St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News
... in Our Parish

The Holy Spirit
descended upon him
in bodily form
like a dove.
And a voice
came from heaven,
You are my beloved Son;
with you I am
well pleased.”

Luke 3:22

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

“"The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you."

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The Holy Spirit purifies and reshapes us. He sanctifies us, making us holy, and helps us grow more into the image of our Divine sonship, finally reaching our heavenly destiny. With His life in us, we are truly God’s beloved children with whom “He is well pleased.” If we remain in His life by following His Holy Will, as revealed in His Commandments and the teachings of the Church, we continue to please Him, and the darkness of evil can never overcome the light and warmth of His grace. With His life in us, we are filled with His joy no matter what evil happens around us. During this earthly pilgrimage toward our heavenly homeland, we will suffer, as Jesus suffered, but we see with the gift of Faith the suffering we endure can have meaning and purpose. When we offer our suffering in union with Christ’s suffering, God will bring good from it. We have been re-born into the Divine Life, and, thereby, already share in Jesus’ sonship and His power over evil. We want to keep His life alive and growing within us to experience the joy of being God’s child even in the midst of the trials and struggles.

Knowing our Lord Jesus through living as Disciples of Christ is how we will experience spiritual joy, which is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. In this New Year, my hope is we as a parish continue striving to rest in our Lord’s love and know the joy of Christ through all the ways He is present to us. We will focus our energies to more clearly see and experience His presence. I urge all of us to seek Jesus in time of quiet prayer before Him in the Blessed Sacrament, know His gracious gift of the forgiveness of sins in the Sacrament of Confession, hear Him in the study of His Word in Sacred Scripture, and experience His infinite love in the mystery of the Mass. We need to continue to generously serve our Lord Jesus in the needs of our least brothers and sisters, in the needs of the poor, ill, and afflicted. In the upcoming year, we are also planning to offer ministries to help to know the joy of Jesus. The ministries include coping with grief caused by the loss of a loved one, caring for those coming to the end of their earthly life, and discovering our charisms (the particular gifts of the Holy Spirit) to better serve God and others.

In this New Year, let us resolve to allow the Divine life we have already received in our baptism, through God’s gracious and infinite Love for each of us, to grow stronger to bear the fruit of spiritual joy. With His grace alive and active in us, we are assured to have a most joyful year ahead despite what may happen. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist, we pray the Lord will strengthen our joy-filled expectations.

In Christ, Fr. Samuel West
Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Sunday, January 13
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”.

Respect Life News
Deadline is January 18 to register for the Bus to San Francisco!
$20 per person

We have some good news about the 15th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco! We will be able to join parishioners from St. Patrick's in Angels Camp and take a bus to San Francisco. The bus will pick us up at 8:30 am in the lower Save Mart parking lot on January 26th, and we will arrive in San Francisco at 12:30. After the Walk, the bus will first go to St. Patrick’s in Angels Camp, arriving there at 7:00, and then will return us to the lower Save Mart parking lot in Sonora at 8:00 pm. The cost is only $20.00.

The deadline for registration for the bus is January 18th. Please come to the Parish Office, fill out a registration form, and make your check out to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church Sonora. Please bring a bag lunch and snacks to share. Water will be provided.

Please consider joining the 50,000 Christians at this powerful event, as we all stand up for the most vulnerable and for the mothers who carry these precious lives. Together, we will give a voice to those who have no voice.

For more info, please call Joan Madsen at 533-3429.
Benefit Concert for St. Patrick’s Matthew 25
Forrest Marion, parishioner at All Saints in Twain Harte and a senior at Summerville High School, has chosen to present a benefit concert for his Senior Project. All monies raised will go to St. Patrick’s Matthew 25 program.

Friday, January 25th
Silent Auction, Dinner, and Entertainment
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Silent Auction begins 5:30 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Tickets: $25 pre-sale, $30 at the door

Tickets available at:
St. Patrick’s Parish Office in Sonora ~ 209-532-7139
All Saints Parish Office in Twain Harte ~ 209-586-3161

Featured performer: Forrest Marion, vocalist
Guest performers: Jazz@8 vocal group, pianist Robert Combs, flutist Sandra Betti

Summerville H.S. “Jazz@8” vocal group; Forrest Marion (top row, center) and conductor Mr. Jim Wells, (top row, far right)

The annual Collection for the Church in Latin America will be taken up the weekend of January 26-27, 2019. For more than 50 years, the collection has been a sign of solidarity between Catholics of the United States and those in Latin America and the Caribbean.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday January 14 ~ Sunday January 20
Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday January 13 ~ Saturday January 19
Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Thursday: St. Anthony
Friday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Saturday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany); Blessed Virgin Mary

Weekly Offerings

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Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!