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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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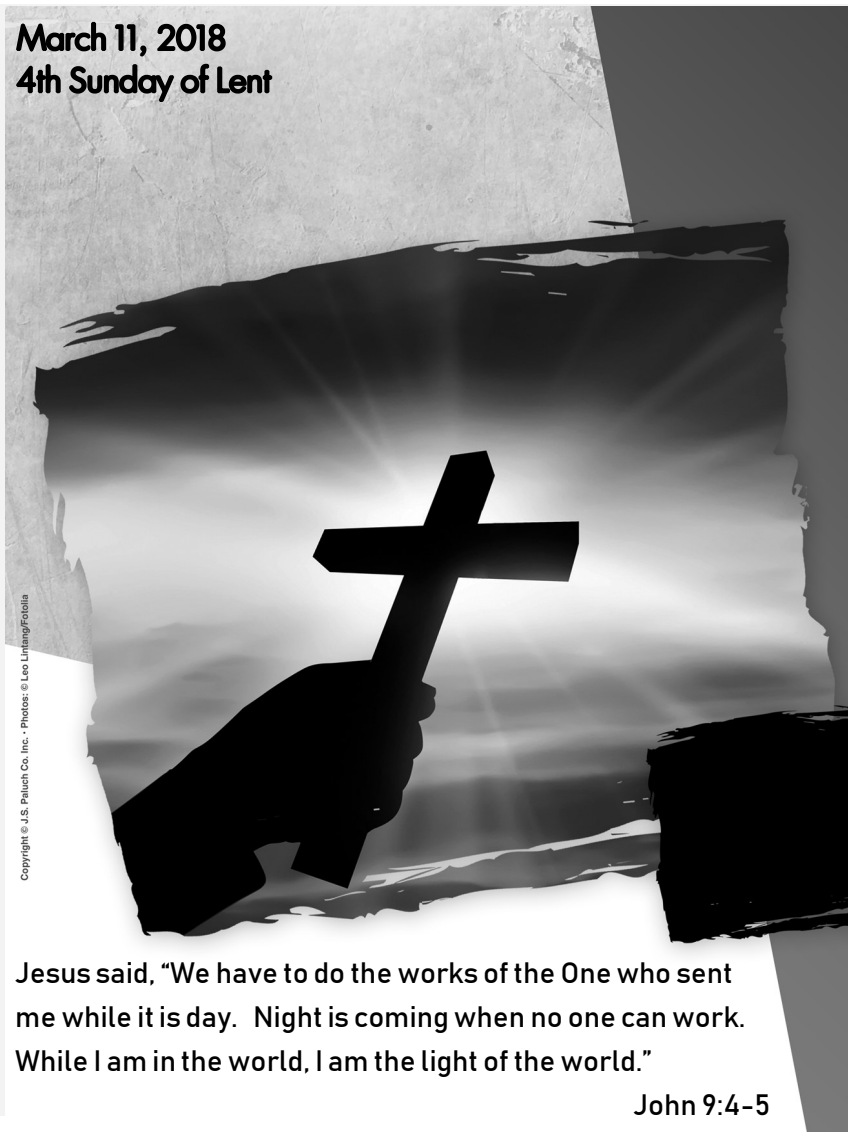
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St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

March 11, 2018
4th Sunday of Lent



Jesus said, "We have to do the works of the One who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

John 9:4-5

"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

David's call to be the KING of Israel

Blind man's call to be a DISCIPLE of the Lord

God sees the heart.... Man sees the appearance. It is with the light of the Lord that we see; and that enlightens our darkness. Our call is to live in His embrace. St. Therese of Lisieux would sometimes pray to God: "Punish me with a kiss!" The embrace of full love is the only true purification for sin because only when we are embraced by love do we actually understand what sin is and, only then, are we given the desire, the vision, and the strength to live in love and truth. This Sunday as we hear of the call, of David and of the blind man, to His glory, let us give heed to the message of our Holy Father Pope Francis to **Bishops, Priests, Deacons and to the youth**. As St. Paul says in today's Second Reading, any call is to "Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness, righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to God." Eph. 5:13, 14

In Christ, Fr. Joseph Lawrence, OCD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have already had occasion to point out that the three Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist together constitute the mystery of "Christian initiation", a single great event of grace that regenerates us in Christ. There are then two Sacraments which correspond to two specific vocations: Holy Orders and Matrimony. They constitute two great paths by which the Christian can make his life a gift of love, after the example and in the name of Christ, and thus cooperate in the building up of the Church. Holy Orders, in its three grades of **bishop, priest and deacon**, is the Sacrament that enables a man to exercise the ministry which the Lord Jesus entrusted to the Apostles, to shepherd his flock, in the power of his Spirit and according to his Heart. Tending Jesus' flock not by the power of human strength or by one's own power, but by the Spirit's and according to his Heart, the Heart of Jesus which is a heart of love. The priest, the bishop, the deacon must shepherd the Lord's flock with love. It is useless if it is not done with love. And in this sense, the ministers who are chosen and consecrated for this service extend Jesus' presence in time, if they do so by the power of the Holy Spirit, in God's name and with love.

