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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.
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Mass Times:

Sat 5:00 pm
 Sun 9:00 am

Reconciliation:

Sat 4:30 pm

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The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 30, 2018



*Jesus said to his parents,
 "Why were you looking for me?
 Did you not know that I
 must be in my Father's house?"*

Luke 2:49

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"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



Father Joseph's Message

What makes a Family Holy?

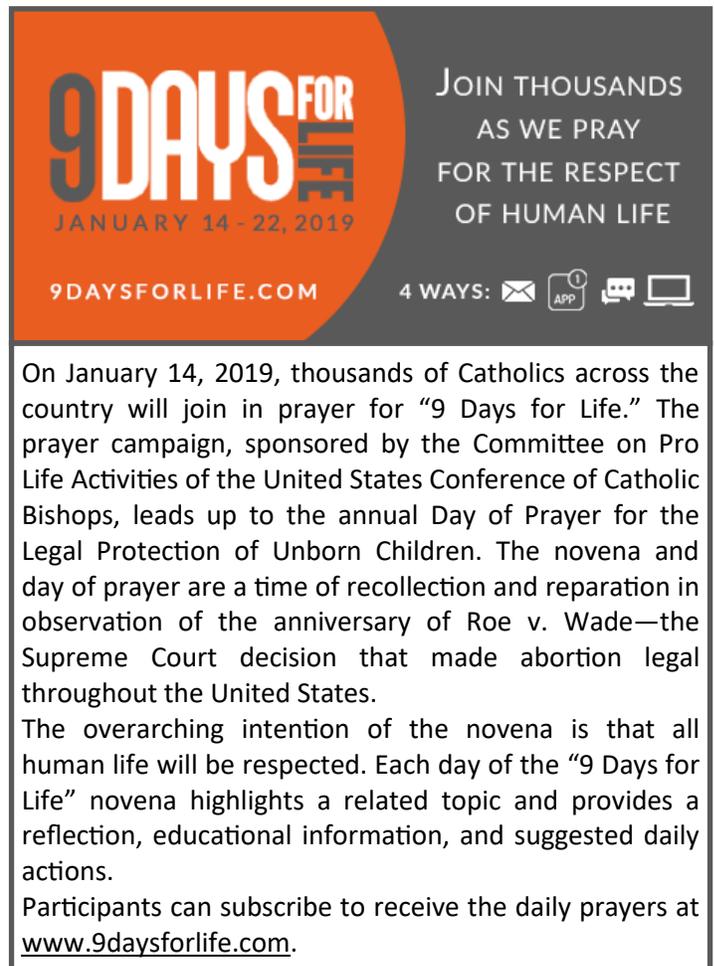
Today is the **Feast of the Holy Family**. I think all of us are tempted to think that we can create a holy family. We can't. Only God can provide the grace for our families to be special for Him, to be holy. Still, we have to do everything in our power to give His Grace the opportunity to flow into our homes. **Mothers and Fathers** are to be respected by their children. Husbands and wives are to **respect** each other. Parents cannot allow their children to speak to them in a disrespectful way. This is not for the parents' sake, but for the good of the children. Respect is not integral to human nature. Respect, like **gratitude**, has to be taught by parents and learned by children. I'm sure that on Christmas you said many times to your children after they received a gift, "And what do you say?" I've met many adults who take the generosity of others for granted. Perhaps they were never taught to say, "Thank you," when they were children.

To create a **holy family** there is always a presence of a **man** as a **husband** and as a **father** or a foster father. He must be like St. Joseph, having faith in God, faith in his wife and children. Without a **woman** there can be no family at all. Her model is none else than Mary the Mother of Jesus. She must be a God-fearing **wife** and praying **mother**, following **God's will** for her family. Together they must make the presence of **Jesus** felt in their family. By chance Jesus is missing from the family, He must be sought after, taking any kind of trouble to find him, as Mary and Joseph did. The parents must make their child/children realize that without Jesus' presence our family is not holy. Speak of Him from time to time; praise Him at least seven times a day. And that is the way to teach themselves and their children that Jesus is the integral part of our family to make it a **holy one**. When Jesus is present in our families surely there will be **Joy, Peace and Love**.

I conclude with the part of a sermon of our Holy Father Pope Francis which he delivered to the people of Sri Lanka and the Philippines on 16 January 2015. "I would like to ask you all a question today. But each of you keep it in your heart and take it home. You can regard it as a kind of 'homework.' Only you must answer. **How are things when it comes to joy at home?** Is there joy in your family? You can answer this question. Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is **not superficial**."

It does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well... **True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons**, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. And above all, a love which is patient: patience is a virtue of God and he teaches us how to cultivate it in family life, how to be patient, and lovingly so, with each other. To be patient among ourselves. A patient love. God alone knows how to create harmony from differences. But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centeredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society as a whole. Dear families, always live in faith and simplicity, like the Holy Family of Nazareth! The joy and peace of the Lord be always with you!"

In Christ, Fr. Joseph Lawrence



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JOIN THOUSANDS AS WE PRAY FOR THE RESPECT OF HUMAN LIFE

4 WAYS:    

On January 14, 2019, thousands of Catholics across the country will join in prayer for "9 Days for Life." The prayer campaign, sponsored by the Committee on Pro Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, leads up to the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The novena and day of prayer are a time of recollection and reparation in observation of the anniversary of Roe v. Wade—the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the United States. The overarching intention of the novena is that all human life will be respected. Each day of the "9 Days for Life" novena highlights a related topic and provides a reflection, educational information, and suggested daily actions. Participants can subscribe to receive the daily prayers at www.9daysforlife.com.

