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
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Father Sam’s Message

Just over a month ago, on Ash Wednesday, you had ashes put on your forehead in the form of a cross as the minister said, “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” In this ritual, at the beginning of the Lenten Season, we are confronted with our own mortality, how fragile our human life is here on earth. We are faced with the reality of the need to be saved from the inevitability of death. In the account of the raising of Lazarus from the dead in this week’s Gospel, Jesus shows us His infinite power over death and what He wants to do for each of us, raising our mortal bodies from the dead and giving us eternal life.

God has revealed we suffer death because of sin. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans writes, “Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned” (Rom 5:12). The Apostle of the Gentiles, in this same letter to the Romans, concludes, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 6:23). Because we have sinned in the body, we “pay” for the consequence of sin with our bodies. But since our Lord Jesus suffered, died, and rose in His Body for each of us, we have been given the gift of eternal life in Him. In this week’s second reading, St. Paul tells us, “But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.” Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we have already received “the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead,” and since “his Spirit is dwelling” in us, we have the promise of our bodies being raised from the dead, the promise of immortality.

In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, Jesus truly gives us His Body, a Body which has never and will never touch the corruption of sin and, therefore, the deadly consequence of sin. When we receive our Lord’s Body and Blood in Holy Communion, the Eucharist, we are receiving the Resurrected Lord Jesus, He who tells Martha, one of Lazarus’ sisters, “I am the Resurrection and the Life.” In receiving the Eucharist, we receive the pledge of our Lord’s promise for our eternal life (see the Gospel of John chapter 6). So even now while in our earthly bodies, we experience the promise of eternal life Jesus won for us in His death and resurrection. His resurrection and His life that we received in baptism is nourished and strengthened in worthy reception of our Lord’s Risen Body and living Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, and St. Patrick, we ask our Heavenly Father to grant us the grace to know and believe in the gift of eternal life we have been given in our Baptism and experienced in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West

Easter Triduum

April 18 Holy Thursday ~ Mass of the Lord’s Supper
4:00 pm, OLMC
7:00 pm, St. Patrick’s

April 19 Good Friday ~ The Lord’s Passion
Noon, St. Patrick’s: Communion, Veneration of the Cross
3:00 pm, OLMC: Communion, Veneration of the Cross
6:00 pm, St. Patrick’s: Stations of the Cross, Veneration of the Cross

April 20 The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
8:00 pm, St. Patrick’s

April 21 Easter Sunday Masses
7:00 am, St. Patrick’s and OLMC
9:00 am, St. Patrick’s and OLMC
11:00 am, St. Patrick’s
1:00 pm, St. Anne’s
This Week in our Parish

**Sunday 4/7** ~ Meet & Greet: Ministers to the Sick

**Monday 4/8** ~ Lenten Penance Service
4:00 pm, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

**Tuesday 4/9** ~ Religious Study 4:00 - 5:30, OLMC

**Thursday 4/11** ~ Youth Group 6:30 pm Steinmetz

**Friday 4/12** ~ Daytime Lenten Penance Service
10:00 am, St. Patrick’s

**Friday 4/12** ~ Stations of the Cross, 5:00 pm OLMC
6:00 pm, St. Patrick’s

**Saturday 4/13** ~ Altar Duty: Donna Woodcock

**Sunday 4/14** ~ Meet & Greet: YLI

**2019 LENTEN Penance Service Schedule**

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**Chromatic Mass**, a gathering of the entire diocese, bishop, priests, deacons, and lay faithful, where the bishop blesses the Holy Oils, and when the priests and deacons renew their promises to serve God and His people.

**April is Child Abuse Protection Month. Did you know?**

The [Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People](https://www.usccb.org) was established by the USCCB in June 2002. It is a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of abuse of minors. The [Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People](https://www.usccb.org) includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse.

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

The 2nd Quarter (April May June) 2019 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.

Thank you all for your ministry!

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**Stations of the Cross**

are prayed every Friday evening during Lent, and followed by a Lenten soup supper. Please join us for this beloved tradition as we come together to remember His sacrifice on the Cross, followed by a communal time of fellowship in Christ.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Big Oak Flat ~ 5:00 pm
St. Patrick’s, Sonora ~ 6:00 pm

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In its March meeting, St. Patrick’s Pastoral Council voted to formally approve the expenditure of funds for the Church Front Entrance Project. The project, expected to take place in summer of 2019, will remove the step at the Church front doors and will make the building meet accessibility guidelines.

