

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

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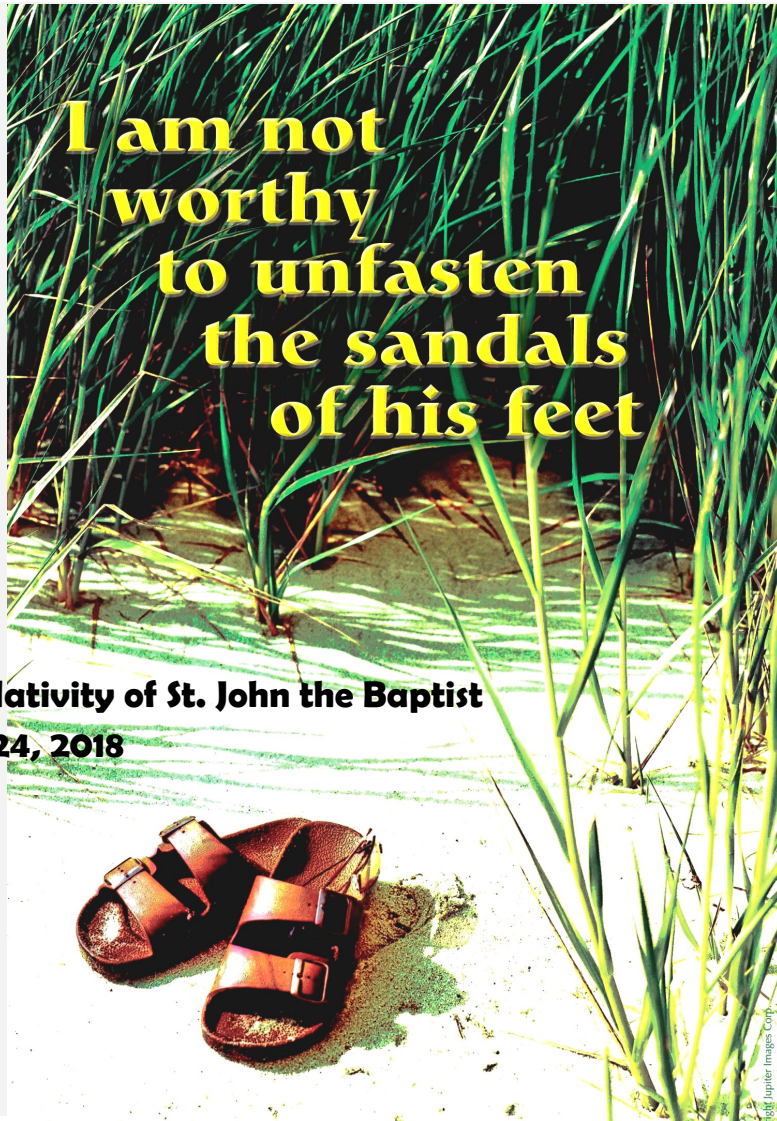
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St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist June 24, 2018

"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



Father Sam's Message

In the Gospel for the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, we hear of how the angel Gabriel appears to an old man at the very time he is fulfilling his priestly duty in the temple. The angel joyfully announces to Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth *"will bear you a son, and you will name him John."* Although the couple was *"righteous in the sight of God,"* they could not have children. Elizabeth *"was barren, and both were advanced in years."* In Gabriel's announcement, God promises to change this childless older couple's pain into joy by giving them new life, the birth of a baby boy. *"And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord."* The words of God through the Angel affirm *"joy and gladness"* are the result of the gift of new life, joy not only for the couple but also for others so *"many will rejoice."* In His infinite mercy, what God does for Zechariah and Elizabeth is what He wants to do for each of us. Through the birth of John, God is preparing to give us His own Son, our Lord Jesus, the source of Life. In this infinite Divine gift of His Son, God transforms the pain, suffering, and death caused by sin into the real *"joys and gladness"* of eternal life.

Today's feast is a celebration of the birth of a child. Think for a moment of the incredible joy parents, grandparents, and siblings experience at the birth of their child, the *"joy and gladness"* each beautiful child brings into the world. We are reminded of the gift, the dignity, and value of each and every person. John the Baptist is thought of as the last of a long line of Prophets who God continuously sends to exhort His people to forsake the evil they have fallen into and turn back to God. The Baptist is the *"voice of one crying out in the desert"* (Mk 1:3) and his divinely ordained mission is to *"prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path,"* making the world ready, or *"fit,"* for the birth of our true joy, our Lord Jesus. Each child is a unique and precious sign of God's infinite love and has this same mission to prepare others for the *"joy and gladness"* that can only be experienced in knowing Christ.

Knowing the gift of every person, we are deeply moved when we see anyone being mistreated in any way, especially an innocent child. Over the past few weeks, we have seen the shocking images and heard the screams of children, even little ones, being separated from their parents at the U.S./Mexico border.

