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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

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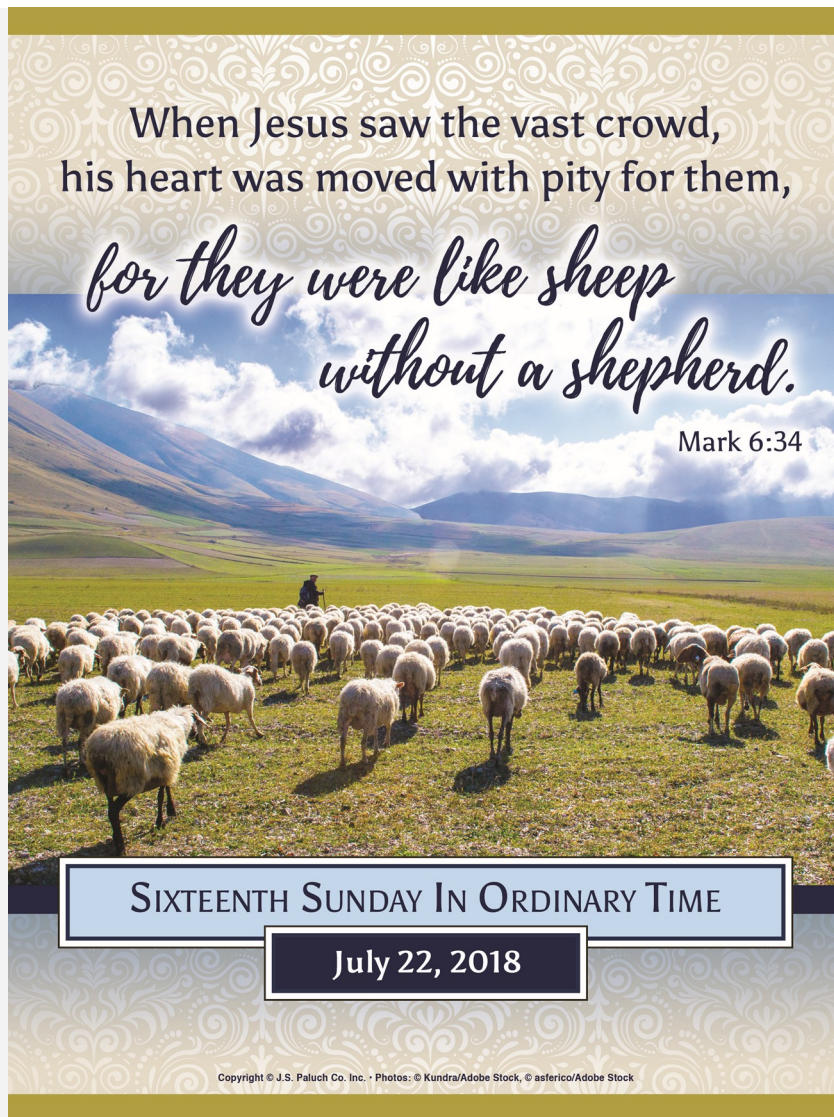
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## St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Sonora, California

# The GOOD News

... in Our Parish



### *"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](http://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](mailto:frsam@stpatssonora.org). God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Pastor



## Father Joseph's Message

### Sheep & Shepherd/ CHECKING IN TODAY

This week, the Response to the word of God is **"The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."** We have our shepherd who loves and cares for us always. He is the Bread of Life inviting us constantly. Therefore, let us this week examine how I am related to my Shepherd. The following is a message sent by one of my friends. Please read it slowly and all the more when you read the **bolded words**, try to read it **aloud**, either vocally or mentally.

Once a Priest passing through his church in the middle of the day decided to pause by the altar to see who came to pray. Just then the back door opened, and a man came down the aisle. The Priest frowned as he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while. His shirt was torn and shabby, and his coat was worn and frayed.

The man knelt down and bowed his head, then rose and walked away. In the days that followed, at precisely noon, the Priest saw this chap. Each time he knelt just for a moment, a lunch pail in his lap.

Well, the minister's suspicions grew, with robbery a main fear.

He decided to stop and ask the man, "What are you doing here?" The old man said he was a factory worker and lunch was half an hour. Lunchtime was his prayer time, for finding strength and power. "I stay only a moment because the factory's far away; as I kneel here talking to the Lord, this is kind of what I say:

**"I Just Came By To Tell You, Lord, How Happy I Have Been, Since We Found Each Other's Friendship and You Took Away My Sin. Don't Know Much of How to Pray, But I Think about You Every day. So, Jesus, This Is Ben, Just Checking In Today."**

The Priest, feeling foolish, told Ben that it was fine. He told the man that he was welcome to pray there anytime.

