St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

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 4:00 pm
Or by appt.

Staff
Fr. Sam West, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Lawrence O.C.D., Parochial Vicar
Mike Kubasek, Deacon
Ron Ivey, Business Manager
Marie Dahlstrand, Coordinator of Liturgy
Sandra Betti, Music Director
Kathy Casas, Religious Education
Angela Cordes, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Gail Andrus, Receptionist
Jan DePaoli, Administrative Asst.
Emergency Intercessions “8”

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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
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Ron Ivey’s Message

Happy Summer to All and Blessings to You!
I was asked to write about the finances of the parish for this week’s message, since Fr. Sam is away on vacation. In the past, what I had to report on was not all that positive. This year, however, is different.

For the first time in my eight years at St. Patrick’s, we have ended our fiscal year in the black! It is with great joy that I report we ended with a surplus of $8,744.54. This is a monumental moment for the parish since typically we finish the year with a $(40,000+) deficit. Congratulations to everyone!!

Back in November, we began a parish stewardship program with the hopes of increasing our offertory. This was a program spearheaded by the Diocese and all parishes were to participate. Between St. Patrick’s and OLMC, the increase we have seen is 21% (St. Patrick’s at 18% and OLMC at 3%) in this last fiscal year. As a result of projected income, we will be able to have a balanced budget for the first time in my eight years. You can also see the increase in the amount of people giving. In the bulletin each week, there is a percentage of people participating in the offertory. This number only reflects donations that can be tracked by an envelope, e-giving, or name attached to it. It does not include loose cash. When we began inserting the participation percentage, we were around 21% as an average per week. Now we range between 26% and 30% per week. Again, congratulations!!

Another contributing factor to this past fiscal year is a reduction in expenses. Overall, expenses for both St. Patrick’s and OLMC have been reduced by $62,584.73 or 9% from the previous fiscal year. Thanks to the dedicated staff, finance council, parish council, and Fr. Sam, we have been able to reduce overall expenses while not making cuts to programs or ministries while being able to explore some new ministries. Currently, we look forward to another fiscal year not ending in the red. With your increased offerings and weekly/monthly/annual commitments, the parish is slowly becoming more stable.

As you will see, the church entrance is also changing. With the help of the car raffle some years back, a couple of Christmas festivals, some sale of stock, and private donations, we were able to secure a contract with Plum Construction to make the entrance to the church more accessible for parishioners. In addition to the entrance being leveled out, we also hope to paint and repair the two front window jams (not the stained glass, but the area around), paint the high altar and three walls surrounding it, replace the entry doors, and repair the stucco from the bell tower down that has been chipping away. We hope to have these maintenance items completed while the church is closed if possible. We are still accepting donations towards this project to be able to complete all items. The financing for the entry flat work and doors have been secured. We have some funds available for the remaining items and are still waiting on one or two more bids.

As an insert in this week’s bulletin, you will find an abbreviated finance report for the fiscal year 2018-2019. On the backside will be the balance sheet ending June 30, 2019. These reports will give you a snapshot of where we are and where we were the previous year.

It is such a blessing to be able to share all of this exciting news with you. I hope as I am asked again to write a message for the bulletin, the news will be equally as good or better. Typically summers are quiet, and it is a good time of year to catch up. Not this year. As I said in the beginning, this year has been exciting and finances ended above budget which is a blessing. It is because of you and your continued support that we are able to continue in the mission of the church. Thank you for all you do in your ministry and behind the scenes.

Peace,
Ron Ivey
Business Manager, St. Patrick’s Parish
This Week in our Parish

Saturday 7/27 & Sunday 7/28 ~ All weekend Masses are in the Parish Hall

Monday 7/29 ~ Encounter 6:30 - 7:45 pm
Parish Hall, Room 3

Wednesday 7/31 ~ 6:30 pm Adoration - Parish Hall, Room 3; Reconciliation - Parish Hall, Room 2

Saturday 8/3 & Sunday 8/4 ~ All weekend Masses are in the Parish Hall

Adoration and Reconciliation
Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Parish Hall, Rm. 3 (July-August)
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Sonora

Cinnamon Sundays at OLMC
All are invited to join us on July 28th, the last Sunday of the month, at Our Lady of Mt Carmel. Immediately after the 9:00 am Mass, we will gather in the Parish House for fellowship, coffee and warm cinnamon rolls, or whatever goodies you wish to share!

All Saints Parish, Twain Harte
Friday August 2 & Saturday August 3
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday August 4
8:00 am to 12:00 pm
All Saints Catholic Church
18674 Cherokee Dr., Twain Harte

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We must be ever vigilant!
SB 24 Abortion by Medication Techniques has recently been introduced to the California State Legislature.

Senate Bill 24 requires the on-campus health centers of public universities in California to offer abortion-inducing drugs like RU-486. SB 24 also invites student health centers to offer abortion counseling services to students but is specifically written in such a way to exclude pro-life counseling.

Besides the moral significance of this bill, SB 24 puts the health of college women at a greater risk. Chemical abortion can be a painful and traumatic experience that if not administered at the appropriate time could lead to complications and even place the woman’s life at risk.

This bill also establishes a commission to administer an abortion promotion fund that would accept donations from private, local, and federal government agencies.

The state of California should not be encouraging or funding abortions at all. Most Californians, even many who support a woman’s right to choose, are opposed to our state being so involved in such a highly controversial decision.

