St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

Jesus said to them, “I tell you, the tax collector went home justified, not the Pharisee; for whoever exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

LUKE 19:14

THIRTIETH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 27, 2019

“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,

The readings this weekend are mainly about true humility and repentance for our sins which must be the hallmark of our prayers. However, the central focus of today’s parable is not on prayer itself, but rather on the evil of pride, the need for true humility and the role of God’s grace in our salvation.

The first reading from Sirach is a perfect companion piece to the Gospel parable. In one striking image from Sirach, the writer declares “the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds to reach the unseen throne of God.” Such prayers are heard because they come from the hearts of people who know how much they need God. Although God has no favorites and answers the prayers of all, the oppressed, the orphans, widows, and those who can least help themselves are His special concern. The best prayer is humble and selfless service. In the second reading, the former Pharisee, Paul, like the publican in the Gospel parable, humbly acknowledges his work is accomplished by the grace of God, and he thanks God for enabling him to fight a good battle -- to run a good race while keeping his Faith intact and proclaiming it. In today’s Gospel parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus reminds us that God hears the prayers of those who approach Him in humility with a repentant heart. God did not hear the prayer of this Pharisee because he exalted himself. His prayer was a prayer of thanksgiving that he was not as evil as other people. He announced to God his freedom from sin and detailed his fidelity in observing the prescribed fast and in giving tithes. The tax collector’s prayer, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner,” was heard because he humbled himself, acknowledging his sins and requesting God’s mercy.

Let us evict the Pharisee and revive the publican in each of us. We become the proud Pharisee when we brag about our achievements giving no credit to God, when we seek praise and recognition from others for our accomplishments, and when we degrade others with insensitive comments, hurting their feelings. In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenges us to imitate the humble publican (tax collector), by acknowledging our total dependence on God and His grace for all our achievements and blessings; by confessing to God daily our sinfulness and asking for His pardon and forgiveness; by praying for God’s continued daily support through His grace; by asking for His strengthening through the daily anointing and of His Holy Spirit living within us; and by becoming more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others, serving Jesus in them as best as we can.

Let us include all the necessary ingredients in our prayers. Our personal prayers must include our request for pardon and forgiveness for our sins, thanksgiving for the numerous blessings we receive daily from God, praise and worship, the unconditional surrender of our life and all our activities completely and unconditionally to God, the acknowledgement of our weakness and total dependence on Him, and finally, the presentation of our needs and petitions, accompanied by the fervent request for God’s strengthening in our weakness and temptations by the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit. Let us pray every day: “Be merciful to me, a sinner.”

I would like to thank all of you for your participation in our parish database update and your commitment to help increase our offertory donations. Also, the welcome team for our parish is conducting a logo contest. Along with the Welcome Team, I look forward to having an official logo to best represent Saint Patrick’s Parish, Sonora. It will be used in the parish office for all type of communication that flows from St. Patrick’s Parish, Sonora, as well as for all the ministries and the website. Therefore, I sincerely appreciate that each and every one of you will be creative and will participate in this contest by either submitting a design or giving your valuable suggestions. More information regarding this exciting endeavor will be found in next week’s bulletin, in addition to being on our website and our Facebook page. Thank you for helping us illustrate and distinguish our St. Patrick’s Parish, Sonora, with a meaningful logo. For the children, we will be having a special coloring contest....more details coming soon. Let’s involve our children in this fun and exciting opportunity!

In the Merciful Christ,
Fr. Banka
This Week in our Parish

Sat 10/26 & Sun 10/27 ~ World Mission Sunday
   Second Collection

Wednesday 10/30 ~ Religious Study at OLMC

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

Friday 11/1 ~ All Saints Day
   Masses at 8:00 am and 6:30 pm, St. Patrick’s
   Mass at 4:00 pm, OLMC

Saturday 11/2 ~ All Souls Day
   Mass at 11:00 am, St. Patrick’s Cemetery
   Special Blessing at 4:30 pm, OLMC Cemetery

Cinnamon Sundays at OLMC

Our final Cinnamon Sunday until spring will be held this Sunday October 27th after the 9 am Mass at OLMC. It is a welcome home brunch for Fr. Banka, and all are invited! Call Ellen (962-7617) or Jeanette Tew (763-228-0349) with any questions or suggestions.

The Christmas Fair will be here soon! 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 on November 23. Monetary donations are also welcome. Contact Carol Cashen at 213-9991 or Debby Cushman at 533-2756 for further information.