"It's time to go, Father, and thanks," Ben said as he hurried to the door. Then the Priest knelt there at the altar, which he'd never done before. His heart melted, warmed with love, as he met with Jesus there. As the tears flowed down his cheeks, He repeated old Ben's prayer:

**"I Just Came By To Tell You, Lord, How Happy I've Been, Since We Found Each Other's Friendship and You Took Away My Sin. I Don't Know Much Of How to Pray, but I Think about You Every day. So, Jesus, This Is Me, Just Checking In Today."**

Past noon one day, the Priest noticed that old Ben hadn't come. As more days passed and still no Ben, He began to worry some. At the factory, he asked about him, learning he was ill. He went to Hospital.

The hospital staff was worried, but he'd given them a thrill. The week that Ben was with them brought changes in the ward. His smiles and joy were contagious. Changed people were his reward. The head nurse couldn't understand why Ben could be so glad, when no flowers, calls or cards came, not even a visitor he had.

The Priest stayed by his bed. He voiced the nurse's concern: No friends had come to show they cared... no visitors.

Looking surprised, old Ben spoke up and with a winsome smile said, "The nurse is wrong; she couldn't know; He's been here all the while. Every day at noon He comes here, a dear friend of mine, you see. He sits right down and takes my hand, leans over and says to me:

**'I Just Came By To Tell You, Ben, How Happy I Have Been, Since We Found This Friendship, And I Took Away Your Sin. I Think About You Always, And I Love To Hear You Pray, and So Ben, This Is Jesus, Just Checking In Today.'**

How often am I **checking** in with my Shepherd?  
**"Oh, Good Shepherd, I am here, your sheep, bless me."**

*In Christ, Fr. Joseph Lawrence*

Here's a nice place where you can sit and "check in" with the Good Shepherd:

### *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.





JULY 22, 2018

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## This Week in our Parish

**Sun 7/22** ~ Meet & Greet: Knights of Columbus

**Sat 7/28** ~ Altar Duty: Patti Gerner

**Sat 7/28** ~ Special Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, 9:00 am at St. Anne's in Columbia  
Bishop Emeritus Stephen Blaire presiding  
Reception/Potluck Brunch after Mass at Angelo's Hall

**Sun 7/29** ~ Meet & Greet: The Altar Society



### Feed the Hungry

#### 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. Our Core Group monitors this phone number.

Donations to OLMC's Parish Services Fund were \$1,904.00 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Two requests for financial assistance to cover utilities and car repairs were granted for a total of \$500.00. Cash donations were made to the Baptist Church, the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and the EV Free Church for their food distribution programs. Additional donations were made to The Little House, Christmas Eve Dinner, Christmas Baskets program and the Groveland Thanksgiving Dinner.

Parish Services picks up the food donated each week at Mass and delivers it to the EV Free Church who distribute it to people in need in the Groveland – Big Oak Flat area. Thank you to those of you who donate food at Mass.

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 sick or funerals, light home repairs, light yard work or 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.



### Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim

The Feast Day is July 26th, but we will celebrate with a special Mass on Saturday, July 28th  
St. Anne's Catholic Church  
Columbia, CA  
Mass at 9:00 am  
Bishop Emeritus  
Stephen Blaire presiding

The Knights of Columbus Color Guard, in full regalia, will be in attendance at the Mass.

A reception will follow at Angelo's Hall in Columbia State Park, with a potluck brunch. Sign-up sheets for the Potluck are located in the Parish Hall after Mass.

For more information, please call the Parish Office at 532-7139.

Bishop Emeritus Stephen E. Blaire requests the pleasure of your company at the



*Cupcakes,  
Canapés, and  
Cocktails  
Art Event!*



Benefiting the Education of the Seminarians of the Stockton Diocese

The Bishop's treasured collection of paintings, sculpture, carvings, and icons will be up for bid in this silent auction. Cocktails, wine, and sweet and savory hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Date: Thursday July 26th, 2018

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Place: Guadalupe Hall, Church of the Presentation  
1515 W. Benjamin Holt Drive, Stockton, CA

\$25 per person - tickets may be purchased at the door

For more information, please call Fabienne Johnson at 209-612-7539.



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

**Rich Abdelnour**  
**Tete Arellano**  
**Catherine Bentz**  
**Carolyn Bruning**  
**Vern & Jo Froehlich**  
**Mitch & Patti Gerner**  
**Ed Hall**  
**Shirley Hamblin**  
**A. J. Holmes**  
**Bill & Rolene Kiesling**

**Kristine Kitamura**  
**Dorothy McCargar**  
**Joseph Murtagh**  
**Barbara North**  
**Juan Pinela**  
**Juan Pulido**  
**Mike Schirmer**  
**Clay Sweeney**  
**Mitch Woods**  
**Jean Wobbe**

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



INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD,  
we commend the souls of

**Lowell Lehman**  
**Ron Colombani**

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### *Religious Education Classes Begin...*

**Kindergarten and First Grade**  
**Sundays 10:15 through 11:00 Family Mass**  
Includes Liturgy of the Word for Children  
**Begins Sunday, September 16th**  
Downstairs in the Parish Hall

**2nd Grade through Confirmation**  
**Begins Wednesday, September 12th**  
6:30-7:30 pm - Parish Hall

**PRE- REGISTRATION is helpful!**

Forms are in the church  
vestibule, hall, and office.

