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
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Father Sam’s Message

This weekend, we joyfully celebrate and give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of our dear mothers. In addition to showing honor, respect, and love to our own mothers, we also want to remember our heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the Church, the month of May is traditionally dedicated to her. When we were baptized, not only did we receive the incalculable gift of a share in our Lord Jesus’ risen life, becoming partakers in His divine life, we also received the most beautiful gift – having Mary, Jesus’ own mother, now as our mother, too!

On May 13, 1917, the Virgin Mary started appearing to three young shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal, over a six-month period, on the 13th day of each month. This message of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as recounted by the three children, is an urgent plea to pray and do penance for the conversion of sinners, ultimately for the salvation of souls. As any good mother does, the Blessed Mother tenderly cares for the well-being and happiness of each of her children, not only in this earthly life, but more critically in the world to come in eternal life. God has given Mary a very special role in our salvation. Through her prayers, example, and intercession, the Blessed Mother helps us, her children, hear the voice of our Good Shepherd, the Risen Lord Jesus, so we can be led by Him to eternal life in the green pastures of heaven. She exhorts us to pray and do penance as the primary means to secure the salvation of ourselves and others Jesus merited in His Death and Resurrection. Each time she appeared to the children, the Blessed Mother tells them to pray, particularly to pray the rosary every day.

The oldest of the three young seers, Lucia Dos Santos, became a religious sister many years after the apparitions. For the rest of her life, she continuously promoted the urgent need to pray the Rosary for our world today. She says, “The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all, spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families, of the families of the world, or of the religious communities, or even of the life of peoples and nations, that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary, we will save ourselves, we will sanctify ourselves, we will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls.”

Bishop’s Ministry Appeal Update

Now for a quick update on our 2019 Bishop’s Ministry Appeal (BMA) campaign. As of last week, we have reached 70% of our $57,410 goal. So, we still have $17,091 to meet our number, which with your generous support we have done for the past 4 years! To get over the finish line, we really need to get our family participation number up. The latest report shows only 143 families have contributed. We are hoping to get that number to at least 264 families. So, we need 121 more families to participate! If your family is not able to make a pledge to be paid monthly over the next 8 months, please consider contributing a one-time dollar amount, even $50 or $20 would help. Remember, any money received over the amount required is credited back to our parish. We still owe the Diocese for prior years when did not meet our goal (over 4 years ago). The more we surpass our goal of $57,410, the quicker we will pay off our outstanding debt from previous BMA’s. Once paid off, any money received above our contribution amount in future BMA campaigns will come back to the parish.

The money then be used in any way that we need – renovations of our older buildings, starting new ministries for our parishioners and local community, etc. Thank you for your consideration to support our Bishop, Myron J. Cotta, and the many Diocesan ministries that directly help our own ministries here at our parish. There are envelopes in the vestibule of the Church and in the pews. If you have any questions about how you can contribute to the effort to surpass our goal, please call the parish office.

On this Mother’s Day weekend, let us honor our dear mothers with profound joy and gratitude. Through the intercession our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, we ask for the grace to always hear our Good Shepherd’s voice and follow Him to the everlasting green pastures of heaven.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West

Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband, too, praises her:
“Many are the women of proven worth,
but you have excelled them all.” (Proverbs 31:28-29)

Happy Mother’s Day!
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**Confirmation**

Mass will be celebrated on

Wednesday, May 15

6:00 pm

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Bishop Myron J. Cotta presiding

Please join our community in prayer and hope as we support our young people who are taking this important step on their journey of Faith.

**Spiral Growth Team Quiche Brunch & Bake Sale!**

Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19

After all Masses

Parish Hall ~ St. Patrick’s

Come buy some goodies!

Sunday morning brunch:

Slice of Quiche, fruit, coffee/tea for $5

You can also pre-order whole quiches for $10, which will be ready to pick up at the Bake Sale.

Please email atonewiththespirit@gmail.com to pre-order your quiche: Ham, Sausage, or Veggie.

Bakers: We need your help! If you can supply baked goods for our bake sale, please bring your wrapped goodies to the Parish Hall before Mass.

For more info, contact Cynthia by email: atonewiththespirit@gmail.com

Thank you!

All proceeds from the bake sale support future spiritual growth opportunities.

**May 12, 2019**

Today is the 56th World Day of Prayer for Vocations!

