St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News
... in Our Parish

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.
— Mark 1:15

January 21, 2018
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“*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. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Pastor

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St. Patrick’s Church
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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Father Sam’s Message

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we hear Simon Peter and the other future Apostles James and John “abandoned their nets and follow Him.” At our Lord Jesus’ offer to “come after me,” they radically changed their whole lives as shown by leaving their “nets” and even their own father, Zebedee, in the case of the two brothers, James and John. Why did these men respond as they did to the Lord’s call? Why was Jesus’ offer so attractive to them? Besides our Lord Jesus being who He is, the God-man, these men see an opportunity to do something that will give their lives a higher purpose and meaning, to be “fishers of men.” This is not to imply that being a fisherman, who catches actual fish for a living, is a meaningless profession. I thank God we have people who are willing do to this dangerous work so that we can enjoy the bounty of the sea. The point is when we respond to follow the call of Christ and make every effort, with His grace, to remain faithful to His call, our lives and even our work, whether we work in a factory, on a farm, in an office, or at home, has a higher and nobler purpose.

The gift and mystery of being a Christian is to be in an intimate, personal relationship with Christ who is God, the highest Good, and to serve Him. Jesus invited His first apostles, and He invites us now, to do more with our lives, including our work, and to do it for a purpose greater than ourselves, doing it rather for God’s glory and the eternal salvation of others. In this Gospel scene, we certainly see our Lord’s call of these Galilean fisherman as a call to serve as priests of the “new and eternal covenant” of our Lord Jesus. I think what our Lord is telling us is for those men He calls to serve as priests; there is no greater service they can do than to lead others to Christ in their ministry. This does not mean that those who are not called to the priesthood serve Him in a less noble way. By our baptism, Jesus calls each of us to make present His Kingdom in our own surroundings in order to bring others to Him. We fulfill our lofty calling by truly living out our Faith in our own state in life – single, married, widowed, religious, or ordained. No matter what our particular calling, if we live our lives and do our work for the Lord and His mission, rather than our own selfish motives, then all that we do will have greater meaning.

There is no higher purpose than to serve God by making present His Kingdom and bring others into that Kingdom. So, we strive then to live out our higher calling as a follower of Christ, each called by name, and know that whatever our present circumstances, we are doing something that really matters, something that really makes a difference in our lives and in the lives of others.

I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you who attended last weekend’s 11 am Mass for my installation as your Pastor. I was deeply touched at the outpouring of love and the support I received. I especially would like to express my sincere gratitude for all who worked so hard to make the Mass and the luncheon that followed wonderful and very special. As pastor, I pledge to you to do everything I can to lead our parish to be a place for all of us to truly live out our higher purpose of bringing others to Jesus and making real the Kingdom of God in our homes, families, and community. I am very blessed and humbled to be given this higher purpose to be your Pastor and serve you all. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Patron St. Patrick, we pray for the grace to fulfill our role, each in our particular call, to bring others to Jesus and bring about His Kingdom of true justice, peace, joy and love.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Sunday January 28
12:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Please bring a dessert to share.

We thank the many generous and devoted volunteers at St. Patrick’s Parish!
“Volunteers do not have more time, they just have more heart.”
This Week in our Parish

Sat 1/20 & Sun 1/21 ~ Second Collection for the Church in Latin America

Sun 1/21 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by Religious Ed

Sun 1/21 ~ Youth Mass, 11:00 am

Wed 1/24 ~ Teens! Steinmetz House 6:30 pm

Sat 1/27 ~ Walk for Life West Coast

Sat 1/27 ~ Altar Duty: Louise Goicoechea

Sun 1/28 ~ Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
            After the 11:00 am Mass

Walk for Life West Coast

January 27, 2018

St. Patrick’s Altar Society will have their first meeting of the New Year on Monday, February 5. There will be a Potluck Luncheon starting at 11:30 noon in the Parish Hall. Please bring your favorite dish to share. We will have a short installation of officers for 2018, followed by a guest speaker.

All new members are WELCOME!

We are in need of Ushers at St. Patrick’s!

Duties include:
† Warm, friendly greeting to everyone entering the church before Mass.
† Handing out worship aids, and helping people find seats.
† Assist in taking up the collection during the Offertory.
† Handing out bulletins after Mass.

If you feel a calling to assist with the greatest prayer we can offer to Christ Jesus - the sacrifice of the Mass - then please call the Parish Office and leave your name and number.

Thank You!