ATTENTION Bakers! The Bake Sale Booth for the annual St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair needs your help to stock the booth with yummy goodies. The Fair will be held on Saturday, November 23rd. We are asking that you bring your baked goods to the Parish Hall Friday, November 22nd so we can price and have the booth ready for the 7 am opening of the Fair. If you are bringing cookies, brownies, etc. please pack them in groups of three for sale. Also, if you are making something with nuts, please be sure to mark it clearly that it has nuts. Many people have nut allergies. Smaller items, like cookies, brownies, muffins, small loaves, sell very well especially for those looking for a quick treat. Remember: There will be no refrigeration available at the booth itself, so we cannot accept any items that need to be kept cold. Signup sheets are at the Parish Office, or in the back of the Church, or contact YLI member Jan Opie (209-532-5955).

NEW Religious Study to begin at OLMC!

What: The Sacraments of the Catholic Church (11 sessions)
Where: OLMC Parish House
When: Wednesday evenings
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.

Contact Warren Belisle at 962-4309 or email: bellale@msn.com for more information

All Saints Day, Friday November 1
Masses at 8:00 am and 6:30 pm, St. Patrick’s
Mass at 4:00 pm, OLMC

All Souls Day, Saturday November 2
Mass at 11:00 am, St. Patrick’s Cemetery
Special Blessing at 4:30 pm, OLMC Cemetery

INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD,
we commend the soul of
Cooper Gookin
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Precious one, may God hold you in the palm of His hand, until we meet again.
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

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

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

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

St. Patrick’s Altar Society presents:
A Western Dinner & Dance!

- Friday, November 8
- Dinner 6:00 pm, Dance 7:00-9:00 pm
- St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
- $20 per person

Tickets may be purchased after all weekend Masses, or in the Parish Office during the week.
Please purchase your tickets in advance!
All proceeds will go to replenish and replace our Altar cloths and linens.

St. Patrick’s Altar Society will meet on Monday, November 4th at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall, Room 1. This is a very important meeting. If you do church linens or clean the church please attend. We will be nominating new officers for 2020. All ladies of the Parish are welcome! We are also looking for ladies to help with the church linens and cleaning. If you would like to help, please contact President Marge Nath at 532-2229, or attend the meeting on November 4th.

The Hill Top Musical Kids presents:
Josie and the Jinglicious Dream Lamp

Performances:
Friday November 15, at 7:00 pm
Saturday November 16, at 2:00pm

Where: Groveland EV Free Church
19172 Ferretti Rd., Groveland
No Admission Charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted
For more information, please call Louise Turney at 209-484-9822

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

John Sablan, guest speaker
We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.

Saturday October 26 ~ Sunday November 3
Saturday 5:00 pm  No Intentions
Sunday 7:30 am  All Parishioners
9:00 am  Adolfo Negrete ✧
          Eric Mlinar
11:00 am  Jeff Diego (Healing)
5:00 pm  Alicia Sanchez ✧
          Jose Lopez ✧

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Monday 8:00 am  Adolfo Negrete ✧
Tuesday 8:00 am  No Intentions
Wednesday 8:00 am  No Intentions
Thursday 8:00 am  No Intentions
Friday 8:00 am  Lupe Diaz ✧
         Brandon Moore ✧
         Paul Barendregt ✧
6:30 pm  No Intentions
Saturday Noon  No Intentions
5:00 pm  Lupe Diaz ✧
         LaVon & Jack Woodcock ✧
Sunday 7:30 am  Angela Brown ✧
9:00 am  Catherine Bentz ✧
11:00 am  Tony Roma ✧
         Adolfo Negrete ✧
5:00 pm  Alicia Sanchez ✧
          Lupe Diaz ✧

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date
Sunday 11/3 ~ Daylight Saving Time ends
Monday 11/4 ~ Altar Society Meeting, 1:00 pm
          Parish Hall, Rm. 1
Friday 11/8 ~ Altar Society Fundraiser
          “Western Dinner/Dance” 6:00-9:00 pm
          St. Patrick’s Parish Hall, $20 per person
Saturday 11/9 ~ Suicide Prevention Training
          8:30 am - 12:30 pm, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Saturday 11/16 ~ Parent Retreat, 9:00 am to Noon,
          St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Saturday 11/23 ~ St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair
Saturday 11/23 & Sunday 11/24 ~ 2nd Collection
          Catholic Campaign for Human Development
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 28 ~ Sunday November 3
Monday:  Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31;
          Lk 13:31-35
Friday:  Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
         Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;
         Jn 6:37-40
Sunday:  Wis 11:22 – 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;
         2 Thes 1:11 -- 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday October 27 ~ Saturday November 2
Sunday:  Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:  St. Simon and St. Jude
Thursday: Halloween
Friday:  All Saints Day; First Friday
Saturday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful
          Departed (All Souls Day); First Saturday

First Friday Adoration is cancelled for Nov 1 and for Dec 6, while the ministry
members take some time to regroup and reorganize. Future plans for 2020 will be
announced.

Weekly Offerings

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Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!