Although separating children from parents crossing into the U.S. illegally has been happening for many years, these awful occurrences have dramatically increased in recent months under the Trump Administration's "zero-tolerance policy," by which the law is enforced more strictly, detaining everyone caught entering the U.S. unlawfully rather than releasing them on the promise to show up to a future court date. Because of the way the present law is written and past court orders, children cannot be housed with adults. So when the adult parents are detained in federal custody, their children needed to be sent to separate facilities. I don't have the space here to discuss adequately the very differing and hotly contested views of how to best deal with the issue of immigration, nor do I know exactly how this horribly broken and complicated system can be changed so as to comply with both mandates of Church Teaching – compassion and support for people who come seeking safety and a better life on the one hand while, at the same time, recognizing the right of a sovereign nation to have secure borders. One thing is clear – our country needs a new system and ALL elected officials, from the President to each member of Congress, need to start cooperating to find a just and reasonable solution. What I do want to do here is make the point – on which I hope all can agree – that the separation of children from parents absolutely needed to be stopped. As of my writing this message, I heard on the news President Trump had just signed an Executive Order allowing families to remain together as they wait to see a judge to hear their asylum request. However, it is not clear exactly how this is going to work with all present immigration laws and court orders in effect. As for the 2,000 or so children who have already been separated, they will be reunited at some point with their parents, but I did not hear how soon this will happen. I pray these children are back in their parents arms very soon. And we all pray a stable and permanent solution is found quickly so we are not in this mess again.

Now I suggest considering this chaotic and troubling situation in the light of our celebration today, the gift of a child. It is a really good sign for us to see and even feel ourselves all the outrage and anger in reaction to the fear and pain these separated children and their parents must have felt; not to say the situation itself is good – no, it is awful – but our overall public reaction to the injustice shows that we still care deeply as a society about what happens to children and their parents. But this intense care and love for children should not be limited to only those who had been separated at the

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Father Sam's Message, cont.

Southern border. Because of the dignity of each and every child, we should always be moved to react with the same passionate moral outrage any time an injustice, a serious sin, is committed. Sin always separates – separates a person from God and separates us from one another. Sadly, each day there are so many sins committed that separate untold children from their parents. So we should have this same level of intense reaction ANY TIME sin causes even one child to be separated, physically or spiritually, from their parents. Each of us, and as a nation, should be morally outraged for allowing the sin of abortion, the permanent and irreversible separation of an unborn child from his/her mother, to continue for this long. We should be moved deeply to work vigorously to stop any and all forms of sexual exploitation and abuse of children. We ought to act with urgency to remove the grave sins of violence, hatred, and racism completely from our society. We should promote the sanctity of marriage as a lifelong union between one man and one woman, doing everything we can to help married couples stay together so their children do not have the pain of separation (even temporary) from one of the parents, which always happens in a divorce. We should be incensed at the spiritual separation of parent and child caused by the promotion of sin and promiscuity propagated through entertainment media –T.V., movies, popular music– doing what we can to change the generally lax attitudes toward exposing innocent children to such sins. I could go on.

Finally, thinking about the terrible pain separation causes parents, we can only imagine how much pain God, the Father, feels when we, His children, are ripped from His loving arms by the effects of sin. John the Baptist is sent by God to *“go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn their hearts toward their children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.”* In fulfilling his mission, the Baptist prepared the world (all of us separated from God by sin) to be brought back to God’s loving arms through the coming of our Savior, Jesus. Returning to Him is done by complete obedience to our Lord Jesus. Jesus is the only way we will ever overcome the evil (sin) that is the source of any separation of child from a parent.

Through the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist, we pray that not one of His children will ever be separated from God the Father. Of course, we are praying that all separated children everywhere will be reunited with their loving parents. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Samuel West

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

This Week in our Parish

Sun 6/24 ~ Parish Picnic! Pinecrest Lake
Mass 11:00 am, Picnic after Mass
No Meet & Greet at St. Patrick’s

Thurs 6/28 ~ Religious Study at OLMC, 4:00-5:30 pm

Sat 6/30 ~ Altar Duty: Pat Eaton

Sat 6/30 & Sun 7/1 ~ Second Collection for the Holy Father (Peter’s Pence)

Sun 7/1 ~ Meet & Greet: Ministers to the Sick

July 4th in Columbia!

9:00 am Mass at St. Anne’s Church



12:00 pm Parade in Columbia

Be a part of the group carrying the banner for St. Anne’s!

- ★ Kids ~ decorate your bike or wagon.
- ★ Teens and adults ~ put on your favorite red, white, and blue duds or Old West costume.
- ★ Costumed doggies and cats are welcome too, on a leash, please.
- ★ Meet at 11:45 am in front of the Fallon House Theater to line up for the parade.

Call Marcia Watts, 533-3662 for more information.



Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, and Ushers:

Your 3rd Quarter (July - August - September) 2018 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 are also available on our website.

Go to www.stpatssonora.org, click on “More,” click on “Ministry Schedules,” and scroll to your schedule.

Thank you all for your ministry!