1. Those who are ordained are placed *at the head of the community*. They are at the head, but for Jesus this means placing one's authority *at the service* of the community, as Jesus himself showed and taught his disciples with these words: "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave; even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." A bishop who is not at the service of the community fails to perform his duty; a priest who is not at the service of his community fails to perform his duty.

2. Another characteristic which also derives from this sacramental union with Christ is a *passionate love for the Church*. Let us think of that passage from the Letter to the Ephesians in which St Paul states that Christ "loved the Church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the Church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing" (5:25-27). Through Holy Orders the minister dedicates himself entirely to his community and loves it with all his heart: it is his family. The bishop and the priest love the Church in their own community, they love it greatly. How? As Christ loves the Church. St Paul will say the same of marriage: the husband is to love his wife as Christ loves the Church. It is a great mystery of love: this of priestly ministry and that of matrimony are two Sacraments, pathways which people normally take to go to the Lord.

3. A final aspect. The Apostle Paul recommends to the disciple Timothy that he not neglect, indeed, that *he always rekindle the gift that is within him*. The gift that he has been given through the laying on of hands (cf. 1 Tim 4:14; 2 Tim 1:6). When the ministry is not fostered — the ministry of the bishop, the ministry of the priest — through prayer, through listening to the Word of God, through the daily celebration of the Eucharist and also through regularly going to the Sacrament of Penance, he inevitably ends up losing sight of the authentic meaning of his own service and the joy which comes from a profound communion with Jesus.

4. The bishop who does not pray, the bishop who does not listen to the Word of God, who does not celebrate every day, who does not regularly confess — and the same is true for the priest who does not do these things — in the long run lose their union with Jesus and become so mediocre that they do not benefit the Church. That is why we must help bishops and priests to pray, to listen to the Word of God which is one's daily nourishment, to celebrate the Eucharist each day and to confess regularly. This is so important precisely because it concerns the sanctification of bishops and priests.

5. I would like to conclude with something which comes to mind: how does one become a priest, where is access to the priesthood sold? No. It is not sold. This is an initiative which the Lord takes. The Lord calls. He calls each of those whom he wills to become priests. Perhaps there are some **young men** present **here** who have heard this call in their hearts, the aspiration to become a priest, the desire to serve others in the things of God, the desire to spend one's entire life in service in order to catechize, baptize, forgive, celebrate the Eucharist, heal the sick... the whole of one's life in this way. If some of you have heard this call in your heart, it is Jesus who has placed it there. Pay attention to this invitation and pray that it might grow and bear fruit for the whole Church.

POPE FRANCIS

St. Peter's Square

Wednesday, 26 March 2014



MARCH 11, 2018

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

This Week in our Parish

Sat 3/10 and Sun 3/11 ~ Second Collection for
Catholic Relief Services

Sun 3/11 ~ Meet & Greet: YLI

Wed 3/14 ~ Teens! Steinmetz House 6:30 pm

Fri 3/16 ~ Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm

Sat 3/17 ~ Altar Duty: Marcia Watts, Carmella Peller

Sun 3/18 ~ No Meet & Greet; St. Patrick's Day
celebration! Parish Hall 12:00 noon



Next Session

Wednesday March 14th

OLMC Religious Study:
The Bible and the Virgin Mary

We will be meeting at the OLMC Parish House Great Room from 4:00 - 5:30 pm on the following Wednesdays:

March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25

For more information, please contact:

Warren Belisle @ 209-962-4394



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Join us for a celebration in honor of our Patron, St. Patrick, on Sunday, March 18th, at 12:00 noon, following the 11:00 am Mass. The Knights of Columbus will be serving corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes. Please bring a dessert to share.

All are invited!



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, March 12th
St. Patrick's, Angels Camp
6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 13th
St. Patrick's, Sonora
6:30 pm

Monday, March 19th
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Big Oak Flat, CA
4:00 pm

"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus, who forgives you."

Pope Francis

OLMC Easter Lilies

During Lent, OLMC parishioners and their families may donate Easter Lilies for a loved one. Please put your donation in an envelope and place it in the collection basket during Lent. Please put "OLMC Easter Lily" on your envelope as well as who the lily is for: "In memory of. . .," or "In honor of. . ."

This is a wonderful tradition and our beautiful church will look even more special for Easter.



Pastoral Council

Update: February 2018

Several efforts initiated and/or supported by the Pastoral Council are well underway: Personal Finance sessions, formation of a Welcoming Committee, a line-up of

Spiritual Formation opportunities, increased communication, and the retrofit of the entrance of St. Patrick's Church. Upcoming projects include: establishing procedures and protocols for the personal safety of people attending functions on the church compound grounds, the creation of a Communication Team, and growing as stewards of the Parish community and Church. Look for posters that show who is on your Pastoral Council, coming soon!

