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
This Sunday we joyfully and gratefully celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also called “Corpus Christi” (Latin for the “Body of Christ”). God gave us this most special gift of the Eucharist as a tangible and visible sign of His Presence among us. Holy Communion is truly a most special and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus. The gift of Jesus’ Body and Blood strengthens the Divine Life we received in our baptism and helps us to grow in love of God and one another. We Catholics receive the surest way of salvation, the fullness of Truth, and the “pledge” of Eternal Life every time we receive Holy Communion because, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we are really receiving Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life Himself. If we allow ourselves to experience Jesus in the Eucharist, we experience God’s Love for us. If we know Jesus in the Eucharist, we will always remain faithful to Christ and remain in the Church. We won’t leave the Church because we know there is NO other church community to which we can go to have Jesus’ Real Presence, His Body and Blood. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, the Banquet of our Lord’s Body and Blood, and receive Christ in the Eucharist, the “bread of Angels,” we are transformed more into the Divine image. We become more like Christ and are able to more fully experience the peace of the “pledge of the future glory” of the Divine Life for which, in God’s mercy, we are created and redeemed.

The Church clearly teaches that the whole and complete person of Jesus – His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – is truly present in the Eucharist in each of the “species” of bread and wine, what looks like bread and wine, but is not bread and wine. We call this doctrine the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. During the celebration of the Mass, when a validly ordained priest prays the Eucharistic Prayer, which includes the words of consecration using Jesus’ own words from the night of the Last Supper, the bread and wine are no longer. These elements are totally changed into Jesus Himself! We call what happens “transubstantiation.” One substance, bread, is changed into another substance, God. What it IS changes, but not how it looks; the appearance remains the same. Although we see bread with our eyes and taste bread with our tongues, we are not receiving bread at all; the same with the wine. There is no more bread, there is no more wine, only our Risen Lord Jesus appearing to our senses like bread and wine.

Each time we go up to receive Holy Communion, let us really think and pray about what we are doing, who we are truly receiving. Let us approach our Lord’s Body and Blood with reverence and in a humble, prayerful manner. Also, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Confession, frequently ensures that we are prepared to benefit from all the abundant graces offered to us in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist.

May the Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Eucharist, help us to deepen our love and devotion of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. A most Blessed Corpus Christi to you all!

In Christ, Fr. Sam West
June 23, 2019

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 6/23 ~ No Meet & Greet

Monday 6/24 ~ Encounter! Adoration, Worship & Praise, 6:30 - 7:45 pm, St. Patrick’s

Thursday 6/27 ~ Religious Study, OLMC (Big Oak Flat) 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Parish House

Saturday 6/29 ~ Altar Duty: Barbara Sweeney

Sunday 6/30 ~ Meet & Greet: The Altar Society

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Everyone is invited to join our celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi with a Eucharistic Procession after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, June 23. We will walk from the Church to Courthouse Park, in a public proclamation of our adoration, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the great gift of the Holy Eucharistic.

Cinnamon Sundays at OLMC

All are invited to join us on June 30th, the last Sunday of the month, at Our Lady of Mt Carmel. Immediately after the 9:00 am Mass, we will gather in the Parish House for fellowship, coffee and warm cinnamon rolls, or whatever goodies you wish to share!

Bishop Emeritus Stephen E. Blaire
December 22, 1941 - June 18, 2019

Funeral services are as follows:
July 1 – Our Lady of Fatima, Modesto
Reception of Body 2:00 pm ~ Visitation until 8:00 pm

July 2 – Cathedral of the Annunciation
Reception of Body 2:00 pm ~ Visitation until 6:30 pm
Vigil 7:00 p.m.

July 3 – Cathedral of the Annunciation
Funeral Liturgy 11:00 am
Internment at San Joaquin Cemetery

Starting Monday July 1
All Masses at St. Patrick’s will be in the Parish Hall

Daily Masses - downstairs, Rm. 1
Weekend Masses - upstairs
Wednesday evening Adoration - downstairs, Rm. 1

July 4th in Columbia!
9:00 am Mass at St. Anne's Church
★
12:00 pm Parade in Columbia
Be a part of the group carrying the banner for St. Anne’s!

★ Kids ~ decorate your bike or wagon.
★ Teens and adults ~ put on your favorite red, white, and blue duds or Old West costume.
★ Costumed doggies and cats are welcome too, on a leash, please.
★ Meet at 11:45 am in front of the Fallon House Theater to line up for the parade.
Call Marcia Watts, 533-3662 for more information.
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

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

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

Pray the Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary prior to the 7:30 am and 11:00 am Masses on June 30th, the fifth Sunday of the month. Please come to Mass early and join us in this beautiful devotion.

Joyful Noise

A Praise and Worship Adoration Night
St. Katharine Drexel Parish Center
Martell (Jackson) CA
Friday July 12, 6:30 pm
Worship Leader . . . . . Scott Vasconcellos
Speaker . . . . . Joshua Hollcraft, Youth Coordinator
Free event ~ Donations accepted

Sanctus Cup
Catholic Young Adults
Local Event
Saturday July 13, 4:00 - 8:30 pm
St. Stanislaus Catholic School
1416 Maze Blvd., Modesto CA
Follow us at: facebook/sanctuscup,
www.sanctuscup.com

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.

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

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

The purpose of the Peter’s Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, disease, and natural disasters. The Peter’s Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters. The collection date for the Peter’s Pence Collection is next weekend, June 29-30, 2019.

“A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”
Pope Francis, Angelus, March 17, 2013
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday June 24 ~ Sunday June 30

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday June 23 ~ Saturday June 29

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Monday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Tuesday: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Cyril of Alexandria
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday: St. Peter and St. Paul, Apsostles

Weekly Offersings

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Maintenance Offering

| Maintenance Offering | St. Pat’s | $190  | $123  | $1,183 |
|                      | OLMC      | $30   | $20   | $150   |
|                      | Total     | $220  | $143  | $1,333 |

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!