Ask your elected representative to vote NO on SB 24!
Send a letter/email to your state representative. The link to do this online through the Catholic Legislative Network is: http://cqrcengage.com/cacatholic/app/write-a-letter?5&engagementId=498430

Volunteers needed!
We need a few people to sort and pack Christmas Fair items.
If you can help, please call Barbara Sweeney at 209-536-0989

Thank you!

The Sacrament of Baptism
We joyfully welcome
Ian Garcia
Baptized July 27, 2019
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Al Biedrzycki
Jackie Boling
Jalen Bozzo
Mary Brown
Anna Davison
Bernie Frost
Ed Hall
A. J. Holmes
Jeanne Kiely
Bill Kiesling
Kristine Kitamura
Lois McLain
Cindy Merritt
Lois Marzocchi
Rebecca & Joe Nichols
Angela Pinocchio
Juan Pulido
Clay Sweeney
Don Ward
Mitch & Trish Woods

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

INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD, we commend the soul of Chad Froehlich
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

A Message from Bishop Cotta:

My Dear People of God,

Earlier this week, after a remarkable grassroots campaign mounted by religious liberty advocates, California Catholics, as well as Catholics from across the country, Senate Bill 360 was pulled from the California Assembly Public Safety Committee agenda. The withdrawal of the Senate Bill came the day before a scheduled July 9 hearing.

I would like to express my personal gratitude for the faith and devotion of individual Catholics, parishes, and organizations within the Diocese of Stockton. Thousands of phone calls, letters, and emails from Catholics in our diocese were made to lawmakers in Sacramento. Together we have done our part in protecting the seal of confession. Our effort was worth it. It all made a difference, all involved made a difference. Thank you.

In Peace of Christ,
Myron J. Cotta
Most Reverend Myron J. Cotta
Roman Catholic Bishop of Stockton

SB360
Withdrawn!

Fall Retreat September 13 - 15, 2019
Old Oak Ranch
15250 Old Oak Ranch Road,
Sonora, CA 95370

The Sermon On The Mount

“The Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, and Jesus’ teaching on the Torah reveal for us the kind of people we are called to be in the Church and how we are to act so as to receive the blessings of the kingdom of God both in the present and when the kingdom of God comes in its fullness. The teachings of Jesus give those who follow Him an identity as God’s people and a significance for the whole world.”

-Bishop Stephen Blaire

Come join us as Reverend Yesobu Banka leads our 2019 Retreat. Fr. Banka’s homilies are heart touching and thought provoking. He leads retreat participants in meaningful sessions of the Church’s teachings and the Sacred Scriptures. He holds degrees from universities in India and is currently attending University of California Berkeley in journalism studies. Fr. Yesobu Banka is the founder of “Little Sheep Of Christ” ministry which provides education for children in Pochavaram Village, India.

Accept this invitation to join other men for a weekend of reflective spirituality. Get away from the pressures and activities of daily life for a refreshing weekend of renewal. Regain, deepen, and strengthen your spiritual perspective.

Registration
Visit us at www.CatholicMen.org for online registration and payment options.
Or, mail registration form with $185 donation for lodging and meals to:
2019 CMF CA Fall Retreat
10905 Kelso Ct.
Sonora, CA 95370

Email CMF: SonoraCMF@gmail.com
Or
Call (209) 264-2263
**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Wednesday 8/14** ~ Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 5:00 pm OLMC

**Thursday 8/15** ~ Masses for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8:00 am and 6:30 pm St. Pat’s

**Sunday 8/18** ~ Parish Picnic, Pinecrest Lake

**Monday 9/2** ~ Labor Day, Parish Office closed

**Saturday 9/7 & Sunday 9/8** ~ Second Collection for the Catholic University of America

**Sunday 9/22** ~ Catholic Charities Sunday

**Friday 9/13 - Sunday 9/15** ~ Catholic Men’s Fellowship Retreat

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

**Friday 11/1** ~ All Saints Day

**Saturday 11/2** ~ All Souls Day

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**Mass & Intentsions for the Week**

**Saturday July 27 ~ Sunday August 4**

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<td>Gerardo Rosas ♂</td>
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<td>Sandy Pallante ♂</td>
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<td>Alicia Sanchez ♂</td>
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<td>Lizbeth Gutierrez ♂</td>
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*We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.*

**Monday**

- 8:00 am Jean Hansen ♂

**Tuesday**

- 8:00 am Ulibarri - Rapoza Family

**Wednesday**

- 8:00 am No Intentions

**Thursday**

- 8:00 am No Intentions

**Friday**

- 8:00 am No Intentions

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday July 28 ~ Saturday August 3**

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<td>St. Peter Chrysologus</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>St. Ignatius of Loyola</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>St. Alphonsus Liguori</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
<td>St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard; First Friday</td>
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**Weekly Offerings**

**Weekly Goal $10,000**

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**General Offerings**

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<td>St. Pat’s</td>
<td>$5,721</td>
<td>$4,961</td>
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<td>OLMC</td>
<td>$1,244</td>
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<td>E-giving</td>
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<td>$7,753</td>
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**LAST YEAR**

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<td>St. Pat’s</td>
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**Maintenance Offering**

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday July 29 ~ Sunday August 4**

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<td>Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43</td>
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<td>Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46</td>
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<td>Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53</td>
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<td>Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58</td>
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<td>Saturday</td>
<td>Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12</td>
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**Sunday**

- Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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