**Baptismal certificates are necessary  
unless baptized at St. Patrick's.**

**Please return the forms to the  
Parish Office or mail to:**  
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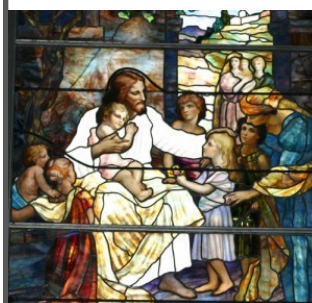


## **Is the Lord Calling You?**

Each year He calls forth those He has chosen to formally pass on our faith to the next generation. It is the responsibility of parents, accepted at the baptism of their child, to instruct them, but the responsibility of the church to assist parents in that role.

**We need teachers who can bring God's message  
of love to students of a variety of ages.**

If you would like to join us on Wednesday evenings and help with the faith formation of our young people, please contact the Parish Office or Kathy Casas, Director of Religious Ed, @ 532-7139 or 770-5987



"Jesus said, let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

*(Matthew 19:14)*

## **Grieving with Great HOPE**

### **Grief Support Workshop**

**Grieving with Great HOPE** is a five week grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include Cathi Ruiz and Martha Golay, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement apostolate.

**Wednesdays: August 1, 8, 22, 29, 6-8 pm;**

**Thursday, August 16, 6-8 pm**

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
127 Jackson Street, Sonora**

Contact Steve and Martha Golay for registration details and a registration form at 209-588-2935, or email [golaymartha@yahoo.com](mailto:golaymartha@yahoo.com)

*There is a \$15 fee for the workshop, which will be collected at the first meeting.*

*Advanced registration by July 27, 2018*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday July 21 ~ Sunday July 29

<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 pm	Ken Francek † Marcus Balbuena †
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	Tony Pallante † Joaquin Andre †
	9:00 am	Deceased members of the YLI † All Parishioners
	11:00 am	Jose Padilla, <i>Happy Birthday!</i>
	5:00 pm	Lupe Diaz † Alicia Sanchez †

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

<b>Monday</b>	8:00 am	Doris Fletcher † Victoria Espinosa †
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 am	John Zunino † Rose Merel †
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 am	Mary Pingula †
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Giovanna & Luigi Betti † (St. Anne's)
	5:00 pm	Mary Ann Wideman † William Schrag †
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	Teri Schappek † Brenda Abree †
	9:00 am	All Parishioners
	11:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
	5:00 pm	Lupe Diaz † Michael Johnston †

### Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

**Wednesday 8/1 ~ "Grieving with Great Hope"**  
Grief Support Workshop begins,  
6:00 - 8:00 pm Parish Hall

**Friday 8/3 - Sunday 8/5 ~ All Saints Parish**  
Yard Sale, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (Sunday 8:00 - 1:00)  
All Saints Catholic Church, Twain Harte

**Tuesday 8/14 ~ Vigil Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 5:00 pm OLMC**

**Wednesday 8/15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8:00 am and 6:30 pm Mass St. Patrick's**

**Friday 8/17 - Sunday 8/19 ~ Catholic Men's Fellowship Fall Retreat, Old Oak Ranch, Sonora**

For regularly scheduled meetings, please check the Master Calendar at [www.stpatssonora.org](http://www.stpatssonora.org). If you have calendar requests or need to make changes to your current calendared items, please email [ron@stpatssonora.org](mailto:ron@stpatssonora.org).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday July 23 ~ Sunday July 29

<b>Monday:</b>	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
<b>Friday:</b>	Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
<b>Sunday:</b>	2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

### Sunday July 22 ~ Saturday July 28

<b>Sunday:</b>	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Bridget
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Sharbel Makhluf
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. James
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Joachim and St. Anne
<b>Saturday:</b>	Blessed Virgin Mary

### Pray the Rosary



The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary prior to the 7:30 am and 11:00 am Masses on July **29th**, the fifth Sunday of the month. Please come to Mass early and join us in this beautiful devotion.

## Weekly Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	7-8-18 Week 27	7-15-18 Week 28	July Totals YTD
<b>General Offerings</b>			
St. Pat's	\$5,640	\$4,843	\$16,767
OLMC	\$1,416	\$1,329	\$3,868
E-giving	\$295	\$405	\$1,090
Total	\$7,351	\$6,577	\$21,725
LAST YEAR	\$10,115	\$6,505	\$23,646
<b>Maintenance Offerings</b>			
St. Pat's	\$125	\$50	\$854
OLMC	\$0	\$10	\$110
Total	\$125	\$60	\$964

*Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!*



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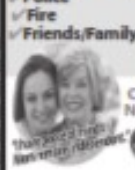
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