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The GOOD News

. . . in Our Parish

"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

An Easter Message of Global Unity

Dear Friends,
As we prepare to celebrate Easter 2020, finally the world is united. We are united in fear of what tomorrow will bring, of not knowing if our societies will withstand the devastating impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and if we or our family members will survive this terrible moment.

We are in the garden of Gethsemane with the disciples and our faith is being badly shaken. Many of us are suffering and are tempted to feel that we have nowhere to turn as science, our governments and the knowledge we have developed to this point in history offer us no quick solutions.

The pandemic is making the suffering of vulnerable people – migrants and refugees, the elderly, the sick, the poor and unemployed – even deeper. We urge our governments to ensure access to healthcare and social protection for everyone – particularly the most vulnerable. We pray that our leaders rise to the challenge of promoting unity and a shared responsibility in all of our countries.

At this point in history, this turning point which is throwing our lives and societies into chaos, can each of us have the honesty and courage to say, "I alone do not have the answer?" Can our governments admit that many of them got it wrong when they didn't allow everyone to belong to the human family in a dignified way? Can our societies put aside economic concerns and show that they care for everyone without exception?

In the midst of loss, uncertainty and suffering, something incredible is happening: we are noticing the bonds which form our human family. Bonds that we previously took for granted or ignored. As we live in isolation and we all become marginalized and vulnerable, the global suffering we are seeing has made it startlingly apparent to us that we need other people and other people need us, too.

It is as though the stone that covers the tomb is slowly being rolled back to allow a light of recognition. This light heralds Easter and the Risen Christ.

Meanwhile, changes that would have been unthinkable three months ago are actually happening: air quality has improved in a number of countries and warring parties in some others have called ceasefires. These may be temporary, but they remind us that seemingly irresolvable human problems aren't eternal. We are reminded that Jesus stayed in the tomb for a brief time before rising to eternal life. Death does not have the final say when you make space for hope.

The answer to this crisis lies in all of us and in our unity. As people around the world face Easter without the possibility of physical communion, without the possibility of celebrating the Eucharist physically together, we have a time of slow down where we can reflect deeply on what "Body of Christ" means for each of us. In the darkness of this crisis, the light of Christ will shine. Jesus is truly risen! He will not die again. May Jesus rise for people around the world through our love!

Let us pray for the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference. Let us pray to find the deeper meaning of this challenge that is facing the whole of humanity and which is calling us to faith and to resurrection.

I wish you all an Easter of love and peace.
Yours in Christ,
Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the former Archbishop of Manila, is the President of Caritas Internationalis and currently serves in Rome as the Prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday April 11 ~ Sunday April 19

Saturday	*No Intentions*
Sunday	Basilisa Santiago ✞
	Joan Holland ✞
	Sharon and Marilouise Sowa ✞
	Socorro Gomez ✞
	Lupe Diaz ✞
	Socorro Gomez ✞
Monday	*No Intentions*
Tuesday	Charlotte & Ed Dunne ✞
Wednesday	Holy Souls in Purgatory ✞
Thursday	*No Intentions*
Friday	Mike Schirmer ✞
Saturday	Holy Souls in Purgatory ✞
Sunday	Basilisa Santiago ✞
	Deceased members of the YLI ✞
	Betty Andrus ✞
	Michael Johnson ✞
	Lupe Diaz ✞

Fr. Banka will pray Mass Intentions at his personal daily Mass.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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

Jackie Boling	***Ashlie Lotz***
David Costa	***Lois Marzocchi***
Evan Dean	***Lee O'Shaughnessy***
Aldo Diaz	***Jan Opie***
Eileen Hogan	***Gloria & Nuncy Patania***
A.J. Holmes	***Juan Pulido***
Jeanne Kiely	***Connie Scott***
Bill Kiesling	***Al Sullivan***
Rosemarie Lapan	***Clay Sweeney***
Kathy Lopez	

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

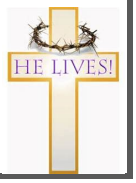
Monday April 13 ~ Sunday April 19

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday April 12 ~ Saturday April 18

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter



Weekly Offerings

Weekly Goal $ 10,000	3-29-20 Week 13 Participation 11%	March Totals	4-5-20 Week 14 Participation 18%
General Offerings			
St. Pat's	$4,435	$23,370	$4,075
OLMC	$540	$3,825	$1,889
E-giving	$1,310	$4,140	$2,435
Total	$6,285	$31,335	$8,399
LAST YEAR	$7,136	$40,266	$11,470
Maintenance Offering			
St. Pat's	$45	$955	$165
OLMC	$50	$255	$30
Total	$95	$1,210	$195

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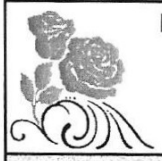

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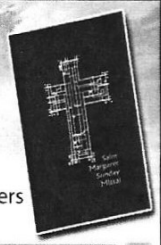

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