s mercy raises us and restores the dignity that was lost. In restoring our lost dignity as His child, God then gives us all the good things – peace, joy, eternal happiness, etc. – that are the blessings of being His child. Because God’s mercy is without limit, the humiliation, desperation, and misery resulting from our sins does not have to be the end of our story.

As the father in the parable was always waiting and watching for his wayward son to return, our Merciful God waits and watches for each of us to return to Him. He wants each of us back in His house “safe and sound.” As the father joyfully accepted and forgave his son, God, our Father, joyfully accepts us back and restores our dignity as His children. As the father of the parable rejoiced because he received his son back, God, and all of heaven with Him, rejoices at having us back. With God’s mercy, we were dead, and have come to life again; we were lost and have been found. The question we can ask ourselves this week is do we even want to be found by God?

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary and our patron St. Patrick, may we always know the Father’s love and mercy in His Son our Lord Jesus.

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

Saturday 9/14 & Sunday 9/15 ~ Mission Appeal, Archdiocese of Ozamis, Philippines

Sunday 9/15 ~ Reception & potluck for Fr. Sam following the 5:00 pm Spanish Mass, Parish Hall

Monday 9/16 ~ 6:30 pm Encounter, St. Patrick’s Adoration, Worship & Praise Music

Tuesday 9/17 ~ RCIA, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall Rm. 1

Wednesday 9/18 ~ 6:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation, St. Patrick’s

Wednesday 9/18 ~ Religious Study, 4:00 - 5:30pm OLMC

Saturday 9/21 ~ YLI Luncheon & Bunco, 11:30 am Parish Hall

Saturday 9/21 & Sunday 9/22 ~ Second Collection, Catholic Charities Sunday

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2019

YLI Patricia #79
Baked Potato Bar Luncheon/Bunco Games!
Saturday, Sept 21
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Doors open at 11:30 am
All Adults welcome!
$15 per person

Advance tickets or reservations suggested
For more information, call Vicki @ 532-6010
Bunco prizes ~ Drawing ~ Good food ~ Lots of fun!

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.

Religious Education at St. Patrick’s
Religious Education classes will continue
Wednesday, September 18th
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

News
WE’RE BACK!

All Weekend Masses, Daily Masses, all Adoration and Reconciliations at St. Patrick’s are back in the church!

Mission Appeal, September 14-15

The Archdiocese of Ozamis, Philippines, through the Mission Co-operative program with the Diocese of Stockton, is sending Fr. Marvin Osmeña to our Parish as their speaker representative. He will be at St. Patrick’s Parish on September 14-15, to speak about his mission and to tell us about our Catholic brothers and sisters in the Philippines.

Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. Osmeña!
**Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church**

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, please contact the Parish Office at 209-532-7139.

The Sacrament of Baptism

We joyfully welcome

**Daniela Uriostegui**

Baptized August 24, 2019

All Saints and St. Joseph Parish Annual Parish Festival!

Saturday Sept 21

- Silent Auction: Noon to 6:00 pm
- Barbeque Dinner: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Tickets for the Dinner:
  - Adults $15, Children 12 & under are Free
  - Also Raffle, Games, and Entertainment!

For complete schedule and more information:

www.allsaintsandsaintjoseph.org

(209)586-3161

All Saints Catholic Church
18674 Cherokee Drive
Twain Harte

**St. Patrick’s Music Ministry** provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and prayer for our communal liturgies and parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of our diverse and committed members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come sing with us!

Please call the Music Office for more information:

209-532-7139, ext. 109

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Worship and Praise Music

Monday evenings 6:30-7:45 pm

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Sonora

All are Welcome!

**Adoration and Reconciliation**

Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.”

(CCC #289)

**Spiritual Direction at Saint Patrick’s**

Spiritual Directors are trained companions who join a seeker on his/her spiritual journey and help in the discernment of where God’s spirit is leading.

The following members of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church have been trained as Spiritual Directors through the Institute for Catholic Spirituality & Spiritual Direction, and are available to the faith community.

If interested in learning more, contact any one of our spiritual directors:

† Cynthia Dragun: (805) 490-6147
† Barbara Fish: (209) 743-8919
† Carol Gabbert: (775) 771-6297
† Connie Jacob: (209) 591-7978
† Christina Welch: (541) 447-7998
**Mass for the Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday September 14 ~ Sunday September 22**

**Saturday** 5:00 pm Cindy Merritt (Healing)

**Sunday** 7:30 am Alice Clisham ♀

Irene Bryant ♀

9:00 am Deceased members of the YLI ♀

Gijsbert & Margaret Spilt ♀

11:00 am Walter Kolander ♀

5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez ♀

Lupe Diaz ♀

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

**Monday** 8:00 am No Intentions

**Tuesday** 8:00 am No Intentions

**Wednesday** 8:00 am Cecilia Woosley (Healing)

**Thursday** 8:00 am Jeanne Kiely (Happy Birthday!)

**Friday** 8:00 am Fina Balbuena

**Saturday** 5:00 pm Marcos Balbuena ♀

**Sunday** 7:30 am Fred Rodrigues ♀

9:00 am Lizbeth Gutierrez ♀

Lois McLain ♀

11:00 am No Intentions

5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez ♀

Adolfo Negrete ♀

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**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Saturday 9/21 ~** YLI Bunco and Luncheon, 11:30 am

**Sunday 9/22 ~** Second Collection

Catholic Charities Sunday

**Sunday 9/22 ~** Cinnamon Sunday, OLMC

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

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

**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

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday September 16 ~ Sunday September 22**

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday September 15 ~ Saturday September 21**

**Sunday:** Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

**Monday:** St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

**Tuesday:** St. Robert Bellarmine

**Thursday:** St. Januarius

**Friday:** St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and St. Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions

**Saturday:** St. Matthew

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**Weekly Offerings**

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Catholic University America: St. Pat’s $561; OLMC $140

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