St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish  
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

May 5, 2019
3rd Sunday of Easter

Lord, you know that

I love you

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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.

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The readings for this Third Sunday of Easter reveal to us what it means to truly love our Risen Lord Jesus. **Obedience to God’s will, self-giving service to God and others, and remaining faithful to Jesus in spite of inevitable suffering** are how we both express and grow in love of Jesus.

In the Gospel, we hear how the Risen Lord appears to His apostles on the shore of the Sea of Tiberius. This is Jesus’ third appearance to His apostles, recorded in the Gospel of John, after the Resurrection. After Jesus fed them breakfast consisting of bread and fish, He asks Peter, “do you love me?” three times. This question Jesus asks Peter, perhaps His closest friend, is the same question He is asking each one of us. We can say we “love” Jesus, but is our love for Him genuine self-giving love as He loves us, or is it tainted with “self-taking” love? In other words, do we love the Lord only because of what He gives us, for our own benefit, or do we love Him simply because of who He is? We see in the Gospel, love for God is first expressed in obedience to God’s will, doing what He wants. When Peter responded “yes” to Jesus’ question “do you love me,” Jesus gives him a command to do something, to give of himself in serving others – “feed my sheep.” Therefore, love of Jesus, the kind of love Jesus is asking of us, is connected to doing what Jesus asks of us. During the Lord’s Supper, Jesus tells His disciples, “If you love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). To truly love Jesus, we need to obey His commandments. The need to obey God is confirmed also in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles when Peter, testifying in front the Jewish religious court, called the Sanhedrin, tells them “We must obey God rather than men.”

After each of Peter’s affirmative responses to our Lord’s question of “do you love me,” Jesus asks Peter to do something, some action. Self-giving love, the way God loves, is not expressed fully in nice words, saying “Yes, I love you.” Our Risen Lord is encouraging Peter to rise above the limits of human love, to love Him beyond feelings and emotion. God’s love, which is infinitely generous, is expressed in the action of giving of Himself without limit. Jesus’ act of willingly giving His life for us on the Cross is the most vivid expression of how God loves us. Jesus teaches Peter to both show and grow in this Divine love by also giving of himself in “feeding” and “tending” His sheep. We too then show love for God and grow in love of Him when we give ourselves in service to Him and others.

Finally, our Lord tells Peter “by what kind of death he would glorify God,” meaning Peter is going to be martyred because of His love for Jesus. Loving God means remaining faithful to Him in spite of all the hardships we are sure to endure “for the sake of His name.” Love for God means we are willing to lose everything, including our freedom and even our very lives, for Him. This makes perfect sense. Our Lord Jesus showed His infinite love for us by freely dying on the Cross for our salvation.

All of this may sound too much for us, but we have to remember God does give us the grace we need to love Him as He loves us. We receive the necessary grace when we spend time in prayer, participate in the Sacraments, obey the commandments, and perform works of mercy for others, helping those in need.

**“First Mass, Last Mass, and Only Mass”**

At the 5 pm Saturday Mass and the 11 am Mass this Sunday, we are celebrating the gift of First Holy Communion for our Faith Formation children. Holy Communion is the supreme act of Jesus’ love for us - He truly gives Himself as our food for eternal life. We pray for these children that they grow in the experience of Jesus’ love for them each time they receive the greatest gift Jesus gave His Church, His Body and Blood. We congratulate these beautiful children and their families.

This should remind us of the gift of our own First Holy Communion and that receiving truly our Risen Lord’s Body and Blood is the most special act we can possibly do on earth. One way to make every reception of the Lord’s Body and Blood really special is to do what is recommended to priests: “Celebrate this Mass as if it is your first Mass, your last Mass, and your only Mass.”

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Patrick, we pray for the grace to love Jesus as He should be loved!

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

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### Grieving with Great HOPE

**Grieving with Great HOPE** is a five-week grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child, a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include Cathi Ruiz and Martha Golay as well as John and Sandy O’Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate. Contact Steve and Martha Golay for registration details and registration form at 209-588-2935 or email golaymartha@yahoo.com

**Thursdays, May 9 – June 6, 6-7:30p.m.**
St. Patrick Catholic Church ~ 127 Jackson Street, Sonora

There is a $15 fee for the workshop. This will be collected at the first meeting.

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### SPIRITUAL GROWTH TEAM QUICHE BRUNCH & BAKE SALE!

Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19
After all Masses
Parish Hall ~ St. Patrick’s
Come buy some goodies!
All proceeds support future retreats and spiritual growth sessions.

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### La Fiesta de San Jose el Obrero
Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker
Sunday, May 5 ~ Domingo, 5 Mayo

**Special Mass Time:**
- Mass 3:00 pm
- Misa 3:00 pm

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
La Iglesia de San Patricio

Followed by potluck
Potluck despues de Misa
Please bring a dish to share
Estamos pidiendo por favor que traigan un platillo para compartir.

Mas Info: Salvador 559-9841 or Gerardo 454-7720

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Our prayers go with Fr. Sam and Fr. Joseph as they attend the annual Priests’ retreat.
Here are the changes to our Daily Mass Schedule, Exposition and Adoration, and Reconciliation while they are gone.

