St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

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
Katie McClintock, Youth Ministry Leader
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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
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Message from Mr. Ron Ivey

When a gift is given freely and from the heart, it is a wonderful blessing, both to the one who is giving and to the one who is receiving. When an unexpected abundance is received, sometimes it is referred to as “manna” for it is an unexpected or gratuitous benefit. In today’s readings, you will hear about the manna from heaven and how it fed the Israelites. As I reflect on these readings, I think about the times I have received manna in my personal life and in my working life. It makes me think back to November of last year. As you all are aware, the church HVAC unit was replaced in October and it was time to pay the bill; not only the bill for the new unit, but also the bills for the alterations that had to be made to have the new unit installed. When the church was built 165+ years ago, it was not designed to hold or house these heating and air-conditioning units. There were large bills that needed to be paid, payroll needed to be paid, and the normal operating bills were due. On a typical Wednesday, as I was opening the mail, I was shocked to find two checks from an estate gift from 2013. The estate was being closed and this was the final disbursement. This was my manna. The good Lord knew when it was needed and it came just at the right time.

As we close out our fiscal year and begin anew, it becomes challenging to look at the numbers and try not to worry about the upcoming year. With an aging community, some moving away to be with family, some not attending Mass for personal reasons, and some long-time members no longer able to attend Mass, attendance is down and, as a result, collections are down. The church is able to maintain for now, but looking forward is difficult.

The Diocese of Stockton has recognized this problem throughout the Diocese and has enlisted a company to conduct a diocesan-wide commitment campaign to begin in October to help increase offering. All parishes will be participating. The goal is to increase our overall offering by 20% or more. A large part of this commitment campaign will be to increase our participation in the offering. Currently, on average, only 20-25% of registered members of St. Patrick’s participate in the weekly offering. For this year, we fell short -$79,000. If we had even 45-50% participation throughout the year, we might have broken even or been ahead.

This is evident with the Bishop’s Ministry Appeal (BMA). Participation has increased and, as a result, the last three years we have not only met our goal, but have exceeded the goal, allowing a portion of the overage to offset the remaining deficit from previous years. Way to go!

There are additional ways to give other than through the offering. SCRIPT is an easy and free way to give money to the church. Save Mart, Safeway, and PriceCo will all give St. Patrick’s a percentage of what you spend in their store. You sign up online and designate St. Patrick’s as the charity/beneficiary. You can take your CA-CRV recycling to Sonora Recycling LLC and have them place the contribution on our account (St. Patrick’s Parish). A new way you can gift the church is through the Sonora Area Foundation. When Bob and Patti Hohne moved to Montana in May, they left a wonderful donation for the church – a monetary gift to start a fund for St. Patrick’s called “Historic St. Patrick’s Church Fund.” Through this fund, people can roll over IRA contributions when they hit the 70 ½ age benchmark tax free to the church; people can gift estate legacies, memorial contributions, endowments, stock donations, or any other gift or donation of their choice. The fund is active and can receive contributions at any time. Thank you, Bob and Patti!!

As an insert this weekend, I have included a Balance Sheet ending Fiscal Year 2018 and a condensed Year-to-Date Comparison Profit and Loss Statement ending Fiscal Year 2018. Although they do not look good for the year, they can be improved moving forward if everyone works together.

As a community and parish, we cannot wait on gifts to come as they may, but we have to plan for the future and be proactive in our approach. As a whole, we must work towards a goal to preserve the future of St. Patrick’s, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Anne’s, and St. Francis Xavier. Think about what ways you can offer manna to your Church and to others. If you are not participating in the offering, could you? Could you support your parish through the SCRIPT program or recycling program? Could you make a gift through the Sonora Area Foundation? Could you be a Catechist for the Religious Education Program? Could you be a choir member or a liturgical minister? Could you volunteer for meet and greet once a month? Everyone has an unexpected or gratuitous benefit they could offer. What will your manna be?

Working with you,
Ron Ivey, Business Manager
**This Week in our Parish**

**Sat 8/4 and Sun 8/5** ~ Fr. Yesobu Banka will celebrate Masses at St. Patrick’s in conjunction with a Mission Appeal

**Sun 8/5** ~ Meet & Greet: Ministers to the Sick

**Wed 8/8** ~ “Grieving with Great Hope” Grief Support Workshop, 6:00 - 8:00 pm Parish Hall

**Sat 8/11** ~ Altar Duty: Donna Woodcock

**Sun 8/12** ~ Meet & Greet: YLI

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**In Loving Memory**

**Into Your Hands, O Lord,**

we commend the soul of

Dorothy McCargar

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

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**Grieving with Great HOPE**

**Grief Support Workshop**

Continues this Wednesday!

**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 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

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**The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Religious Education K-1**

Our K-1 classes will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings from 10:15-10:45 this year. Children will then be brought to the church to meet their families for 11:00 Mass and then participate again in the Liturgy of the Word for Children during Mass. Please pick up a registration form in the vestibule of the church or in the hall. Classes begin Sept. 16th

We are currently looking for additional people called to join our Sunday rotation of teachers. Could that be you?