We hope you have all received the prayer cards that will help us to keep praying for our priests, the religious, and all those seeking to discern vocations. In the Gospel of St. John, Jesus said to His disciples, "Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" (John 4:35) Jesus also said to those following Him: "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:38)

Let us meditate on Christ's words and also on the Holy Father's message for today as we lift up together priests, all religious, and those hearing the Lord's call to serve the Church, imploring the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph:

"Dear friends, it is not always easy to discern our vocation and to steer our life in the right direction. There is a need for a youth ministry and a vocational promotion that can open the way to discovering God’s plan, above all through prayer, meditation on God’s word, Eucharistic adoration, spiritual accompaniment. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us join in prayer and ask the Lord to help us discover His plan of love for our lives, and to grant us the courage to walk in the path that, from the beginning, He has chosen for each of us."

(From His Holiness Pope Francis' address for this year's 56th World Day of Prayer for Vocations at the Vatican, 31 January 2019, Memorial of Saint John Bosco)

**Save the Date - Sunday, May 19**

Fr. Yesobu Banka is coming to give us a presentation and update on St. Patrick’s “Little Sheep of Christ” ministry in India. With your help, children in Fr. Banka’s village in India are receiving the Gospel!!

Fr. Banka will be here at St. Patrick’s to celebrate the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 19. The slide show presentation and commentary by Fr. Banka will be after the 11:00 Mass, in the Parish Hall, Rm 3 & 4.

All are welcome!

Donations will be gratefully accepted.
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

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

Baby Bottle Boomerang!
† Starts this Mother’s Day weekend, May 11-12.
† Pick up your baby bottle bank, fill it with coins and cash, and bring it back to church on Father’s Day weekend, June 15-16.
All proceeds support the ministry of the Foothill Pregnancy Center.
Thank you for promoting the sanctity of human life!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Priscilla’s Pansy Pals
During the fifty days of the Easter season, we have a lovely way to keep OLMC filled with the bounty of Spring. You will find empty vases left in the back of the church. Please feel free to take one and fill it with flowers, blossoms, and beauty. That way each of us can take what is around us and make of it a special offering for our worship services. When you see the empties, it will be time to refill our vases with the life in bloom. Bring the filled vases to Mass and place them.

Cinnamon Sundays
Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s next Cinnamon Sunday will gather on May 26 after the 9 am Mass. Please feel free to bring juice or your breakfast specialty. Don’t forget your celebratory spirit!

Encounter
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Worship and Praise Music
Monday evenings 6:30-7:45 pm
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Sonora

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Stockton
Garden Gala
6th Annual Wine & Food Garden Party
Saturday, June 1 ~ 6:30 - 9:30 pm
St. Joachim Catholic Church
13392 Lockeford Ranch Dr., Lockeford CA
Local wines ◇ Craft beer ◇ Sumptuous food
Live music ◇ Auction ◇ Raffle

Are YOU prepared for Fire Season?
READY, SET, GO!
Your Personal Wildfire Action Plan
Presentation by Emily Kilgore, Fire Prevention Specialist from Cal Fire
6:30 pm ~ Tuesday June 11
St Patrick’s Church Parish Hall

Please invite your friends and neighbors.
Let’s all have a safe summer!
Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday May 11 ~ Sunday May 19
Saturday 5:00 pm Jeff Fish 
Lena Fraguero 
Sunday 7:30 am Alicia Diaz 
Ines Bandera 
9:00 am Tete Arellano 
Adolfo Negrete 
11:00 am Jose Ramirez 
Roy Volpetti 
5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez 
Lupe Diaz 
We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.

Monday 8:00 am Soledad Balbuena
(Happy Birthday!)
Margaret Wyman (Healing)
Tuesday 8:00 am Carol Schlimmer (Healing)
Kathi Palange (Healing)
Wednesday 8:00 am Lupe Alcala 
Etta Akeson
Thursday 8:00 am Juan Barba
Friday 8:00 am Bob Julian
Veronica Barba
Saturday 5:00 pm Jack McCoy 
Jack & LaVon Woodcock 
Sunday 7:30 am Roy Volpetti 
Tony Roma 
9:00 am Deceased members of the YLI 
Bob O’Connell 
11:00 am Jose Ramirez 
Joe Hart 
5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez 
Adolfo Negrete 

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date
Tuesday 5/21 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Monday 5/27 ~ Memorial Day
Saturday 6/1 ~ Music Ministry Retreat
Saturday 6/8 ~ Pentecost Vigil
Sunday 6/9 ~ Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 6/16 ~ Father’s Day
Baby Bottle Boomerang ends
Thursday 7/4 ~ Independence Day
Tuesday 7/16 ~ Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Friday 7/26 ~ Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne
Thursday 8/15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday May 13 ~ Sunday May 19
Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 -- 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday May 12 ~ Saturday May 18
Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Monday: Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday: St. Matthias
Wednesday: St. Isidore the Farmer
Saturday: St. John I; Armed Forces Day

Weekly Offerings

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Parish Services: St. Pat’s $344; OLMC $118
Thank you for your continued and generous offerings

First Holy Communion
Sunday May 12th
11:00 am Mass