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
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Fr. Joseph Lawrence, Parochial Vicar
Mike Kubasek, Deacon
Ron Ivey, Business Manager
Marie Dahlestrand, Coordinator of Liturgy
Sandra Betti, Music Director
Kathy Casas, Religious Education
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Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018

Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations.

Luke 24:46-47

“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

Volume 7, Number 15
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Father Sam’s Message

In this Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter, we hear of another appearance of the Risen Lord Jesus to His disciples. This time He appears again to the two disciples to whom He had just previously revealed Himself in “the breaking of the bread” and, along with them, to the 11 Apostles who stayed in Jerusalem. The description of the disciples’ encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus reveals more about the features of His “glorified body” and what this means for us. First, Jesus’ risen body is solid and not transparent. It is not what we would think a ghost’s “body” is like. Our Lord Himself says, “A ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” He is really there and not just an apparition. For us this means, although now our Lord Jesus has a new body fully capable of dwelling in the spiritual life, He makes Himself accessible in a way that we, those of us in “unglorified” bodies, are still able to see and touch Him. Also, although He asks for something to eat, Jesus’ glorified body would never need food or physical nourishment. But by asking for food, He is showing His disciples He still is able to commune with them. His Death and Resurrection has not made Jesus less accessible to us, but quite the opposite. Because Jesus rose from the dead and now has His glorified body, He is now closer than ever before. In His appearance after the Resurrection, Jesus shows not only that He truly rose from the dead, but that He is now able to be with us in ways which were not possible before the Resurrection.

We both touch Jesus and have our minds opened to understand Scripture at every Mass! At the Liturgy of the Word, we hear and meditate on the Scriptures, and when we receive Holy Communion, we really see and touch our Lord truly resurrected. Full, active, and conscious participation in the Mass is how we can have a real encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus and, thereby, experience His heavenly peace.

“First Mass, Last Mass, and Only Mass”

At the 11 am Mass this Sunday, we are celebrating the gift of First Communion for our dear Faith Formation children. We sincerely pray for these children that they may come to know Jesus’ love for them more and more each time they receive the greatest gift Jesus gave His Church, His Body and Blood. We congratulate these beautiful children and their families.

This should remind us of the gift of our own First Holy Communion and that receiving truly our Risen Lord’s Body and Blood is the most special act we can possibly do on earth. One way to make every reception of the Lord’s Body and Blood really special is to do what is recommended to priests: “Celebrate this Mass as if it is your first Mass, your last Mass, and your only Mass.”

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Patrick, we pray for the grace to touch our Risen Lord and know His Word so as to experience His peace, the peace only He can give.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West

First Communion
April 15, 2018

Hailey Campbell
Iker Casillas
Gavin Insilan
Lizbeth Lopez
Tyr Morgan
Carmen Ramos
Jose Rosas
Mauricio Rosas
Aaron Ruedes
Murphy Sullivan
William Taylor
Cooper Thompson
Valentina Vidales
This Week in our Parish

Sun 4/15 ~ Meet & Greet: Religious Ed

Sun 4/15 ~ First Holy Communion, 11:00 am Mass

Wed 4/18 ~ Financial Peace University, 6:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall, Rm. 4

Wed 4/18 ~ Confirmation Mass, 6:00 pm with Bishop Myron Cotta, St. Patrick’s

Sat 4/21 ~ Altar Duty: Donna Woodcock

Sat 4/21 ~ Spiritual Growth Session, “Queen of Heaven”, 10:00 - 12:00 St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

Sun 4/22 ~ Meet & Greet: Knights of Columbus

Please join us for these...

First Sacrament Celebrations

First Holy Communion
Sunday, April 15th
11:00 mass

Sacrament of Confirmation
Celebrated with
BISHOP MYRON COTTA
Wednesday, April 18th
6:00 pm

The Sacrament of Baptism
We joyfully welcome
Harper and Juliet Leonardo

Baptized April 7, 2018

Spiritual Growth Team
Bake Sale!

Saturday, May 5 &
Sunday, May 6
After all Masses
Parish Hall ~ St. Patrick’s

We are asking all our talented bakers to volunteer to create and donate baked and/or homemade goods. It would be helpful if items were individually wrapped for sale. You can drop-off your baked goods in the Parish Hall on either Saturday May 5th before the 5:00 pm Mass, or the morning of Sunday May 6th. All proceeds support future retreats and spiritual growth sessions.

If you have questions or need assistance in delivering your baked goods, please contact Cynthia Dragun @ 209-984-5726.

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

“BLESSED are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors, for their good deeds go with them.” (Revelation 14:13)

Spiritual Growth ~ "Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for Souls"

Begins Saturday, April 21,
10:00 am - 12:00 pm,
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

This series gives us the intriguing story of Mary, this gentle and perfect mother, and her battle for our souls with Lucifer, the fallen angel. It also delves into the deeper meaning of her annunciation, her sorrows and her “dark night of the soul.” We learn why she is our Queen, and the Mother of our Church. This series will run for four weeks, finishing right around Mother’s Day. What better way to honor our Blessed Mother!

