St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

St. Patrick’s Church
127 Jackson St., Sonora, CA

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

Staff
Fr. Sam West, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Lawrence,
Parochial Vicar
Mike Kubasek, Deacon
Ron Ivey, Business Manager
Marie Dahlstrand,
Coordinator of Liturgy
Sandra Betti, Music Director
Kathy Casas, Religious Education
Katie McClintock,
Youth Ministry Leader
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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. If you 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

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this:
to care for orphans and widows in their affliction.”
James 1:27


On behalf of St. Patrick’s Parish, I joyfully welcome you. Our hope is all who come to

Some thoughts on Family Life: Sacrifice & Love

Margot Fonteyn (Born May 18, 1919, England – Died February 21, 1991, Panama) is still the holder of the famous title “Prima Ballerina” conferred on her in the year 1935, yet dancing was not the most important part of her life. “My real life is with my husband,” she said. “This is the true reality. The ballet is a different kind of reality, a transitory thing.”

Margot’s husband, Dr. Roberto Arias, was a lawyer and a politician from Panama whom she was calling “Tito.” Back in 1964, Tito suffered almost total paralysis after being shot during a political assassination attempt in Panama. For two years, Tito was treated in a hospital 40 miles outside of London. Everyday Margot would go back and forth between the hospital and London to be with Tito during breakfast and dinner and to be at the theater for her rehearsals. Along with the medical care, it was Margot’s loving devotion that enabled Tito to make an amazing recovery. Margot’s love for Tito is a beautiful example of St. Paul’s description of married love. “Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands, as to the Lord.” (Eph. 5:21)

In his book “The Christian Family,” Larry Christenson interprets Paul’s words this way. In the chapter about wives, he says that for a wife to be submissive is not to be degraded; rather it is for her glory. Submission guarantees her protection by her husband: physically she needs his protection in a world of violence; emotionally she is freed from the burden of representing the family in the community; psychologically she is protected from any disrespect from their children.

Submission is a means of social balance and harmony in the home. It is not to be confused with servility, since the wife is obliged to express her opinion. Nor is it to be identified with the stifling of the wife’s personality, since she must exercise her own initiative and creativity.

Submission is a means of spiritual power. The wife tries to get her husband closer to the Lord, not by pushing or nagging him, but by her loving service and kind words; not by force, but by her gentleness and generosity.

In the chapter on husbands, Christenson makes these points:
1. The husband’s authority is not one by which he lords it over his wife. Rather, it is one by which he sacrifices himself for her and for their children to provide a home, food and clothing.
2. It is the husband’s duty to care for the spiritual welfare of his wife and children. By word and example, he should be the leader of family worship both at home and in the parish church.
3. Husbands should go the way of the cross before their wives. A husband dies to his ego by seeking his wife’s forgiveness when they have an argument, and by seeking her advice before he makes an important decision.

The husbands and wives are called to the married state of life to see in the other the image of Christ – give themselves generously in loving service and sacrifice themselves joyously just as Christ did for us. Like Margot Fonteyn, can they say, “My real life is with my husband; my real life is with my wife”?

May the Eucharistic Lord bless our families & Queen Mother of Families, pray for us!!!

In Christ, Fr. Joseph Lawrence

Married Couples: Open your heart and let your Spouse in!

Would you attend a seminar to enhance your job or increase your salary? Why not give your marriage the same attention? Enhance your good marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekend is Nov 2-4, 2018 in Modesto. For more information, please our website at:

https://www.stocktonwwme.org
or contact John & Angelica at 209-691-0603, or email: applications@stocktonwwme.org
A NEW Religious Study at OLMC! Begins September 6th
Sessions will run on Thursdays 4:00 - 5:30 pm
OLMC Parish House
Big Oak Flat

DVD Speaker Thomas Smith begins by discussing the three overarching themes within the messages of the prophets, and shows how they all point to Jesus. He further explains how the prophets are speaking not only to the people of Israel, but to us directly.

Everyone is invited to attend this “minimal homework” study. The Prophets: Messengers of God’s Mercy is a Catholic Bible study that will draw you closer to your heavenly Bridegroom. If we consider that God is the Divine Bridegroom and the Church is His Bride, then the prophets can be seen as “spiritual marriage counselors.” They afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness. Even today, their prophetic words speak to us, as they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom, and show us how to share Him with others.

In this new Religious Study, you will:
† Discover who the prophets were, what their message was, and why they are important to us.
† See how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship with Him.
† Discover the areas in your life that prevent you from drawing closer to God.
† Understand how the central message of the prophets is one of love, proclaiming the mercy of God for His children.
† See how their powerful words speak to us today, shedding light on our faith and our lives.
† Discover the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others.

Please sign up for this class as soon as possible so you can get your Session 1 handout.
For more information, contact Warren Belisle
Phone: 962-4309 ~ Email: bellale@msn.com

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**The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Attention all Lectors, EMHC, Altar Servers, and Ushers:**
If there are any dates you are NOT available to minister during the 4th Quarter of 2018 (Oct - Nov - Dec), please let Sandra Betti know by **Friday, September 7th**.
Please call 532-7139, ext. 109, or email your information to sandra@stpatssonora.org, or leave a note in the office.