For questions contact: Kathy Casas 770-5987

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**At One with the Spirit Ministry**

is pleased to announce:

A pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and other Holy Places and Cathedrals in and around Mexico City, including the beautiful city of Puebla, Mexico.

January 30 - February 4, 2019

$2,199 from San Francisco

Spiritual Director: Fr. Samuel West

Group Coordinators: Juddy Kendall & Dolores Schllichtmann

For more information, please visit www.pilgrimages.com/stpatrickchurch

Detailed flyers are available in the vestibule.
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

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

Don’t forget to register for the 2018 Catholic Men’s Fellowship Fall Retreat - “The Magnificent Seven: Men of Virtue.”

Stephen Valgos, Catholic Evangelist and teacher, will lead our Retreat. Fr. Mike Lacey, former Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, San Lorenzo, CA will celebrate Mass for our Retreat.

Accept this invitation to join other men for a weekend of reflective spirituality. Get away from the pressures and activities of daily life for a refreshing weekend of renewal. Regain, deepen and strengthen your spiritual perspective.

Retreat Dates:
Friday - Sunday ~ August 17 - 19, 2018
Beginning 5:00 pm Friday, concluding at noon on Sunday

Retreat Cost: $185 per person donation for lodging and all meals. We encourage father/son participation, half price for second registration.
To register, visit www.catholicmen.org
Make checks payable to 2018 CMF Fall Retreat
Mail to: 10905 Kelso Ct. Sonora, CA 95370
Retreat Location:
OLD OAK RANCH
15250 Old Oak Ranch Rd.
Sonora, California 95370

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
"The Immaculate Mother of God, ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."
(Pope Pius XII, Dogma of the Assumption, 44)

Mass Times
OLMC (Vigil Mass) Tuesday, August 14th 5:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Wednesday, August 15th 8:00 am and 6:30 pm

Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and LOVE.
Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best intentions.

St. John Kanty

St. Patrick’s Pastoral Council Update
Since May 2017, the Pastoral Council has worked to respond to Fr. Sam’s request for help in focusing the pastoral and ministerial efforts of the parish. These efforts have resulted in:
• The “Mysteries of the Mass” series
• The “Catholic Mystics” presentations
• The 9-week “Financial Peace University” series on personal Finances
• The “Mary, Queen of Heaven” series
• A presentation by Fr. Banka on Mother Mary
• A higher profile of the Council’s members, their work, and the timing of Council meetings.

On-going work includes creating an active welcome to newcomers and visitors, the retrofit of the entrance to St. Patrick’s in Sonora, and a move toward becoming a Stewardship Community.

Interested individuals are welcome to attend the next Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 pm in Room #6 of the Parish Hall in 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.

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date
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 Fellowship Fall Retreat, Old Oak Ranch, Sonora
Wednesday 9/12 ~ Religious Ed Classes begin 2nd Grade - Confirmation, 6:30-7:30 pm Parish Hall
Sunday 9/16 ~ Religious Ed Classes begin K - 1st 10:15-11:00 am, downstairs Parish Hall

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass for the Week

Saturday August 4 ~ Sunday August 12

Saturday 5:00 pm John Fletcher  
William Schrag  
Sunday 7:30 am All Parishioners  
Henry Carrabelllo, Sr.  
9:00 am Tete Arellano  
Mary Ann Widerman  
11:00 am Alice Quezada  
Samuel Villafana,  
Happy Birthday!
5:00 pm Lupe Diaz  
Alicia Sanchez  

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

Monday 8:00 am Catholic Charities, Thank you!  
Nunky & Gloria Patania
Tuesday 8:00 am Ken Francek  
Wednesday 8:00 am No Intentions
Thursday 8:00 am St. Patrick’s Office Staff,  
Thank you!
Friday 8:00 am Mary Pingula  
Saturday 5:00 pm Alicia Diaz  
Sofia Diaz  
Sunday 7:30 am Dorothy McCargar  
Clay Sweeney, Healing  
9:00 am Minette Swift  
Hezzy Arellano  
11:00 am Leno & Doris Fletcher  
Alice Quezada  
5:00 pm Lupe Diaz  
Galilea Guerrero,  
Happy Birthday!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday August 6 ~ Sunday August 12

Monday:  
Dn 7:9-10. 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;  
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday:  
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29,  
22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:  
Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;  
Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:  
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
Mt 16:13-23
Friday:  
2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Saturday:  
Hb 1:12 -- 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday:  
1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 -- 5:2;  
Jn 6:41-51

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday August 5 ~ Saturday August 11

Sunday:  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:  
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Tuesday:  
St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan
Wednesday:  
St. Dominic
Thursday:  
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Friday:  
St. Lawrence
Saturday:  
St. Clare

Weekly Offerings

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Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne:  
St. Anne’s, $318
Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!