For more information, please contact Cynthia Dragun @ 209-984-5726. Email: atonewiththespirit@gmail.com
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Leanne Abbe-Alcioti
Tete Arellano
Catherine Bentz
Al Biedrzycki
Carolyn Bruning
Jan Buck
Margaret Corotto
Vern & Jo Froehlich
Joe Gamboa
Mitch & Patti Gerner
Bill Gookin
Ed Hall
Joan Holland
A. J. Holmes
Fred Kahl
Bill & Rolene Kiesling
Kristine Kitamura
Lois Marzocchi
Dorothy McCargar
Letty Molinari
Pat Newton
Barbara North
Lee O’Shaughnessy
Joseph Perez
Mike Schirmer
Monica Steele
Clay & Barbara Sweeney

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

New Divine Mercy Cenacle

A “cenacle” is a study and prayer group. We study St. Faustina’s Diary, the catechism of the Catholic Church, and the Bible using the Divine Mercy Cenacle book as our guide. We end the class by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by fellowship. Come join us for the book one class! We meet the second and fourth Monday at 11:00 am in classroom 1, in the Parish Hall. Please come join us or just check it out. We would love to have you take part in this vibrant group.

For more information: Cecilia Woosley @ 536-4020 or Deb Cushman @ 533-2756

OLMC Parish Services

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Services is an organization within the parish which provides assistance to our community. We are guided by the wisdom of the Spirit to follow our Catholic tradition of caring for those in need by providing for the physical and financial needs of our parishioners and the community. The phone number to call to request assistance or information is (209)532-7139 Ext. 111 and is on the front page of the church bulletin. This phone number is monitored by our Core Group.

Parish Services picks up the food donated each week at Mass and delivers it to the EV Free Church who distributes it to people in need in the Groveland – Big Oak Flat Area. We have made cash donations to the Baptist Church, the Seventh Day Adventist Church and the EV Free Church for their food distribution programs.

We could use one or two more volunteers on our Core Group. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please call the number above and a member will return your call.

If you would be available to prepare food for the sick or for funerals, do light home repairs and/or yard work, or provide social visits, please fill out a form which is available at the Parish Service box at the back of the church and put it in the box.

Thank you for your past support!

40 Days for Life News

My thanks to all the parishioners who helped to make this Lenten season’s 40 Days for Life such a great success. For the most part, we had at least 3 people during each hour. We had help from All Saints Catholic Church, and we had one person from Sierra Bible Church. Remember, we all were witnesses to the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

Thank you all, Joan Madsen

St. Patrick’s Altar & Rosary Society

Luncheon and Bingo!

Monday, May 7th ~ Parish Hall
Doors open at 11:30 am
Lunch at 12:00, followed by Bingo

Lunch: $6.00 per person
Bingo: 3-card game $1.00
Tickets: Available now by calling Marge Nath @ 532-2229 or Deb Cushman @533-2756, or you may purchase tickets on April 29th after all Masses in the Parish Hall.
Everyone is welcome!
Black Out is for $100!

St. Patrick’s Parish Hall kitchen is desperately in need of good, sturdy and protective potholders! If you have any to donate, please bring them to the Parish Office. Thank you!
**Weekly Offerings**

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**General Offerings**

- St. Pat’s: $12,835, $35,110, $6,598
- OLMC: $1,836, $6,124, $1,529
- E-giving: $410, $2,491, $250
- Total: $15,081, $43,725, $8,377

**LAST YEAR**

- $7,783, $37,368, $8,700

**Maintenance Offerings**

- St. Pat’s: $742, $2,251, $242
- OLMC: $75, $205, $15
- Total: $817, $2,456, $257

**Easter:** St. Pat’s $1,625; OLMC $110

Parish Services: St. Pat’s $561; OLMC $125

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!

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**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

- **Saturday 4/28 & Sunday 4/29** ~ Second Collection Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- **Saturday 5/5 & Sunday 5/6** ~ Spiritual Growth Team Bake Sale, Parish Hall
- **Sunday 5/6** ~ Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker 3:00 pm Mass, followed by Potluck in the Parish Hall
- **Monday 5/7** ~ Altar & Rosary Society Luncheon & Bingo, Parish Hall; doors open 11:30
- **Saturday 5/12** ~ Mother Lode Round-Up Parade
- **Sunday 5/13** ~ Mother’s Day
- **Monday 5/28** ~ Memorial Day
- **Sunday 6/24** ~ Parish Picnic! Pinecrest Lake

For regularly scheduled meetings, please check the Master Calendar at www.stpatssonora.org. If you have calendar requests or need to make changes, please email ron@stpatssonora.org.