St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

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
100%, or only 10%? How am I unique?

Recently, there was an unusual news story about an Australian woman who won a swimming race at the age of 101. It was extraordinary in many ways. She competed in a special race category for those over 100 years old! There being no other competitor, she had to win. It did not matter whether it took her five minutes or 50 hours she would still be in the Guinness Book of Records. The attraction of the story was in her uniqueness, in her being 101 years old, and in her great sporting spirit. It was in her willingness and courage to do what she could. It was in the fact that she did it at all, and not in how well she did it. This is a big shift of paradigm from our typical sports stories. Ultimately, today, your spirit does not matter to the world. What matters in our society is whether you made it across the finish line first. There’s where the laurels and the money are. But we are built for a higher purpose.

Each of us is also like the 101 year-old Australian woman. Each of us is unique before God. Each of us has a unique faith history and a unique gift that only we can offer to the world. Even if we wanted to, we could not compete because only we can offer what we are and what we have. When we realize this truth we can begin to enjoy our own lives without comparing ourselves to others or competing with them.

This Sunday’s Gospel tells us of another unique woman, a poor widow who puts into the Temple treasury two coins of a very small value. At the same time, we read of the rich Jews who put in large amounts. What they give is supposed to be only 10% of their wealth. But the widow gives all she has, which means she has given 100%. The lesson Jesus gives His disciples, and now to each of us, is when you love whole-heartedly you give totally. You do not count the cost. This is what Jesus gave His Father whom He loved intensely. And He expressed that love for God, His Father, by giving Himself entirely to us. The Cross reveals that love, which is greater than that which man can have. In the Eucharist you and I experience His unimaginable love. If that love becomes a reality in our lives then we too, like the widow, will live a life of total sacrifice.

These days we hear frequently of the Offertory Enhancement Program. It is very difficult to give 100% of ourselves like the Widow. Let us listen to the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, “We must give to each other until it hurts... This is the meaning of true love, to give until it hurts.” Be a unique person with much trust in God like the poor widow, St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Damian, St. Teresa, who imitated Jesus, who offered 100% to the Heavenly Father for the Salvation of humankind. What is my response to the invitation of our Heavenly Father? Can I be as generous as He is?

In Christ, Fr. Joseph Lawrence
**November 11, 2018**

**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday 11/11 ~ Meet & Greet: YLI**

**Monday 11/12 ~ Parish Office closed**

**Thursday 11/15 ~ Religious Study, OLMC**

4:00 - 5:30 pm Parish House, OLMC Big Oak Flat

**Saturday 11/17 ~ Altar Duty: Marcia Watts**

Carmella Peller

**Saturday 11/17 ~ Presentation by Bishop Blaire**

St. Pat’s Parish Hall 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Saturday 11/17 & Sunday 11/18 ~ Second Collection**

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

**Sunday 11/18 ~ Meet & Greet: Religious Ed & Teens**

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**International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day**

You are not alone. Join a community of suicide loss survivors to find comfort and gain understanding as we share stories of healing and hope.

This event also includes a screening of the documentary “A Daughters Journey,” a film that shares hope, connection, and resilience in the aftermath of a suicide loss.

**Saturday Nov 17, 2018**

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Enrichment Center

101 Hospital Road
Sonora, CA 95370

For more information:

https://afsp.org/survivor_day/sonora-california

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**Our 40 Days for Life was the best ever!** Congratulations to all those who participated on the corner of Mono & Greenley. We were joined by members of All Saints Catholic Church in Twain Harte, as well as members of Sierra Bible Church here in Sonora. Our own Father Sam joined us at 11 o’clock most Mondays. Marla Rumbaugh took care of bringing our signs to the corner. Teresa Sweeney brought them back to St. Patrick’s at 6 pm.

Plan on joining us on January 26th, 2019, as we travel by bus to the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco!

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**November**

**A Month of Remembrance**

In November the Church, in communion with all the saints, prays for our dearly departed.

גלי We will place the Book of Remembrance in the church, where you may write the names of your loved ones who have passed into eternal rest.

גלי We encourage you to bring photos of deceased family and friends, and place them in the windows of the Church.

גלי At the beginning of Mass each weekend in November, we will sing a litany of the names of our parishioners who have died in this past year. Please join us on the refrain, “We Remember.”

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

*St. Patrick’s Catholic Church invites you to a special presentation:*  
**Guided by the Holy Spirit in Times of Trouble**

With trust in God, we can restore our spiritual joy and face our challenges as a Church, a Nation, and as individual members of the Body of Christ.

