St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

January 28, 2018
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord

“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
Coherent and intelligent statements are made by the possessed man concerning Jesus. He is able to identify Jesus as “the Holy One of God!” Only by some sort of awareness of the supernatural would this ever be possible. To appreciate the significance of what Jesus does in this Gospel scene, we need to acknowledge the reality of supernatural, intelligent spirits, which we call demons, active in our physical world. These “unclean spirits” have one objective and that is to destroy the Divine Life we have already received. As our Lord says many times, “Fear Not!” We are assured our Lord Jesus, “the Holy One of God,” has come with a “new teaching with authority” to deliver us from the power of these supernatural creatures. Our Lord’s “teaching with authority” on display in that synagogue over 2,000 year ago is preserved, guarded, and handed on to us in the teachings of the Church. To insure our protection and freedom from these real evil spirits, which are “proying seeking the ruin of souls,” we need to remain faithful to Our Lord’s teaching by adhering to all that the Church teaches. We also need to stay close to Him in the Sacraments.

Bishop’s Ministry Appeal
As we begin our annual Bishop’s Ministry Appeal (BMA) campaign, I humbly remind all of you of the importance of fulfilling our responsibility to help support our new Bishop, now Bishop Cotta, in his important role of preserving, guarding, and teaching the Catholic Faith. The Bishop shares, in a unique way, in the Divine teaching office of our Lord Jesus Christ. This means, when teaching on matters of Faith and Morals, in union with the Holy Father and all the Bishops, and in conformity with Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, a Bishop “teaches with authority.” So we are assured he teaches with the authority of Jesus. Our contributions to the BMA support the Bishop to be able to continue to faithfully carry out this solemn duty of teaching the Faith.

According to the final report from the 2017 Bishop’s Ministry Appeal, we only had 20% of our families participate. With your generosity, I am hopeful we can do much better. I am encouraging all of our families to give at least some amount so we increase our participation rate. Contributing to the Bishop’s Ministry Appeal is how we do our part to support the Church’s mission to teach with authority and, with Christ’s teaching, to drive out evil in the world. Our money given to the Bishop’s Ministry Appeal does benefit our parish by providing the funds needed to prepare our future priests, deacons, and lay leaders. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us pray for the grace to overcome any evil, through Her Son’s Divine authority. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West
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This Week in our Parish

Sun 1/28 ~ Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
   After the 11:00 am Mass

Wed 1/31 ~ Teens! Steinmetz House 6:30 pm

Fri 2/2 ~ Candlemas (The Presentation of the Lord)
   Please bring your candles from home to be
   blessed during the 8:00 am Daily Mass.

Sat 2/3 ~ Feast of St. Blaise. We will have a special
   Blessing of the Throats during 5:00 pm
   Mass at both OLMC and St. Patrick’s.

Sat 2/3 ~ Altar Duty: Laurel Utecht

Sat 2/3 and Sun 2/4 ~ Parish Services Collection

Sun 2/4 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by the Ministers to
   the Sick

INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD,
we commend the soul of
Darlene Lehman
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

St. Patrick’s Altar Society will have
their first meeting of the New Year on
Monday, February 5. There will be a
Potluck Luncheon starting at 11:30 am
in the Parish Hall. Please bring your
favorite dish to share. We will have a short installation
of officers for 2018, followed by a guest speaker.
   All new members are WELCOME!

Please bring your blessed palms from Palm Sunday
last year to Mass next weekend. There will be a
large basket at the back of both churches (OLMC
and St. Patrick’s) for the palms. We will burn the
palms on Tuesday February 13th, and the ashes will
be used for Ash Wednesday on February 14th.

Eucharistic Adoration
"Could you not watch one hour with me?"
This Friday, February 2
An additional opportunity to spend time with
our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has begun on
the First Friday of each month. Exposition begins after
the 8:00 am Mass, and will continue until 5:00 pm.

Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers will begin on February 16,
and continue every Friday evening in Lent.
This wonderful tradition and beautiful time of fellowship
in Christ does not happen without volunteers. We need
your help! There will be sign up sheets in the Parish Hall
during Meet & Greet after Mass, or in the Parish Office
during the week.
Please call Linda Knapp @ 925-231-5849, for more
information.

Married Couples: Open your heart this
Valentine’s Day and let your Spouse in!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will
give you that chance. It is the greatest gift you can
give one another - the time and tools to revitalize
romance, deepen communication, and nourish the
spirituality in your marriage. Upcoming weekend is
February 16-18, 2018 in Lodi. For more information,
please our website at:
https://www.stocktonwwme.org
or call 209-691-0603.

We are in need of Ushers at St. Patrick’s!
Duties include:
† Warm, friendly greeting to everyone entering the
   church before Mass.
† Handing out worship aids, and helping people find
   seats.
† Assist in taking up the collection during the
   Offertory.
† Handing out bulletins after Mass.
If you feel a calling to assist with the greatest prayer we
 can offer to Christ Jesus - the sacrifice
 of the Mass - then please call the
Parish Office and leave your name and number.

Thank You!
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Tete Arellano  A. J. Holmes
Ruben Bacci  Fred Kahl
Catherine Bentz  Bill & Rolene Kiesling
Al Biedrzycki  Lois Marzocchi
Cardiff Family  Joan Montesano
Joe Gamboa  Joseph Perez
Mitch & Patti Gerner  Juan Pulido
Bill Gookin  Mike Schirmer
Joan Holland  Clay Sweeney

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

Please Note: During this unusually severe flu season, the Diocese of Stockton has recommended that we do not shake hands during the Sign of Peace, nor hold hands when praying the Our Father. Additionally, we will not be distributing the Precious Blood during Communion. Once the flu season begins to pass we will again distribute Communion under both species.

Ministry Day
March 3, 2018 ~ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
St. Mary’s High School
5648 N. El Dorado St., Stockton

Ministry Day is the Annual Adult Faith Formation Conference of the Diocese of Stockton.
The Conference provides:
† A professional development opportunity for all parish ministers
† A day of spiritual enrichment and growth in faith for all Catholics
† An occasion to affirm our commitment to carry out the mission of the Church
† A Sabbath moment in time to re-connect with God and with one another
† A day to bear witness to our faith and Catholic identity
† An occasion to gather as a diocese around our Bishop as co-workers in the vineyard and disciples of Christ

For conference details and to download a registration form, go to http://stocktondiocese.org/diocesan-departments/religious-education/diocesan-ministry-day. Contact Kathy Casas @ 770-5987 for more information.

Father Sam’s Installation ~ January 14, 2018

Fr. Samuel West, Pastor of St. Patrick’s Parish

Fr. Joseph Lawrence, Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick’s Parish, and Monsignor John Armistead

Blessing of the food at the Reception following the Installation

Fr. Sam with his family, and some of the cooks who prepared our delicious meal!
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 January 29 ~ Sunday February 4
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30 -- 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -- 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday January 28 ~ February 3
Sunday: The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday: St. John Bosco
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; First Friday
Saturday: St. Blaise, Blessing of the Throats; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date
Monday 2/5 ~ Altar and Rosary Society Pot Luck Luncheon & Meeting, 11:30 am Parish Hall
Wednesday 2/7 ~ Meeting for all Ministers of the Sick, 11:00 am Parish Hall
Saturday 2/10 ~ Special Mass to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the YLI, 10:30 am St. Patrick’s
Wednesday 2/14 ~ Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins
Saturday 3/3 ~ Diocese of Stockton Ministry Day St. Mary’s High School, Stockton
Thursday 3/22 ~ Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton
Thursday 3/29 ~ Holy Thursday
Friday 3/30 ~ Good Friday
Saturday 3/31 ~ Easter Vigil
Sunday 4/1 ~ Easter Sunday
Wednesday 4/18 ~ Confirmation, 6:00 pm Mass

Church in Latin America: St. Pat’s $514 OLMC $118
Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!

Weekly Offerings

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