Fr. Sam approved a proposal by our spiritual growth group At One With The Spirit to have Fr. Banka give an update on the Little Sheep Ministry in May. The presentation will be in conjunction with the group’s annual fundraising Bake Sale event. The Council also mulled over ways to provide up-to-date and easily accessible information on various church-sponsored devotions and events. The Council will pursue this topic further over the coming months; your suggestions are welcomed. The April council meeting has been cancelled due to Holy Week activities. The next meeting will begin at 6:00 pm on May 21st in Room 6 in the Parish Hall. The May meeting will be one of transition as retiring council members are thanked for their service, and newly elected ones are welcomed in.
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Al Biedrzycki  Lois Marzocchi
Angela Brown  Cindy Merritt
Katrina Garcia  Michelle Mullen
Ed Hall  Juan Pulido
Joan Holland  Clay Sweeney
A. J. Holmes  Roy Volpetti
Bill Kiesling  Dan Ward
Kristine Kitamura  Mitch & Trish Woods
Judi Maguire

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

Forty Days for Life continues this Monday, April 8. We will stand on the corner of Mono Way and Greenley every Monday in Lent, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. All participants are asked to stand for one hour. Please choose your hour, and sign up in the Parish Office. For more information, please call Joan Madsen at 533-3429.

Joe McCargar is moving to Southern California to be near his brother and sons. St. Patrick’s Parish thanks Joe McCargar for his many years of service to our faith community, and we wish him well as he enters a new chapter in his life. God bless you richly, Joe! We will miss your voice in the choir, and your loving spirit at Mass.

May God hold you in the palm of His hand, until we meet again.

Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend the soul of Thomas Madigan May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

YLI Patricia #79

Join us for a fun afternoon!
Saturday April 27, 2019
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
127 W. Jackson St. Sonora CA

Tostada Bar Luncheon and Bunco

Doors open at 11:30 am $15 per person.
All adults welcome.
Advance tickets or reservations suggested.
Call Vicki @ 532-6010

Divine Mercy Novena and Divine Mercy Sunday
Pope John Paul II declared the second Sunday of Easter (April 28) as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy was given to St. Faustina by Jesus. He told her to have the Novena of Divine Mercy prayed starting on Good Friday and through the first week of Easter, culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Novena and Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed daily at the hour of mercy, 3:00 pm, in the church except Easter Vigil. On Easter Vigil we will pray the Novena in the Parish Hall at 3:00 pm. The Novena starts Good Friday and will include Easter Sunday. Each day we pray the Novena and Chaplet for a different intention.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated April 28 in the church with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confession starting at 2:00 pm. At 3:00 pm we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, alternating English and Spanish. This will be followed by the Litany of Divine Mercy followed by a benediction.

For further information call Cecilia Woosley at 602-7013 or Deborah Cushman at 533-2756
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**
*Monday April 8 ~ Sunday April 14*

**Monday:**
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday:**
Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:**
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:**
Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:**
Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:**
Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:**
Lk 19:28-40 (Procession)
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 -- 23:56

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**
*Sunday April 7 ~ Saturday April 13*

**Sunday:**
Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

**Thursday:**
St. Stanislaus

**Friday:**
Abstinence

**Saturday:**
St. Martin I

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**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Thursday 4/18 ~ Holy Thursday**
Masses at 4:00 pm OLMC; 7:00 pm St. Patrick’s

**Friday 4/19 ~ Good Friday**
Noon, St. Patrick’s
3:00 pm, OLMC
6:00 pm Stations and Veneration, St. Patrick’s

**Saturday 4/20 ~ Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm, St. Patrick’s**

**Sunday 4/21 ~ Easter Sunday**
Masses at 7:00 & 9:00 am, OLMC
Masses at 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am, St. Patrick’s
1:00 pm, St. Anne’s (Columbia)

**Sunday 4/28 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday**
Exposition 2:00 pm, Chaplet 3:00 pm

**Saturday 5/11 ~ Mother Lode Round-Up Parade**
(St. Patrick’s will have a float!)

**Sunday 5/12 ~ Mother’s Day**

**Wednesday 5/15 ~ Confirmation Mass**
6:00 pm, St. Patrick’s

**Tuesday 5/21 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm**

**Saturday 6/1 ~ Music Ministry Retreat**

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**Weekly Offerings**

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Catholic Relief Services: $908 St. Pat’s; $135 OLMC
Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!
* Easter Week, 2018