Journey in Christianity, an organization focusing on Christian renewal through Catholic service, will be holding a weekend retreat starting Friday evening, March 16 to Sunday evening, March 18. It will be held at Foothill Horizons campground in Sonora. For more information, please call Duarte Bento @ 499-5256, or Mary Bento @ 499-6739.

Stations of the Cross

are prayed every Friday evening in Lent, followed by a Lenten Soup Supper.

Please join us for this wonderful tradition as we remember His sacrifice on the Cross, followed by a beautiful time of fellowship in Christ.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Big Oak Flat ~ 5:00 pm
St. Patrick's, Sonora ~ 6:00 pm



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
Jan Buck
Jeanne Dugan
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
Pat Newton
Joseph Perez
Mike Schirmer
Monica Steele
Clay Sweeney**

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

St. Patrick's will have a special **daytime** Lenten service on Friday, March 23rd.

10:00 am Stations of the Cross

Followed by Reconciliation

This service is especially for our seniors who don't like to drive at night, but all are welcome!



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Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry Fundraiser!

Friday, March 23rd

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm

Fish Fry immediately after Stations

\$12 per adult

\$6 for first child, all other children in family are free
3 pieces of fish, French fries, coleslaw, bottled water

Soft drinks available for purchase

Proceeds will help replenish our Maintenance Account.

Tickets available in the Parish Office, at the door, or from any member of the Knights of Columbus.



Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

March 24-25 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Solemn Procession at 11:00 am, St. Patrick's

March 29 Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Patrick's: 7:00 pm

OLMC: 4:00 pm

March 30 Good Friday: Passion of the Lord

St. Patrick's: Veneration and Communion 12:00 noon

Stations of the Cross and Veneration 6:00 pm

OLMC: Stations of the Cross and Veneration 3:00 pm

March 31 Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil

St. Patrick's: 8:00 pm

April 1 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

St. Patrick's: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am

OLMC: 7:30, 9:00 am

St. Anne's (Columbia): 1:00 pm



Spiritual Growth

February 24th, 2018

Father Yesobu Banka presented a thoughtful and compelling talk on the four Marian Dogmas of the Catholic Church.

We all felt a little closer to our Blessed Mother. Thank you to everyone who attended!



The next Spiritual Growth event is a DVD series titled "Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for Souls," beginning on April 21st. More details to follow!



Penitential Rite and First Scrutiny

March 4th, 2018



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday March 10 ~ Sunday March 18

Saturday	5:00 pm	Ken Francek ☩
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners Richard Lauterio ☩
	9:00 am	Hezzy Arellano ☩
	11:00 am	Dick Tasto ☩
	5:00 pm	Lupe Diaz ☩ Adolfo Negrete ☩
We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.		
Monday	8:00 am	Alicia Diaz ☩ Apolinar Diaz ☩
Tuesday	8:00 am	No Intentions
Wednesday	8:00 am	No Intentions
Thursday	8:00 am	No Intentions
Friday	8:00 am	No Intentions
Saturday	5:00 pm	Jack McCoy ☩ Jack & LaVon Woodcock ☩
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Deceased members of the YLI ☩ Brent Jamar ☩
	11:00 am	Aurora Andre ☩ Bob Riede ☩
	5:00 pm	Lupe Diaz ☩

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday March 12 ~ Sunday March 18

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-13
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:1-23; Jn 5:31-14
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	(Year A) Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday March 11 ~ Saturday March 17

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	Saint Patrick

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Monday 3/19 ~	Lenten Penance Service, 4:00 pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thursday 3/22 ~	Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton
Friday 3/23 ~	Daytime Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation, 10:00 am St. Patrick's Church
Friday 3/23 ~	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry! Following Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm \$12 adult, \$6 child
Thursday 3/29 ~	Holy Thursday
Friday 3/30 ~	Good Friday
Saturday 3/31 ~	Easter Vigil
Sunday 4/1 ~	Easter Sunday
Sunday 4/8 ~	Divine Mercy Sunday
Wednesday 4/18 ~	Confirmation, 6:00 pm Mass St. Patrick's



Triduum

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.

Weekly Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	2-25-18 Week 8	Feb 2018 Totals	3-4-18 Week 9
General Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$5,328	\$22,723	\$5,669
OLMC	\$1,250	\$4,791	\$1,084
E-giving	\$650	\$2,158	\$575
Total	\$7,228	\$29,672	\$7,328
LAST YEAR	\$6,606	\$30,633	\$6,929
Maintenance Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$55	\$1,094	\$467
OLMC	\$0	\$135	\$110
Total	\$55	\$1,229	\$577

Parish Services: St. Pat's \$417, OLMC \$76
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