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

Gus Allegri	Jeanne Kiely
Tete Arellano	Bill & Rolene Kiesling
Catherine Bentz	Kristine Kitamura
Al Biedrzycki	Lois Marzocchi
Beverly Brainard	Dorothy McCargar
Carolyn Bruning	Pat Newton
Jan Buck	Barbara North
Phil Fish	Lee O'Shaughnessy
Vern & Jo Froehlich	Juan Palido
Mitch & Patti Gerner	Joseph Perez
Bill Gookin	Juan Pinela
Ed Hall	Jackie Sample
Cecilia Hallock	Mike Schirmer
Joan Holland	Clay Sweeney
A. J. Holmes	Jean Wobbe

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



Since June 24th falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets, and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity.

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming."

Luke 3:16

Spiritual Direction at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church



Spiritual Directors are trained companions who join a seeker on his/her spiritual journey and help in the discernment of where God's spirit is leading.

The following members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church have been trained as Spiritual Directors through the Institute for Catholic Spirituality & Spiritual Direction, and are available to the faith community.

If interested in learning more, contact any one of the following:

- † Cynthia Dragun: (805) 490-6147
- † Barbara Fish: (209) 743-8919
- † Carol Gabbert: (775) 771-6297
- † Connie Jacob: (209) 591-7978
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Sonora Men's Fellowship is now accepting registrations for the 2018 Catholic Men's Fellowship Fall Retreat - "The Magnificent Seven: Men of Virtue."

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Stephen Valgos, Catholic Evangelist and teacher, will lead our Retreat and share his wisdom of the teachings of the Church leading us to a better understanding of how "The Seven Virtues Perfect our Seven Principles," and tip the scales of the moral life toward good and away from evil. Fr. Mike Lacey, former Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, San Lorenzo, CA will celebrate Mass for our Retreat.

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.

Retreat Dates:

Friday - Sunday ~ August 17 - 19, 2018

Beginning 5:00 pm Friday, concluding at noon on Sunday
Retreat Cost: \$185 per person donation for lodging and all meals. We encourage father/son participation, half price for second registration.

To register, visit www.catholicmen.org

Make checks payable to 2018 CMF Fall Retreat

Mail to: 10905 Kelso Ct. Sonora, CA 95370

Retreat Location:

OLD OAK RANCH

15250 Old Oak Ranch Rd.

Sonora, California 95370

SPRING CLEANING?



While cleaning out your closets, attics, and garages, remember our Christmas Fair! You can bring donations to the office now, no need to wait! We'd love to have household items, crafts, religious items, Christmas decorations, and more (no clothing, please). Please donate clean sellable items. If you have any questions, or would like to help with this year's Christmas Fair, please call Teresa @209-206-1062.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday June 23 ~ Sunday July 1

Saturday	5:00 pm	Ken Francek † Celia Cortes †
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners Tony Pallante † Walter Jesse Healy †
	9:00 am	Joseph Charles Cowan † Bruce Hopewell †
	11:00 am	Oma Geburt † Alicia Padilla, <i>Happy Birthday!</i>
	5:00 pm	Lupe Diaz † Alicia Sanchez †

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

Monday	8:00 am	John Zunino † Joe & Vera Volk †
Tuesday	8:00 am	Cristobal Robles † Sandy Tannhauser, <i>Happy Birthday!</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	Jim Woosley, <i>Happy Birthday!</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	Perpetua Enderes † Juan Pinela, <i>Healing</i>
Friday	8:00 am	Victor Jaquez †
Saturday	5:00 pm	Juan Pinela, <i>Healing</i>
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners Tony Pallante †
	9:00 am	Alexa Jordan Volk †
	11:00 am	Joseph Charles Cowan † Marcie Sowa †
	5:00 pm	Lupe Diaz † Alicia Sanchez †

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Wednesday 7/4 ~ Special Independence Day Mass
9:00 am, St. Anne's in Columbia
Columbia's 4th of July Parade, 12:00 noon

Saturday 7/28 ~ Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne
will be celebrated at St. Anne's in Columbia, 9:00 am

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

Wednesday 8/15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8:00 am and 6:30 pm Mass St. Patrick's

Friday 8/17 - Sunday 8/19 ~ Catholic Men's Fellowship Fall Retreat, Old Oak Ranch, Sonora

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday June 25 ~ Sunday July 1

Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13 -- 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
Sunday:	Wis 1:13-15 -- 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday June 24 ~ Saturday June 30

Sunday:	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Monday:	Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. Cyril of Alexandria
Thursday:	St. Irenaeus
Friday:	St. Peter and St. Paul
Saturday:	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Blessed Virgin Mary



Weekly Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	6-10-18 Week 23	6-17-18 Week 24	June Totals YTD
General Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$5,802	\$4,158	\$17,008
OLMC	\$1,071	\$1,517	\$4,453
E-giving	\$565	\$405	\$1,535
Total	\$7,438	\$6,080	\$22,996
LAST YEAR	\$9,362	\$7,768	\$24,189
Maintenance Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$160	\$75	\$1,183
OLMC	\$15	\$0	\$175
Total	\$175	\$75	\$1,358
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