St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mission Church
11700 Catholic Cemetery Rd.
Big Oak Flat, CA

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February 9, 2020

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.”
John 9:39

“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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
As the world confronts and fights the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and following the guidance of local, state and national public health officials and out of love for God’s people, beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020, all public daily and Sunday Masses at St. Patrick’s Parish and OLMC, along with all churches in the Stockton Diocese, will be suspended until further notice.

However, we will have the church open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon for private prayer. In addition the church will be open from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Friday and on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This is for private prayer only.

In order for the church to remain open for prayer time the following criteria must be met:
† No more than 10 people are allowed in at a time. Please be mindful if people are waiting.
† Access to the Sacristy will be prohibited. The key will be removed from the key box and the code will be changed to the Sacristy door.
† Under no circumstance is the church to be opened before 9:00 AM or closed after 12:00 Noon.
† Under no circumstance is the Tabernacle to be opened.

While you are in the church for your personal prayer with the Lord, please be aware that you need to distance yourselves from one another by at least six feet. And, it is decided that there cannot be more than 10 people at a time. I encourage every one of you to stay strong and keep your eyes on Jesus.

In addition, all ministries, functions, religious education, RCIA, and events are cancelled, with the exception of AA meetings, following the guidelines as laid out by the Diocese and state until further notice. If AA wants to continue meeting, they can in these stressful times, as long as they follow the same guidelines outlined above.

Matthew 25 has been cancelled, but food bags are available for people to pick up between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. Jerry and Sandy Tannhauser have offered to deliver food to any parishioner’s home. If someone needs food, they can call the office and schedule the delivery.

The Ministry to the Sick has been suspended until further notice. Ministers are asked to call by phone and check on their people.

There will be no funerals, reconciliation, or adoration at the church until Masses are resumed. People can call the office and schedule a time and I will meet with them individually for confession. Graveside services at this point are ok.

The office will remain open Monday through Thursday but times may change. We are awaiting guidelines from the Diocese as to our employees. All current Mass Intentions will be prayed for at my personal daily mass.

As a church family, our offerings need to remain strong to support our efforts during these times. Cancelling Masses will hurt us significantly. You are asked to continue your financial support during these times. We are not in a financial position for the loss of what is to come.

I know that this period will be difficult in various ways for all of us, but I want to assure all of you and your families of my special prayers. Please be aware that the parish staff and I are working on different ways to continue to minister to all of you the best way we can. Your support at this time in all the ways possible will help us to continue to smoothly run our Parish in the days to come. Let’s continue to offer ourselves to the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, who can plead on our behalf to protect our faith, health and wellbeing.

In the Merciful Christ,
Fr. Banka
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday March 23 ~ Sunday March 29**

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:23-38

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday March 22 ~ Saturday March 28**

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Monday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

**Tuesday:** World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations

**Wednesday:** The Annunciation of the Lord

**Friday:** Abstinence

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

The 2nd Quarter (April-May-June) 2020 Ministry Mass Schedules are ready to be picked up in the Parish Office. They will also be available on our website. Thank you all for your ministry!

**TV:** Daily Mass from EWTN Chapel. EWTN is channel 261 on DISH, 370 on Direct TV, and 233 on Comcast.

Internet: Bishop Robert Barron celebrates daily Mass at www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

**Weekly Offerings**

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