Presented by Bishop Stephen E. Blaire  
Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Stockton  
Saturday, November 17th  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall  
98 W. Jackson St.  
Sonora, CA

For more information, please call the Parish Office at 209-532-7139.

Reception and potluck lunch will follow the presentation.
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Rich Abdelnour, Jr.  
Catherine Bentz  
Al Biedrzycki  
Ken & Jackie Bolling  
Rae Ann Bozzo  
Angela Brown  
Vern & Jo Froehlich  
Ed Hall  
A. J. Holmes  
Donald C. Kellogg  
Bill & Rolene Kiesling  
Kristine Kitamura  
Judi McGuire  
Joseph Murtagh  
Juan Pinela  
Juan Pulido  
Pat Rut  
Mike Schirmer  
Connie Scott  
Joshua Stevenson  
Clay Sweeney  
Mitch & Trish Woods

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

Mark your calendars!

**Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers**

St. Patrick’s - Tuesday, December 11  
10:00 am or 6:30 pm  
(you only need to attend one of these sessions)

OLMC - Monday, November 19, 10:00 am

**St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair**  
Saturday December 1st  
7:00 am to 7:00 pm  
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

**St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair Updates**

🌟 If you took a tag in order to help out with our lovely Christmas baskets this year, please remember to bring your items and the tag to the Parish Office by **November 21st**, so we have enough time to construct the baskets. Please call Carol Cashen at 209-213-9991 if you have questions or need someone to pick up your contribution.

🌟 We still need more donations for the **Raffle**! We need items such as gift certificates for: Movies, theaters, adventures, grocery stores, gas stations, retail shops, hair and nail salons, special events, restaurants, car repair or tire shops, gift and book stores, and other local businesses. Tickets for pro or college sporting events would be fun too! Any coaches or crafters want to give a few lessons as a raffle item? Be creative! Thank you all so much! Please bring them to the office by November 21st.

🌟 Thank you to all our wonderful parishioners for their generous donations for our “White Elephant” booth. We now must turn to the task of pricing and organizing all your treasures, so please save any further donations of household items until next year.

🌟 Volunteers are still needed to help run the booths during the day of the Christmas Fair. Volunteers work in 2-hour shifts, and you’ll get to see and chat with a lot of friends and parishioners during that time! Please call the Parish Office if you can help. 209-532-7139

November 11  
With respect, honor and gratitude, we thank you

Veterans Day

St. Patrick’s Parish  
Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome  
2018

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The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Monday 11/19 ~ Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers at OLMC, 10:00 am
Wednesday 11/21 ~ Thanksgiving Day Vigil Mass 4:00 pm OLMC
Thursday 11/22 ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 am St. Patrick’s
Saturday 12/1 ~ St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair
Friday 12/7 ~ Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass, 4:00 pm OLMC
Saturday 12/8 ~ Immaculate Conception 10:00 am Mass, St. Patrick’s
Sunday 12/9 ~ Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe St. Patrick’s, 3:00 pm
Tuesday 12/11 ~ Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers at St. Patrick’s 10:00 am - 12:00 noon OR 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Mass for the Week

Saturday November 10 ~ Sunday November 18
Saturday 5:00 pm Francis Weldon Regan
Dennis Philip Regan
Sunday 7:30 am Elaine Marie Stansell
Tony Pallante and Son
9:00 am Adolfo Negrete
Hezzy Arellano
11:00 am Mary Ann Widerman
William Schrag
5:00 pm Lupe Diaz
Alicia Sanchez
We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.
Monday 8:00 am Alicia Diaz
Ines Bandera
Tuesday 8:00 am No Intentions
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Thursday 8:00 am No Intentions
Friday 8:00 am Jeff Allen
Gabriel Gyamfi
Saturday 5:00 pm Marie Schulte
Lizbeth Gutierrez
Sunday 7:30 am All Parishioners
9:00 am Deceased members of the YLI
Adolfo Negrete
11:00 am Linda Mariscal
Elaine Marie Stansell
5:00 pm Lupe Diaz
Michael Johnston

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday November 12 ~ Sunday November 18
Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday November 11 ~ Saturday November 17
Sunday: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Veterans Day; Remembrance Day (Canada)
Monday: St. Josaphat
Tuesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Thursday: St. Albert the Great
Friday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Saturday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Weekly Offerings

Week 43 Participation 25%
October Totals 28%

Week 44 Participation 28%

General Offerings

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All Saints Day: St. Pat’s $967; OLMC $354
All Souls Day: St. Pat’s $3,019; OLMC $1,496
Parish Services: St. Pat’s $341; OLMC $105
Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!