Thank you for your ministry!

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It’s that time of the year when we begin coordinating our efforts for St. Patrick’s annual **Christmas Fair**! Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5th at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. This will be a potluck as we have done before.

Please come to the potluck meeting and give us your input. We need and appreciate all the help we can get. Last year’s Fair was very successful and we want to continue the tradition. If you have friends that are parish members and want to be involved, please bring them to the meeting. We especially need a volunteer to photograph the event, and a person to be in charge of the publicity. If you know anyone for either of these tasks, please bring them to the meeting.

Our entire community looks forward to this event every year - and YOU can be a part of it!

Thank you and God bless,
Teresa Sweeney and Sandy Pasby, co-chairs
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Catherine Bentz  
Al Biedrzycki  
Ken & Jackie Bolling  
Rae Ann Bozzo  
Phil Fish  
Vern & Jo Froehlich  
Ed Hall  
Shirley Hamblin  
A. J. Holmes  
Donald C. Kellogg  
Bill & Rolene Kiesling  
Kristine Kitamura  
Joan Macauley  
Joseph Murtagh  
Juan Pinela  
Bob Porcella  
Juan Pulido  
Mike Schirmer  
Dolores Schlichtmann  
Joshua Stevenson  
Clay Sweeney  
Mitch Woods  
Jean Wobbe

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

After all morning Masses on Sunday, September 23rd, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a hot breakfast in the Parish Hall. For only $5.00 per person, you will get French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, a cup of fruit, juice and coffee. Tickets will be available after each Mass beginning Saturday, September 22nd, and the following two weekends. Tickets are also available in the Parish Office. All proceeds from this breakfast will support the efforts of the Knights of Columbus, as they strive to bring Christ to our community by helping those in need.

At One with the Spirit Ministry

is pleased to announce:
A pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and other Holy Places and Cathedrals in and around Mexico City, including the beautiful city of Puebla, Mexico.

January 30 - February 4, 2019  
$2,199 from San Francisco  
Spiritual Director: Fr. Samuel West  
Group Coordinators: Juddy Kendall & Dolores Schlichtmann  
For more information, please visit www.pilgrimages.com/stpatrickchurch

Detailed flyers are available in the vestibule or in the Parish Office.

YLI Patricia #79

Baked Potato Bar Luncheon/ Bunco Games

Saturday, Sept 15  
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

Religious Education Classes Begin...

Kindergarten and First Grade  
Sundays 10:15 through 11:00 Family Mass  
Includes Liturgy of the Word for Children  
Begins Sunday, September 16th  
Downstairs in the Parish Hall  
We still need teachers for Sunday mornings!

2nd Grade through Confirmation  
Begins Wednesday, September 12th  
6:30-7:30 pm - Parish Hall

PRE-REGISTRATION is helpful!  
Forms are in the church vestibule, hall, and office.  
Baptismal certificates are necessary unless baptized at St. Patrick’s.

Please return the forms to the Parish Office or mail to:  
St. Patrick’s Church  
116 W. Bradford St.  
Sonora, CA 95370

Journey in Christianity, an organization focusing on Christian renewal through Catholic service, is sponsoring a weekend retreat in Sonora. It begins Friday evening, October 19th, and lasts through Sunday October 21st. The Journey experience is an opportunity to share and encounter Christ in each other. The weekend is a great way to jump start or recharge your faith.

Anyone interested in further information, please contact Duarte Bento 209-499-5256 or Mary Bento 209-499-6739
For regularly scheduled meetings, please check the Master Calendar at www.stpatssonora.org. If you have calendar requests or need to make changes to your current calendared items, please email ron@stpatssonora.org.

**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Monday 9/10** ~ St. Pat’s Altar & Rosary Society
Potluck luncheon and Meeting, 11:30 am Parish Hall

**Wednesday 9/12** ~ Religious Ed Classes begin
2nd Grade - Confirmation, 6:30-7:30 pm Parish Hall

**Saturday 9/15** ~ YLI Potato Bar Luncheon and Bunco, 11:30 am, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

**Sunday 9/16** ~ Religious Ed Classes begin K - 1st
10:15-11:00 am, downstairs Parish Hall

**Tuesday 9/18** ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 pm Room #6, Parish Hall

**Saturday 9/22 & Sunday 9/23** ~ Second Collection Catholic Charities Sunday

**Sunday 9/23** ~ Catechetical Sunday

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday September 3 ~ Sunday September 9**

**Monday:**
1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:**
1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:**
1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:**
1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:**
1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:**
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**Sunday:**
Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday September 2 ~ Saturday September 8**

**Sunday:**
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:**
St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day

**Friday:**
First Friday

**Saturday:**
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Weekly Goal**

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**August Totals YTD**

| $21,711 | $4,529 | $1,625 | $27,865 |

**Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!**