St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

St. Patrick’s Church
127 Jackson St., Sonora, CA

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

Staff
Fr. Sam West, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Lawrence,
Parochial Vicar
Mike Kubasek, Deacon
Ron Ivey, Business Manager
Marie Dahlstrand,
Coordinator of Liturgy
Sandra Betti, Music Director
Kathy Casas, Religious Education
Angela Cordes,
Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Gail Andrus, Receptionist
Jan DePaoli, Administrative Asst.
Emergency Intercessions “8”

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In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Pastor

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Father Joseph’s Message

God of Justice . . . of Love . . .

DIVINE LIBERATOR

Rolling up the Scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. . . He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:21)

The central theme of today’s readings is that we should have and show the courage of our Christian convictions in our day-to-day lives in our communities, when we face hatred and rejection because of our Christian Faith. In both the first reading and the Gospel, Jeremiah and Jesus are presented as prophets, chosen, consecrated and sent to their brothers and sisters as emissaries of the Word of God.

For centuries, Indian society lived under a rigid caste system imposed by the high caste Hindus in which each person was born into a set social group. People who were born into the highest social group, or caste, used to receive the benefits of honor, respect, and privileges. Then, there are different levels, or castes, below this.

A person’s caste at birth determined what job he could have, whom he could marry, and what rights he had in his society. On the very lowest rungs of society were the Dalits, whose name actually means “broken, crushed.” The Dalits were the targets of violence and discrimination in Indian society for a long time.

Fortunately, formal discrimination no longer exists under the new law. But now, the Dalits face persecution for another reason: their Faith. Nearly 70% of Indian Christians are Dalits. The reserved 22.5% of all government and semi-government jobs, including seats in Parliament and state legislatures, is available only to Dalits who follow Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism, but Dalit Christians and Muslims are not protected as castes under Indian Reservation policy. The legal reason is that there is no caste system in Christianity and Islam.

The Christian Faith was quite attractive to the Dalits. They chose to follow Christ even when they knew the consequences they might face including the denial of free education and job reservation given to Hindu Dalits. Why would the Hindu Dalits, who were targets of discrimination and abuse, invite more such treatment by becoming Christians?

Because in Christ they meet a God of liberation, Who loves and lifts up those whom others would tear down. His heart is with those who suffer. He cares about those who are hurting, who are helpless, who are brokenhearted, and who are in bondage. They consider Jesus as their Divine liberator, and God of justice.

The story of the Dalits is a wonderful example for all to turn to Jesus and experience Him to be my Liberator, King of my heart, my Lord and my God.

SHALOM

In Christ, Fr. Joseph Lawrence
**February 3, 2019**

**This Week in our Parish**

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**Adoration and Reconciliation**

Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.”

( CCC #289)

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Dear Pastors and Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to sincerely thank you ALL for your strong efforts and partnership with the Diocese of Stockton in the Bishop’s Ministry Appeal (BMA). The Bishop’s Ministry Appeal supports the many ministries, programs and services provided by the Diocese, which benefit all of our parishes.

The 2018 Bishop’s Ministry Appeal (BMA) was a great success! Over 10,000 parishioners generously gave $2,998,500 in 2018. 31 parishes achieved their goal, with 100% of all funds a parish raises above goal returned to the parish. I am pleased to report over $700,000 will be distributed to parishes for the 2018 BMA.

Thank you for graciously partnering with us, “As One” to strengthen our parishes and ministries, and to continue building His Kingdom in our Diocese.

In the Peace of Christ,

Myron J. Cotta
Roman Catholic Bishop of Stockton

**Need the perfect gift for your spouse this Valentine’s Day?** Give your beloved the gift of your time and love by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include:
- Feb 15-17, 2019 in Modesto, CA
- Jul 13-14, 2019 in Manteca, CA

For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at:

https://www.stocktonwwme.org
or contact John & Angelica at applications@stocktonwwme.org or 209-691-0603

**Thank You for Generously Supporting the 2018 Bishop’s Ministry Appeal As One, Giving Glory To God**

With appreciation and gratitude,
† Bishop Myron J. Cotta
Diocese of Stockton
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Diane Abdelnour  Kristine Kitamura
Rich Abdelnour, Jr.  Lois Marzocchi
Al Biedrzycki  Judi Maguire
Jackie Boling  Cindy Merritt
Jan Buck  Gary Pizl
Bill Gookin  Mike Schirmer
Ed Hall  Clay Sweeney
A. J. Holmes  Roy Volpetti
Donald C. Kellogg  Mitch & Trish Woods
Bill & Rolene Kiesling

