St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News
. . . in Our Parish

When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Mark 6:34

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 22, 2018

“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 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 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. 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.
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

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.

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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  Kristine Kitamura
Tete Arellano  Dorothy McCargar
Catherine Bentz  Joseph Murtagh
Carolyn Bruning  Barbara North
Vern & Jo Froehlich  Juan Pinela
Mitch & Patti Gerner  Juan Pulido
Ed Hall  Mike Schirmer
Shirley Hamblin  Clay Sweeney
A. J. Holmes  Mitch Woods
Bill & Rolene Kiesling  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.

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

There is a $15 fee for the workshop, which will be collected at the first meeting.
Advanced registration by July 27, 2018

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:
St. Patrick’s Church
116 W. Bradford St.
Sonora, CA 95370

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Mass for the Week

Saturday July 21 ~ Sunday July 29

Saturday 5:00 pm Ken Francek  Marcus Balbuena

Sunday 7:30 am Tony Pallante  Joaquin Andre
9:00 am Deceased members of the YLI  All Parishioners
11:00 am Jose Padilla, Happy Birthday!
5:00 pm Lupe Diaz  Alicia Sanchez

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

Monday 8:00 am Doris Fletcher  Victoria Espinosa
5:00 pm Mary Ann Widerman  William Schrag

Tuesday 8:00 am No Intentions

Wednesday 8:00 am John Zunino  Rose Merel
9:00 am No Intentions

Thursday 8:00 am No Intentions

Friday 8:00 am Mary Pingula
9:00 am All Parishioners
11:00 am No Intentions
5:00 pm Lupe Diaz  Michael Johnston

Saturday 9:00 am Giovanna & Luigi Betti (St. Anne’s)
5:00 pm Mary Ann Widerman  William Schrag

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. If you have calendar requests or need to make changes to your current calendared items, please email ron@stpatssonora.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday July 23 ~ Sunday July 29

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

TUESDAY
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY
2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

THURSDAY
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

FRIDAY
Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY
Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

SUNDAY
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

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bridget

Tuesday: St. Sharbel Makhluf

Wednesday: St. James

Thursday: St. Joachim and St. Anne

Saturday: 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 Goal $10,000

7-8-18 Week 27 7-15-18 Week 28 July Totals YTD

General Offerings
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

Maintenance Offerings
St. Pat’s $125 $50 $854

OLMC $0 $10 $110

Total $125 $60 $964

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!