St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

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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“...in Our Parish

JESUS ENDURED
THE CROSS,
despising its shame, and has taken his seat
at the right of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2

AUGUST 18, 2019 - TWENTIETH 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
I sit on a screened-in porch, on retreat in Wisconsin. Tonight, old earth is receiving abundant rain.

I listen to the delicious drenching sounds of this enormous rain, splattering, slapping the ground. Love is not just sweetness and light. It is the dark and pounding rain as well.

Is it friend or foe? For sure this storm would overcome me if I were silly enough to walk around in its violence. It is restrained mainly by the need to get its water just as fast as possible out of the skies and into the earth.

It has no intention of harming anything. But I remember the many floods I have known and feel a twinge of fright. Well, the rain just ignores me. In fact it redoubles its efforts. Its huge sound gets huger, like a swell of applause.

Rain like this carries goodness for the tough, tender earth. I know this. Comfort sighs deep within the storm’s rough pounding, and the big tree branches bow their heads to receive cleansing and nourishment.

But why so furious a love, one that is so sweetly intended but so able to hurt? I do not have an answer. Maybe it is a “tough love,” one which uses its fury to keep our planet in bloom.

Hopkins once addressed God as “Father and fondler of heart thou hast wrung: Hast thy dark descending and most art merciful then.”

Well, Jesus is headed into such a darkness this Sunday. He is on his way to Jerusalem.

He loves her and her people and he wants to shower abundance upon them. But he knows with increasing certainty that they will put him, not merely down a cistern, and not just outside Jerusalem’s gates and walls, but right straight into the jaws of death. “It is a baptism,” he says, and he wants it. He shouts to his disciples that he has come to set the earth on fire—just like the blazing lightning tonight. “How great is my anguish until it is accomplished,” he says in the Gospel.

Is Jesus the storm or is he the stormed upon?

Both. He is filled with the Spirit of God and says he cannot wait to let it flow. But he must let it flow upon him as a pounding downpour! He will not run away. Sunday he will proceed into a continuous storm that has by no means reached its apex. No wonder he is distraught.

Because, you see, love is not just sweetness and light. It is the dark and pounding rain as well.

I call to mind the First Reading. There Jeremiah is literally “stuck in the mud.” He had prophesied too truly and too many times. They threw him into an empty cistern with just enough mud for him to sink into. How could he prophesy from the midst of mud?

And how could Jesus speak God’s Word from a criminal’s cross?

Yet each one does.

So, tonight, the rain keeps pouring. As I sit I see a single lamp across the lake showing through it all. Is this a porch-light of welcome? Maybe!

As I look, it surrenders itself as just an old, white piece of leaf that has caught on my screen. It reflects light from my lamp inside. I play a game. I shift my eyes up and it is a lantern. I look down and it is a remainder of leaf-life. Back, forth. Which is it really?

It is both.

There is comfort in both, if I will let go of fear and let in God’s plan.

Fr. John Foley, SJ

Fr. John Foley, SJ, is a composer and scholar at Saint Louis University.

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Saturday 8/17 & Sunday 8/18 ~ All weekend Masses are in the Parish Hall

Monday 8/19 ~ No 6:30 pm Encounter

Wednesday 8/21 ~ 6:30 pm Adoration and Reconciliation, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall Rm. 3

Wednesday 8/21 ~ Religious Study, 4:00 - 5:30 pm OLMC

Saturday 8/24 ~ YLI Fundraiser Breakfast, 8:00 - 10:00 am Applebee’s

Saturday 8/24 & Sunday 8/25 ~ All weekend Masses are in the Parish Hall

Sunday 8/25 ~ Parish Picnic, Mass at 11:30 Pinecrest Lake, Picnic after Mass

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

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

An Applebee’s Lumberjack Breakfast:
Pancakes, bacon, eggs, potatoes, and a drink.

A Fundraiser to Support:
Young Ladies Institute (YLI)
Patricia # 79
$8 per person
Saturday, August 24
8 am to 10 am

Sonora, CA
Tickets available at the door, or by calling 532-5955

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

† RCIA is the pathway by which adults wishing to become Catholic are brought into the Church.
† If you have been previously baptized Catholic, but wish to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, this is the place for you.
† Learn more about the Catholic Faith during the RCIA Inquiry period, which starts on Tuesday, August 27th. The sessions are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall, Room 1.

For more information, please contact Linda Knapp: 925-231-5849

Sunday, August 25th

♦ Mass at 11:30 am in the Movie Amphitheater.
♦ Picnic after Mass! We have reserved 2 picnic spots in the Day Use Area, “Fir” and “Pine”.
♦ Hamburgers & hot dogs, paper plates and plastic utensils will be provided by the Parish.
♦ Parking is not reserved—please park in the large lot and walk to the Day Use Area, or at the Commercial Center and take the shuttle to the lake.
♦ Please bring your own camping chairs, blankets, sunscreen, games, and beverages.
♦ Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you bring a salad, please keep it packed in ice.
♦ Pets are not allowed in the Day Use Area during the summer months.
♦ Please call the Parish Office to let us know you are attending, so we can have an accurate count.
♦ If you can bring an outdoor “pop-up” to provide shade, please call the Parish Office.