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

The Sacrament of Baptism

We joyfully welcome

Malachi Skokan
Newborn son of Andrew & Noelle Skokan
Baptized January 25, 2019

The Lord has loved me so much; we must love everyone, we must be compassionate!
St. Josephine Bakhita
(1869-1947)

Mary’s Garden

It is a Catholic tradition to acknowledge and honor the unselfish and holy life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, particularly in the month of May. In the Middle Ages, missionaries and travelers spread stories across Europe about flowers named after Mary and various times of her life. “Mary’s Gardens” that featured these flowers became popular there, and later the tradition made its way to America. Our YLI planted a garden in 2001 on the west side of the Steinmetz House. It has recently been replanted and can be visited at any time. There are two benches where one can pray or contemplate. Please use the stepping stones so as not to crush the flowers. Even during these colder winter months, the garden is a lovely spot to spend some time in prayer and reflection.

Fr. Marian Korzeniowski (St. Stanislaus Parish, Modesto) will be leading a pilgrimage to the beautiful country of Poland from May 20 - June 2, 2019. We will be visiting St. Faustina’s Convent and Shrine, the tomb of St. Stanislaus, Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine (aka the Black Madonna), the monastery founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe, the birthplace of Frederic Chopin, and many other shrines, castles, and historic places. You will see the best that Poland has to offer!

The price of the ground tour is $1900 and includes everything except airfare. The deadline to register and pay is February 15, 2019.

For more information and more details please contact Fr. Marian at 209-422-7123.
Email: mkorzeniowski@ststanscc.org

Spiritual Direction at Saint Patrick’s

Spiritual Directors are trained companions who join a seeker on his/her spiritual journey and help in the discernment of where God’s spirit is leading.

The following members of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church have been trained as Spiritual Directors through the Institute for Catholic Spirituality & Spiritual Direction, and are available to the faith community.

If interested in learning more, contact any one of the following:
† Cynthia Dragun: (805) 490-6147
† Barbara Fish: (209) 743-8919
† Carol Gabbert: (775) 771-6297
† Connie Jacob: (209) 591-7978
† Christina Welch: (541) 447-7998
February 3, 2019

**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Thursday 2/14 ~** St. Valentine’s Day
**Monday 2/18 ~** Parish Office closed
**Wednesday 3/6 ~** Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
**Sunday 3/17 ~** St. Patrick’s Day
**Thursday 4/11 ~** Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton
**Thursday 4/18 ~** Holy Thursday
**Friday 4/19 ~** Good Friday
**Saturday 4/20 ~** Easter Vigil
**Sunday 4/21 ~** Easter Sunday
**Saturday 5/11 ~** Mother Lode Round-Up Parade
**Sunday 5/12 ~** Mother’s Day

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**Mass Intents for the Week**

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We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.

| Monday 8:00 am John Barba                  | Robert Preciado       |
| Tuesday 8:00 am Cindy Bruni                | Vern & Jo Froehlich   |
| Wednesday 8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory ♛ | Irma Mendonca ♛       |
| Thursday 8:00 am Magda Frei                | Kerry & Judy Wilder   |
| Friday 8:00 am Alicia Diaz ♛               | Sofia Diaz ♛          |
| Saturday 5:00 pm John Ghiorsò ♛            | Walter Carvolho ♛     |
| Sunday 7:30 am Stevenson Family            | Adolfo Negrete ♛      |
| 9:00 am Tete Arellano ♛                    | Barbara Carneiro ♛    |
| 11:00 am Marilyn Herman                    | Charles Fran Barberini (Healing) |
| 5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez ♛                   | Lizbeth Gutierrez ♛   |

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday February 4 ~ Sunday February 10**

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday February 3 ~ Saturday February 9**

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Boy Scouting Sunday

**Tuesday:** St. Agatha; Chinese New Year 4717

**Wednesday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions

**Friday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Weekly Offerings**

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**Church in Latin America:** St. Pat’s $957; OLMC $150