St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

. . . in Our Parish

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart...
and your neighbor as yourself.

Luke 10:27

July 14, 2019
FIFTEENTH 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. 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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This week in the Gospel, we hear Jesus’ parable of the “Good Samaritan.” Our Lord used this well-known story to answer the question, “Who is my neighbor,” posed to him by a scholar of the law who “wished to justify himself.” The answer our Lord gives is “my neighbor” is anyone who is in need of mercy. We see in the parable the Jewish priest and the Levite both avoided sharing or experiencing in the suffering of the man who is beaten and left for dead. They were not willing to pay attention or look at the victim’s need and were not moved to show mercy. They may have had their reasons for not getting involved or accepting a share in the victim’s suffering – fear of becoming the robber’s next victim, the pressing obligations of their ministerial duties, or the possibility of becoming ritually unclean by coming in contact with blood – reasons they thought legitimate for not stopping to help the dying man. But a Samaritan, who would have been looked down upon and considered inferior by a strictly Jewish audience, is aware and willing to look at the man’s suffering. He was then moved with compassion to share in and attempt to alleviate the suffering. “To inherit eternal life,” Jesus tells them they must, "Go and do likewise." We first want to be aware of our own need for God’s healing. When we accept our own poverty, particularly our spiritual deficiency, our brokenness, we then can see more clearly the needs and the sufferings of others. By seeing the sufferings of others, we are moved to have mercy on them. We should always strive to notice another’s need and be willing to share in their suffering.

In thinking about the parable of the “Good Samaritan,” I recall a story I heard about Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta from a priest who worked closely with the saintly sister. The priest recounted a very special gift Mother Teresa manifested when he accompanied her on a visit to one of the houses belonging to her order, the Missionaries of Charity, in New York City. When Mother Teresa expected to visit, the Cardinal Archbishop of New York, dignitaries from the city, and the media, along with many people, were anxiously awaiting her arrival. On getting out of the car, Mother Teresa started to greet this party of important people when she suddenly stopped. She then proceeded to walk away from the crowd across the street to where there was a man lying in a doorway. This poor man was holding one of his hands behind his back. Mother Teresa smiled and reached down gently and took his hidden hand into hers. The man had a deformed hand and was hiding the deformity because he was embarrassed.

Among all the commotion of the excited crowd, which included prominent persons of the local Church and city, Mother Teresa was able to notice and then give some comfort to this poor, forgotten man. She was deeply aware of his need and not afraid to look at the cause of his suffering. Saint Mother Teresa had the gift of paying attention to another person’s need, their poverty, because of her deep desire to satisfy our Lord Jesus’ need, particularly “His Thirst” (John 19:28) as He was dying on the Cross. Mother Teresa was keenly attuned to the needs and suffering of those God called her to serve, the poorest of the poor. She and her sisters, taking a vow of poverty, made a deliberate decision out of love of Christ to live in the same poverty of those they serve. The sharing in their suffering helped her to be more aware of the many who are forgotten and tossed aside as hopeless. She was better able to show mercy because she more clearly could see the need for God’s mercy – a need that everyone, including herself, desperately needs. With this little and humble saint as our example, and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, let us ask God to help us be more conscious of the needs of others, willing to share in their suffering, and always show them mercy as “our neighbor.”

In Christ, Fr. Sam West
## This Week in our Parish

**Saturday 7/13 & Sunday 7/14 ~**
All weekend Masses in the Parish Hall

**Monday 7/15 ~**
Encounter 6:30 - 7:45 pm
Parish Hall, Room 3

**Tuesday 7/16 ~**
Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,
Mass 5:00pm, OLMC

**Wednesday 7/17 ~**
6:30 pm Adoration - Parish Hall,
Room 3; Reconciliation - Parish Hall, Room 2

**Saturday 7/20 ~**
Altar Duty: Donna Woodcock

**Saturday 7/20 & Sunday 7/21 ~**
All weekend Masses in the Parish Hall

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### Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

**Tuesday, July 16**
5:00 pm Mass
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Big Oak Flat

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as Patroness of the Carmelite Order. She leads us to a new realization that all human beings belong to the family of God. When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to peace.

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### The Power of Prayer

St. Patrick’s prayer chain shares names of those needing prayer for health or other healing. Our community is dedicated to asking the Lord and His Blessed Mother to hear our prayers for one another. The list of people comprising our prayer chain is being revised. If you are already listed on the Prayer Chain or want to join, please contact Debby Cushman at (209) 533-2756.

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### Reminder to our Parishioners:

All Masses at St. Patrick’s will be in the Parish Hall while our front entrance is being renovated.