Don’t miss this wonderful day!
Enjoy God’s beautiful creation with your fellow parishioners.
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Al Biedrzycki
Jackie Boling
Jalen Bozzo
Mary Brown
Matt & Kim Cushman
Anna Davidson
Deacon John Froehlich
Ed Hall
Eileen Hogan
A. J. Holmes
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Bill Kiesling
Kristine Kitamura
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Lois Marzocchi
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Juan Pulido
Clay Sweeney
Dan Ward
Mitch & Trish Woods

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

During these hot summer days, please remember our brothers and sisters who perhaps don’t have shelter from the heat, and commit an act of loving service by donating food to the St. Patrick’s Food Pantry. Any contribution of food is welcome, but what the Pantry needs most right now is: cereal, canned fruit (pull-top lids preferred on canned items), peanut butter, jelly/jam (small jars), pasta, pasta sauce, and boxed dinners such as Rice-A-Roni, Tuna/Hamburger Helper, etc. You can put the items in the large basket inside the Parish Hall during Mass, drop them off in the Parish Office, or call Sandy Tannhauser @ 532-3899.

Food Pantry Needs

Christmas in August?

While cleaning out your closets, attics, and garages, remember our Christmas Fair! You can bring donations to the office now, no need to wait! We need jewelry, craft items, raffle items, silent auction items, household items, small furniture, etc. (no clothing, please). Please donate clean, sellable items. If you have any questions, or would like to help with this year’s Christmas Fair, please call Teresa @ 209-206-1062.

St. Patrick’s Parish Christmas Fair
Saturday, November 23, 2019

OLMC Parish Services

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Services is an organization within the parish which provides assistance to our community. We are guided by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to follow our Catholic tradition of caring for those in need by providing for the physical and financial needs of our parishioners and the community. The phone number to call to request assistance or information is 209 532-7139 Ext 111 and is on the front page of the church bulletin. This phone number is monitored by our Core Group. Parish Services picks up the food donated each week at Mass and delivers it to the EV Free Church who distribute it to people in need in the Groveland – Big Oak Flat Area. We have made cash donations to the Baptist Church, the Seventh Day Adventist Church and the EV Free Church for their food distribution programs. Donations to OLMC’s Parish Services were $1,072.00 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Requests for financial assistance for rent assistance, food and medication were granted for a total of $800.00. Additional donations were made to The Little House, Christmas Eve Dinner, Christmas Baskets program and the Groveland Thanksgiving Dinner.

We could use one or two more volunteers on our Core Group. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please call the number above and a member will return your call.

If you would be available to prepare food for sick or funerals, light home repairs, light yard work or social visits, please fill out a form which are available at the Parish Service box at the back of the church and put it in the box.

Thank you for your past support!

Baked Potato Bar Luncheon/ Bunco Games

Saturday, Sept 21
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Doors open at 11:30 am
All Adults welcome!
$15 per person

Advance tickets or reservations suggested
For more information, call Vicki @ 532-6010

Bunco prizes ~ Drawing ~ Good food ~ Lots of fun!

Thank you for your past support!
The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**
- **Monday 9/2** ~ Labor Day, Parish Office closed
- **Saturday 9/7 & Sunday 9/8** ~ Second Collection for the Catholic University of America
- **Monday 9/9** ~ Altar & Rosary Society Luncheon
  - 11:30 am Parish Hall
- **Friday 9/13 - Sunday 9/15** ~ Catholic Men’s Fellowship Retreat
- **Saturday 9/21** ~ YLI Bunco and Luncheon, 11:30 am
- **Sunday 9/22** ~ Catholic Charities Sunday
- **Saturday 9/28** ~ St. Patrick’s Ice Cream Social
- **Sunday 10/6** ~ Respect Life Sunday
- **Saturday 10/12** ~ Jason Jeffrey, organist at the Cathedral of the Annunciation, will perform a short organ recital at St. Patrick’s Church at 3:00 pm, as part of the Sonora Bach Festival.

**Cinnamon Sundays at OLMC**

Please note: Cinnamon Sunday for this month is cancelled due to the Parish Picnic on August 25, at Pinecrest Lake. Please join us next month on September 29th for fellowship, coffee, and warm cinnamon rolls!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday August 19 ~ Sunday August 25**

**Monday:**
- Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:**
- Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:**
- Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:**
- Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:**
- Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:**
- Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-54

**Sunday:**
- Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday August 18 ~ Saturday August 24**

**Sunday:**
- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:**
- St. John Eudes

**Tuesday:**
- St. Bernard

**Wednesday:**
- St. Pius X

**Thursday:**
- The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday:**
- St. Rose of Lima

**Saturday:**
- St. Bartholomew

**Weekly Offerings**

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