St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News
... in Our Parish

The Holy Family
Of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.
— Matthew 2:14

Over all other virtues put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.
— Colossians 3:14

December 29, 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 Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

This weekend’s readings are speaking about the Holy Family. Jesus was born into a family. He grew up in wisdom and grace before God and man in the family. Jesus was obedient to His parents, was their source of joy and their crown of bliss. As simple and humble people, Jesus, Mary and Joseph must have cherished mutual love, a feeling of oneness, respect for one another, and shared the responsibilities, joy and sorrows of family life. Theirs was a holy family, and the Church presents it as an ideal family.

The first reading is pointing out the diverse roles of family members. To live together in love and harmony is one of the biggest challenges of today. He who fears the Lord, says the author, respects his parents. Honor and respect shown to one’s parents will bring blessings to the children. In the second reading, St. Paul presents some guidelines to live a family life in communion with the Lord. We are called upon to form one body in Christ, who is the embodiment of God’s love. Paul conveys his wishes to us today: “May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts.”

The Gospels do not give us a clear picture of the life of the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We don’t have any substantial information about Joseph, but we understand that he is a God-fearing man and did God’s will unconditionally. He was open to God because he truly believed in God. He was ready to take care of Jesus and Mary when God asked him to do so. Therefore, he is known as a just man who took the responsibility to be the head of the Holy Family.

Matthew presents in the Gospel the ideal picture of the family unit that reflected the inner life of the Holy Trinity. The perfect love relationship is manifested in the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Jesus as the prince of peace enlivened and enlightened them; He filled the family with peace, harmony and joy. The Church is the family of the children of God. It is the assembly of the believers who profess faith in Jesus Christ and His Gospel. The Church is the visible body of the invisible Lord Jesus. May this Jesus born for us be in all our families to give us the true joy and happiness. Repeating the message of St. Paul, I also wish the families of our parish to experience Christ’s peace reigning in your hearts and in your families at this Christmas time and throughout the year ahead. Thank You All.

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

**Monday 12/30 - Wednesday 1/2** ~ Parish Office closed
Office will open again on Thursday January 2nd

**Tuesday 12/31** ~ New Year’s Eve, 11:00 pm Adoration
Mass at Midnight, St. Patrick's

**Wednesday 1/1** ~ Mary, The Holy Mother of God
(New Year’s Day) Both OLMC and St. Patrick’s will celebrate Masses at 9:00 am

**Friday 1/3** ~ Encounter: Adoration, Worship & Praise
6:30 - 7:30 pm, St. Patrick’s

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**Liturgical Ministers**

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, and Ushers:
The 1st Quarter (Jan-Feb-March) 2020 Ministry Mass Schedules are ready to be picked up. You will find them in the basket in the vestibule after Mass, alphabetical by last name. They will also be available on our website.
Thank you all for your ministry!

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**Spiritual Growth Opportunity**

**FOUR CATHOLIC WOMEN: MYSTICAL DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH**

Experience insight and inspiration from
† St. Hildegard of Bingen
† St. Catherine of Siena
† St. Teresa of Avila
† St. Therese of Lisieux

Saturday January 11th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
with a 1 hour potluck lunch break around Noon
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

Presented by Ramona Harris, M.A., M.P.S., Author, Diocesan faculty of the School of Ministry, & Spiritual Director. Donations for this event are appreciated.

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**2020 Happy New Year from St. Patrick’s Parish!**

Feliz Año Nuevo  Gelukkig Nieuwjaar  Maligayang Bagong Taon
Buon Capo d’Auno  Gung Hay Fat Choy  Gutes Neues Jahr
Bonne Année  Shana Tova  Szczesliwego Nowego Roku
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

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

**Movie Night at OLMC**

**When:** 2nd and 4th Mondays @ 6:30 PM
**Where:** OLMC Parish House Great Room
**Why:** To get together with friends and family to share a movie.
**Cost:** No cost but you may occasionally bring a “movie treat.”

**Types of Movies:** spiritual, inspirational, religious documentaries, moving or just “feel good” movies. Movie title will be sent out before the movie date. Movies shown previously include “God's Not Dead,” “The Shack,” “On Golden Pond,” “Megan Leavey,” “An Interview with God,” and “The Snow Walker.”

**Other:** Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided along with other traditional snacks.

**Disclaimer:** Since these are "Hollywood" movies, they may not be biblically factual. We will be starting the movie promptly at 6:30 pm.

For more information, please contact: Warren Belisle at bellale@msn.com

**Update on the Church Doors**
The new entry doors absorbed moisture and water during this last rain that caused the swelling and separation of some parts to the doors. The doors are made of solid wood, however, there were two parts that were engineered to help prevent swelling and contracting during the hot and cold times of the year. The glue that was used on these engineered parts failed, which allowed water to get in. The doors will be removed and taken back to the shop. They will be disassembled and the engineered parts will then be made out of solid wood and the doors will be reinstalled. This process should take four days once all the parts are in. The frame will not be removed. Once the doors are rebuilt and rehung, the vestibule space will be completed, as well as the trim around the frame.

Thank you for your patience as we move forward.

**Part-Time Employment Opportunity**
Mother Lode Catholic Magazine, whose mission is to evangelize Catholics who have strayed and be a testimony of our faith to the greater Mother Lode Community, is looking to hire a Content Facilitator. Duties include interviewing Catholic families, coordinating content, writing, and proofreading. For more information please contact Marleen Sullivan at 714-856-8794, or submit your resume to Marleen.Sullivan@gmail.com

**New Year’s Ball**
Saturday January 4th
7:00 PM

St. Patrick’s in ANGELS CAMP

Tickets $15
For more information: Madelyn Ruff 297-1613

**Encounter**
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Worship and Praise Music
Friday evenings 6:30-7:30 pm
December 29, 2019

Mass and Intentions for the Week

Saturday December 28 ~ Sunday January 5

Saturday 5:00 pm Joseph Perez (Happy Birthday!) LaVon & Jack Woodcock
Sunday 7:30 am Patricia Phillips Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am Adolfo Negrete Mitch Woods
11:00 am Joan Holland Mark Hutto
5:00 pm Domingo Diaz Adolfo Negrete

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

Monday 8:00 am Marilouise Sowa Mitch Woods
Tuesday 8:00 am Louise Goicoechea (Birthday) Mitch Woods
Midnight No Intentions
Wednesday 9:00 am Cardinal George Pell Louise Goicoechea (Birthday) Roger & Maria Clark (Anniversary)
Thursday 8:00 am No Intentions
Friday 8:00 am No Intentions
Saturday 5:00 pm No Intentions
Sunday 7:30 am Angela Brown Frank Louis
9:00 am Catherine Bentz Alvena Leal
11:00 am Ruth Callahan
5:00 pm Miguel Bernal Jose Ramirez Torres

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday December 30 ~ Sunday January 5

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday December 29 ~ Saturday January 4

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve
Wednesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace; New Year’s Day
Thursday: St. Basil the Great; St. Gregory Nazianzen
Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Friday
Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday

Offering amounts were not available at time of publishing, and will be posted next week.

Adoration and Reconciliation

Will resume Wednesday, January 8th, 6:30 pm
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

“‘The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.’” (CCC #289)