**Church Renovation**

Daily Masses - downstairs, Rm. 3
Weekend Masses - upstairs
Wednesday evening Adoration - downstairs, Rm. 3
Reconciliation - downstairs, Rm. 2

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### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

By offering **Married Couples** the beautiful experience of a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in **your chosen vocation – Marriage**. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together.

The next **Marriage Encounter Weekends** include:
- **Aug 9-11, 2019 in San Francisco, CA**
- **Sep 27-29, 2019 in Modesto, CA**

For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: https://www.stocktonwwme.org or contact Chris & Vanessa at applications@stocktonwwme.org or 209-691-0603.

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### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Worship and Praise Music
Monday evenings 6:30-7:45 pm
Parish Hall, Rm. 3 (July-August)
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Sonora

**All are Welcome**
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Al Biedrzycki  Jeanne Kiely
Jackie Boling  Bill Kiesling
Jalen Bozzo  Kristine Kitamura
Mary Brown  Cindy Merritt
Anna Davison  Angela Pinocchio
Bernie Frost  Juan Pulido
Ed Hall  Clay Sweeney
Jean Hanson  Dan Ward
A. J. Holmes  Mitch & Trish Woods

To add or remove a name from this list, please contact the Parish Office at 209-532-7139.

A reception will follow at Angelo’s Hall in Columbia State Park, with a potluck brunch. Sign-up sheets to bring food for the Potluck will be located in the Parish Hall after Masses on July 14 and 21.

For more information, please call the Parish Office at 209-532-7139.

INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD, we commend the soul of Sharon Mello
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim
The Feast Day is July 26th, but we will celebrate with a Special Mass on Saturday, July 27th
St. Anne’s Catholic Church
Columbia, CA
Mass at 9:00 am
Bishop Myron J. Cotta, presiding

The Knights of Columbus Color Guard, in full regalia, will be in attendance at the Mass.

Fall Retreat September 13 - 15, 2019
Old Oak Ranch
15250 Old Oak Ranch Road,
Sonora, CA 95370

The Sermon On The Mount
“"The Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, and Jesus’ teaching on the Torah reveal for us the kind of people we are called to be in the Church and how we are to act so as to receive the blessings of the kingdom of God both in the present and when the kingdom of God comes in its fullness. The teachings of Jesus give those who follow Him an identity as God’s people and a significance for the whole world.”

Bishop Stephen Blaire

Come join us as Reverend Yesobu Banka leads our 2019 Retreat. Fr. Banka’s homilies are heart touching and thought provoking. He leads retreat participants in meaningful sessions of the Church’s teachings and the Sacred Scriptures. He holds degrees from universities in India and is currently attending University of California Berkeley in journalism studies. Fr. Yesobu Banka is the founder of “Little Sheep Of Christ” ministry which provides education for children in Pochavaram Village, India.

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.

Visit us at www.CatholicMen.org for online registration & payment options. Or mail registration form with $185 donation for lodging and meals to: 2019 CMF CA Fall Retreat – 10905 Kelso Ct. Sonora, CA 95370 Email CMF: SonoraCMF@gmail.com, Call (209) 264-2263
**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

- **Tuesday 7/16** ~ Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mass at 5:00 pm OLMC
- **Saturday 7/27** ~ Special Mass for the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, 9:00 am St. Anne’s, Columbia
- **Thursday 8/15** ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **Sunday 8/25** ~ Parish Picnic, Pinecrest Lake
- **Monday 9/2** ~ Labor Day, Parish Office closed
- **Friday 9/13 - Sunday 9/15** ~ Catholic Men’s Fellowship Retreat
- **Friday 11/1** ~ All Saints Day
- **Saturday 11/2** ~ All Souls Day

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday July 15~ Sunday July 21**

- **Monday**: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 -- 11:1
- **Tuesday**: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
- **Wednesday**: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
- **Thursday**: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
- **Friday**: Ex 11:10 -- 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
- **Saturday**: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
- **Sunday**: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday July 14 ~ Saturday July 20**

- **Sunday**: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Monday**: St. Bonaventure
- **Tuesday**: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- **Thursday**: St. Camillus de Lellis
- **Saturday**: St. Apollinaris; Blessed Virgin

**Weekly Offerings**

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**General Offerings**

- St. Pat’s: $8,364
- OLMC: $1,896
- E-giving: $1,553
- St. Anne’s: $224
- Total: $12,037

**LAST YEAR**

$7,351

**Maintenance Offering**

- St. Pat’s: $875
- OLMC: $124
- Total: $999

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!

Parish Services: St. Pat’s $517, OLMC $113