St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

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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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
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Father Banka’s Message
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

We are almost into the last Sunday of Ordinary Time in the liturgical year. This weekend’s readings help us understand that patient endurance is love. In our lives, our patience is tested every day. Children try their parents’ patience; students try their teachers’ patience. Our personal failures, disappointments, and even death are severe tests of our patience. Yet Jesus assures: “By patient endurance you will save your lives.” Yes, Jesus knows that suffering is not an end in itself; suffering is the way to victory, to life.

In the first reading the prophet warns the godless and comforts the believers by announcing the coming of God. And in the second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Christians to wait for the coming of the Lord by working faithfully at the task assigned to them.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us two things. First of all, the end of the world cannot be reckoned from natural events or calamities; it is ultimately God’s work in His time. Secondly, the needs, problems and sufferings of human life are part of the everyday of our lives. We are the cause of most of the sufferings or problems. Among many problems that frighten us, and one of the most important, is the end of the world. No wonder we naturally like to know the times and signs that would point to it. But Jesus, therefore, warns us against false prophets who would mislead us in His name. Jesus also says we can stand all the challenges or problems by patient endurance because patience is love. Let us ask the Lord during our problems for the virtue of patience, so that we may stand the test of time and wait patiently for the coming of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

I would like to remind you about our St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 23rd. It’s an enjoyable event for all of us to come together as a community of faith while enjoying good food and a fun time, as well as supporting our parish. Please invite your family and friends to come and share in the day with us. As we prepare ourselves to celebrate Thanksgiving, it is important to thank God for our many gifts and blessings, including our greatest gifts of faith and religious freedom.

Thank You!

In Merciful Christ,
Fr. Banka

Please share this prayer with your loved ones when you gather around the table this Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING DINNER PRAYER

Today we give thanks for our many blessings as we pray for those in need.
We give thanks for our family and friends as we pray for those who are lonely.
We give thanks for our freedoms as we pray for those who are oppressed.
We give thanks for our good health as we pray for those who are ill.
We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity as we share our blessings with others.

On this day of Thanksgiving, may the love of God enfold us, the peace of God dwell within us, and the joy of God uplift us.

Amen.

Spiritual Growth

Mary’s Advent

Prepare your hearts for Advent, as we journey together, experiencing the events leading up to the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ through Mary’s eyes.

Saturday, December 7th
9:00 am to Noon
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
President, Fr. Yesobu Banka
Potluck Brunch after the presentation
This Week in our Parish

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Christmas Baskets for St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair

Christmas Baskets were due to be returned by November 14. If you have not returned your basket items please do so now. We WILL NOT receive any baskets AFTER Wednesday, November 20. Call Carol Cashen if you have any questions or concerns: 209-213-9991

RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED for the Christmas Fair

Could you give a few free lessons?
Sport Skills
Dance
Music
Baking
Art
Cooking
Other?

What about 2 hours of:
Basic Repairs OR Painting
Yard Work OR Raking needles/leaves
Cooking OR Sewing
Cleaning OR Organizing
Tutoring OR Serving at an event
Praying a Novena or Rosaries for Someone
Other ideas?

OR... A Christmas Gift for any age

Call the office to donate: 532-7139
Or call Kathy: 770-5987
November 20th is the deadline.

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Patrick’s Parish
Christmas Fair!

Saturday, November 23rd
7:00 am to 7:00 pm

St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
98 W. Jackson St., Sonora

Gift Booths:
Housewares, crafts, religious items, jewelry, and much more!
Bake Sale
Raffle
Food for purchase: Breakfast 7-10, Lunch 12-4
Grand Raffle for Cash! $500, $200, $50

This annual event takes a lot of planning, organizing, and hard work. But the result is a spectacular opportunity to get a head start on your Christmas shopping, support your Parish, meet your friends and neighbors, and be a part of our wonderful Parish community.

See you there!

ATTENTION BAKERS!
The Bake Sale Booth for the annual St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair needs your help to stock the booth with yummy goodies. Bring your baked goods to the Parish Hall on Friday, Nov 22 nd so we can price and have the booth ready for the 7 am opening of the Fair. If you are bringing cookies, brownies, etc., please pack them in groups of three for sale. Also, if you are making something with nuts, please be sure to mark it clearly for people with allergies. Remember: There will be no refrigeration available at the booth itself, so we cannot accept any items that need to be kept cold. Signup sheets are at the Parish Office, or in the back of the Church, or contact YLI member Jan Opie (209-532-5955).
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Jackie Boling
Anna Davidson
Aldo Diaz
Claudia Day Fossum
Diane Goodspeed
Ed Hall
Eileen Hogan
A. J. Holmes
Jeanne Kiely
Rosemarie Lapan
Ashlie Lotz
Lois Marzocchi
Rosie Napier
Jan Opie
Gloria Patania
Nancy Patania
Chuck & Pat Pesha
Juan Pulido
Mary Russell
Connie Scott
Clay Sweeney
Dan Ward
Mitch & Trish Woods

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

The Altar Society wishes to thank all those who came and enjoyed our Western Night Dinner Dance last Friday in the Parish Hall. It was a huge success! We intend to repeat this event next year, and make it a larger event to accommodate all those people who wanted to come.

Special thanks to Knights of Columbus for their help, all those who donated and all those who came and helped. Thank you from Carol Cashen and Debby Cushman.

Parish Services Blanket Drive will run for two more weekends, Nov 16-17 and Nov 23-24. Please bring new or gently used blankets to Mass and place them in the box marked “Blanket Drive.” You may also bring them to the Parish Office during the week. These blankets will help keep our homeless brothers and sisters warm this winter. Your donations this year will be divided up and given to the downtown homeless shelter, the women’s shelter, and to our guests at Matthew 25 breakfast. Thank you for your generosity!

Religious Study at OLMC!
What: The Sacraments of the Catholic Church (11 sessions)
Where: OLMC Parish House
When: Wednesday evenings
Time: 4:00 – 5:30 PM
DVD Speaker: Matthew Leonard

Contact Warren Belisle at 962-4309 or email: bellale@msn.com for more information

Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Art & Environment Place Keepers 2020
Join hands and be a part of a beautiful ministry. Reserve your month now to tend to the art and environment of our lovely church. No experience necessary, and you’ll get lots of help if needed! This is an opportunity to have fun, creative, and quiet time with the Lord. Work with a partner or individually. We all have unique talents, and OLMC needs yours!

Call Ellen if you have any questions or suggestions: 962-7617

St. Patrick’s Parish ~ Thanksgiving Masses
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Vigil Mass
Wednesday, November 27th
4:00 pm

St. Patrick’s
Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 28th
9:00 am

In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

“Arise, soldiers of Christ! Throw away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light!”
St. Cecilia
Patron Saint of Musicians
Feast Day November 22
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday November 18 ~ Sunday November 24

Monday: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-23
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1b-cd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 16; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday November 17 ~ Saturday November 23
Sunday: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Thursday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Cecilia
Saturday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro; Blessed Virgin Mary

Weekly Offerings

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