Foothill Pregnancy Center

Foothill Pregnancy Center
427 N. Hwy 49, Suite 101
Sonora, 95370

H.E.A.R.T. Ministry
“Healing the Effects of Abortion Related Trauma”

In January 2018 (date and time TBA), there will begin a 12-14 week support group at Foothill Pregnancy Center. This is a free, confidential and compassionate support group that specifically addresses issues relative to post-abortion trauma. If you're experiencing feelings of loss, anxiety, shame, and sadness, please call Terri at 536-9262 to join the next support group.

Spiritual Adoption Program

We begin this program on the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, and will provide monthly updates for nine months, tracking the miraculous development of human life in the womb. This series will continue until October, which is Respect Life Month.

To help stop the anti-life push around the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular, but unknown, child’s life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

Month One - Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the last month! Already, your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his/her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. His/her heart began to beat on the 21st day. His/her heart is pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his/her mother’s. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his/her mother to give him/her the most precious gift of all - the gift of life.

Your prayers CAN make a difference between whether a baby will be born...or aborted. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both of the parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby.
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.
Those needing your continued prayers*:

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To add or remove a name from this list or the prayer chain, please contact Sandy Pallante at 532-7625.
*We would like updated information on our fellow parishioners and their family members so we can continue praying for them. Please check the weekly Prayer List in the Bulletin, and let the office know of any additions or changes.

Next Session
Wednesday Jan 24th
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:

Jan 24, Feb 7, Feb 28, March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25

For more information, please contact:
Warren Belisle @ 209-962-4394

Ministry Day
March 3, 2018 ~ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
St. Mary’s High School
5648 N. El Dorado St., Stockton

Ministry Day is the Annual Adult Faith Formation Conference of the Diocese of Stockton.

The Conference provides:
† A professional development opportunity for all parish ministers
† A day of spiritual enrichment and growth in faith for all Catholics
† An occasion to affirm our commitment to carry out the mission of the Church
† A Sabbath moment in time to re-connect with God and with one another
† A day to bear witness to our faith and Catholic identity
† An occasion to gather as a diocese around our Bishop as co-workers in the vineyard and disciples of Christ

Ministry Day is a must for all who take their baptismal call and their spiritual journey seriously.

For conference details and to download a registration form, go to http://stocktondiocese.org/diocesan-departments/religious-education/diocesan-ministry-day.

Contact Kathy Casas 770-5987 for more information.

Our Interfaith Giving Tree project was, again, very successful. There will be several of our homeless that will be warm and dry thanks to the many sleeping bag and tent donations. Families in need were able to put a bountiful Christmas dinner on their table thanks to all of the food certificates. The older children received wonderful Christmas gifts at the Annual Community Christmas Dinner. Our often forgotten teenagers were able to enjoy a movie, buy teenage gifts or have a much enjoyed fast food meal with all of the gift certificates that were received. Interfaith will be able to present many a “new mom” with a layette containing all the “new baby” essentials.

I, Cathie Peacock and all Interfaith volunteers want to thank everyone at St. Patrick’s Parish for your generosity again this year. You are loved! Last but not least you too can receive blessings by becoming a volunteer at Interfaith.

Laurel Utecht, Interfaith Giving Tree Program

Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers will begin on February 16, and continue every Friday evening in Lent.

This wonderful tradition and beautiful time of fellowship in Christ does not happen without volunteers. We need your help! There will be sign up sheets in the Parish Hall during Meet & Greet after Mass, or in the Parish Office during the week.

Please call Linda Knapp @ 925-231-5849, for more information.
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 January 22 ~ Sunday January 28**

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Act 22:3-16 or Act 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

**Friday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday January 21 ~ Saturday January 27**

**Sunday:** The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**Tuesday:** St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

**Wednesday:** St. Francis de Sales

**Thursday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

**Friday:** Saints Timothy and Titus

**Saturday:** St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** Jan 22, 2018

“...You formed my inmost being; You knit me in my mother’s womb. I praise You, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works! My very self You know.”  (Psalm 139:13-14)

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**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Monday 2/5 ~ Altar and Rosary Society Pot Luck Luncheon & Meeting, 11:30 am Parish Hall**

**Wednesday 2/14 ~ Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins**

**Saturday 3/3 ~ Diocese of Stockton Ministry Day**

St. Mary’s High School, Stockton

**Thursday 3/22 ~ Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton**

**Thursday 3/29 ~ Holy Thursday**

**Friday 3/30 ~ Good Friday**

**Saturday 3/31 ~ Easter Vigil**

**Sunday 4/1 ~ Easter Sunday**