DECEMBER 30, 2018

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 12/30 ~ No Meet & Greet
Monday 12/31 ~ New Year's Eve; Vigil Mass for Mary, Holy Mother of God 11:00 pm St Patrick's, Church Bells rung at midnight
Tuesday 1/1 ~ Mary, the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day) Masses 9:00 am OLMC; 9:00 am St. Patrick's
Thursday 1/3 ~ Bible Study OLMC, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Friday 1/4 ~ Rectory Open House, Noon to 8:00 pm
Saturday 1/5 ~ Altar Duty: Judy Wilder
Saturday & Sunday, 1/5 & 1/6 ~ Parish Services
Sunday 1/6 ~ Meet & Greet: Ministers to the Sick



Liturgical Ministers

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, and Ushers:

The 1st Quarter (January, February, March) 2019 Ministry Mass Schedules are ready to be picked up. You will find them in the basket in the vestibule after Mass, alphabetical by last name. They are also available on our website.

Go to www.stpatssonora.org, click on "More," click on "Ministry Schedules," and scroll to your schedule.

Thank you all for your ministry!

Project Warmth



If you would like to share the gift of warmth with those in need, our Project Warmth coat rack is located in the Parish Hall. Please bring any new or gently used coats, jackets, scarves, beanies, gloves, or any other winter wear and place them on or near the coat rack. Anyone in need of warm winter clothing is free to take an item from the coat rack.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Christmas Party Open House at the Rectory

Come celebrate the joy of Christmas with our Priests as they joyfully open their home to you and your fellow parishioners

Friday, January 4th
12 Noon to 8:00 pm

Rectory is located east of St. Patrick's Catholic Church
127 W. Jackson St., Sonora
(follow the signs)

Please call the Parish Office to RSVP
209-532-7139 ~ www.stpatssonora.org



NEW Religious Study at OLMC

The Mass - Encountering Heaven on Earth

6 sessions, begins **January 3**

Thursdays 4:00-5:30 pm

This study will help you understand how to fully,

consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life - the Catholic Mass.

Bishop Robert Barron takes us on a walk through the Liturgy, and we will see how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people (the church) and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

- † Why is the Mass the closest thing to heaven on this side of eternity?
- † What does making the Sign of the Cross and speaking its associated words mean?
- † What does singing the opening hymn accomplish?
- † How is the Trinity reflected in the reading and hearing of the Scriptures?
- † What is the purpose of the homily?
- † What do we offer at the Offertory during Mass? What do these gifts represent?
- † What is happening spiritually when the celebrant says, "Lift up your hearts" and we respond "We lift them up to the Lord"?
- † How is Christ present in the Mass?

Please contact Warren Belisle for more information.
Call 962-4309, or email bellale@msn.com

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

*Diane Abdelnour
Rich Abdelnour, Jr.
Catherine Bentz
Al Biedrzycki
Jackie Bolling
Jan Buck
Vern & Jo Froehlich
Bill Gookin
Ed Hall
A. J. Holmes
Donald C. Kellogg
Bill & Rolene Kiesling*

*Kristine Kitamura
Judi McGuire
Cindy Merritt
Joseph Murtagh
Juan Pinela
Juan Pulido
Mike Schirmer
Clay Sweeney
Roy Volpetti
Judy & Kerry Wilder
Mitch & Trish Woods*

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



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Procession to the Church



Advent Prayer Service

We each picked up a rock before the service, a rock which represented any shame or guilt, any pain or sin we may be carrying which is holding us back from fully feeling the joy of Christ and our Catholic faith. The Monstrance was on the Altar, and we all met Jesus in Adoration. We listened to scripture, prayed together, and prayed silently. Then each of us dropped our rock at the altar and gave our burden to Christ.



Fr. Sam delivered an inspiring Homily, full of hope and the happiness that only comes from Christ.

We had our Benediction, and we all departed with true joy in our hearts!



Mariachi provided the music for Mass . . .

and the Mariachi led us out of the church after Mass, and down to the Parish Hall for a Fiesta!



Mass & Intentions for the Week

Saturday December 29 ~ Sunday January 6

Saturday 5:00 pm Doris Fletcher †
Jack & La Von Woodcock †

Sunday 7:30 am Louise Goicoechea
(Happy Birthday!)

9:00 am Adolfo Negrete †
Christopher Stevenson †

11:00 am Charlie Barbarini *(Healing)*

5:00 pm Lupe Diaz †
Alicia Sanchez †

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

Monday 8:00 am Bob & Betty Andrus †
11:00 pm *No Intentions*

Tuesday 9:00 am Lizbeth Gutierrez †
Maria & Roger Clark
(Anniversary)

Wednesday 8:00 am *No Intentions*

Thursday 8:00 am *No Intentions*

Friday 8:00 am Jack Cassinetto †

Saturday 5:00 pm *No Intentions*

Sunday 7:30 am *No Intentions*

9:00 am Samuel Wein †
John Merel †

11:00 am *No Intentions*

5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez †
Adolfo Negrete †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday December 31 ~ Sunday January 6

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday December 30 ~ Saturday January 5

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

Tuesday: The Octave of The Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day

Wednesday: St. Basil the Great
St. Gregory Nazianzen

Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday

Saturday: St. John Neumann; First Saturday

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Sunday 1/13 ~ Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Saturday 1/26 ~ Walk for Life West Coast

Wednesday 5/15 ~ Confirmation Mass 6:00 pm

Offering amounts were not available at time of publishing, and will be posted next week.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2019

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated at 9:00 am, St. Patrick's & 9:00 am, OLMC

On this holy feast day, we take a moment as we start our new year to honor our Blessed Mother, who in her "yes" to God brought our Savior into the world to redeem us.



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