**Monday, May 6**
No 6:30 pm Exposition, but we will have Worship and Praise music.

**Tuesday, May 7 - Friday, May 10, 8:00 am Daily Mass**
No Daily Mass, but we will have Communion Service led by Deacon Mike.

**Wednesday, May 8**
No 6:30 pm Exposition and Adoration, no Reconciliation.

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St. Patrick’s Altar & Rosary Society
May Salad Luncheon
Monday May 6th, 11:30 am
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Please bring your favorite salad to share, and bring a friend!
For more information, please call President Marge Nath at 532-2229
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Al Biedrzycki  
Jackie Boling  
Jalen Bozzo  
Angela Brown  
Ed Hall  
Joan Holland  
A. J. Holmes  
Bill Kiesling  
Kristine Kitamura  
Judi Maguire  
Lois Marzocchi  
Cindy Merritt  
Juan Pulido  
Clay Sweeney  
Dan Ward  
Mitch & Trish Woods

To add or remove a name from this list or the prayer chain, please contact Sandy Pallante at 532-7625.

Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend the souls of

Basilisa Santiago  
Louise Bergesen  
Steven Montoya

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Save the Date - May 19th!

Fr. Yesobu Banka is coming to give us a presentation and update on St. Patrick’s “Little Sheep of Christ” ministry in India. Fr. Banka will be at St. Patrick’s to celebrate the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses on Sunday, May 19th. The presentation will be after the 11:00 Mass, in the Parish Hall, Rm 3 & 4. All are welcome! Donations gratefully accepted.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Priscilla’s Pansy Pals

During the fifty days of the Easter season, we have a lovely way to keep OLMC filled with the bounty of Spring. You will find empty vases left in the back of the church. Please feel free to take one and fill it with flowers, blossoms, and beauty. That way each of us can take what is around us and make of it a special offering for our worship services. When you see the empties, it will be time to refill our vases with the life in bloom. Bring the filled vases to Mass and place them.

Cinnamon Sundays

Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s next Cinnamon Sunday will gather on May 26th after the 9 am Mass. Please feel free to bring juice or your breakfast specialty. Don’t forget your celebratory spirit!

Mother Lode Round-Up Parade

Downtown Sonora  
Saturday, May 11th, 10:00 am

The theme of our float this year is Our Lady Of Fatima and the Three Shepherd Children.

Here’s how you can help out, and be a part of the fun:

† Walk with us & wear green!  
† Donate artificial/silk flowers for the float! Please take them to the Parish Office.  
† Buy a St Patrick’s Church T-shirt for only $10.00 each! Contact Jan DePaoli at the office to buy a T-shirt, or pick one up after Mass this weekend. For more info, please contact Kary Hubbard at (209)728-7500.

May 12, 2019

The 56th World Day of Prayer for Vocations

“"The People of God need to be guided by pastors whose lives are spent in service to the Gospel. I ask parish communities, associations and the many prayer groups present in the Church, not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send workers to his harvest. May he give us priests enamored of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God’s merciful love.”

Pope Francis

Encounter

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Worship and Praise Music

Monday evenings 6:30-7:45 pm  
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Sonora
**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Wednesday 5/15 ~ Confirmation Mass 6:00 pm, St. Patrick’s**

**Tuesday 5/21 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm**

**Monday 5/27 ~ Memorial Day**

**Saturday 6/1 ~ Music Ministry Retreat**

**Saturday 6/8 ~ Pentecost Vigil**

**Sunday 6/9 ~ Pentecost Sunday**

**Sunday 6/16 ~ Father’s Day**

   Baby Bottle Boomerang ends

**Thursday 7/4 ~ Independence Day**

**Tuesday 7/16 ~ Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

**Friday 7/26 ~ Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne**

**Thursday 8/15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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**Mass for the Intentions of the Week**

**Saturday May 4 ~ Sunday May 12**

**Saturday**

5:00 pm Vern Froehlich

OLMC 5:00 pm Rolene Kiesling

**Sunday**

7:30 am Roy Volpetti

9:00 am William Schrag

OLMC 9:00 am Rolene Kiesling

11:00 am Jose Ramirez

5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez

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

**Monday**

8:00 am John Rodrigues

**Tuesday**

8:00 am No Intentions

**Wednesday**

8:00 am Alicia Diaz

Sofia Diaz

**Thursday**

8:00 am Juan Diaz (Happy Birthday!)

**Friday**

8:00 am Rose Merel

Gina Minners

**Saturday**

5:00 pm Jeff Fish

Lena Fraguero

**Sunday**

7:30 Alicia Diaz

Ines Bandera

9:00 am TeTe Arellano

Adolfo Negrete

11:00am Jose Ramirez

Roy Volpetti

5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez

Lupe Diaz

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday May 6 ~ Sunday May 12**

**Monday:**


**Tuesday:**

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:**

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:**

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:**

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:**

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday:**

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday May 5 ~ Saturday May 11**

**Sunday:**

Third Sunday of Easter; Cinco de Mayo; Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins

**Friday:**

St. Damien de Veuster

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**Confirmation**

Wednesday, May 15

6:00 pm

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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**Weekly Offerings**

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Catholic Home Missions: St. Pat’s $669; OLMC $142

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