St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

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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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Parochial Vicar
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“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
Father Sam’s Message

This week in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear of an early controversy in the Church. The question was whether the new converts to Christianity needed to be circumcised, as required under the Law of the Old Covenant, in order to be saved. This issue of circumcision caused a great disagreement in some of the early Christian communities. The reading indicated “. . . there arose no little dissension and debate.” St. Paul, a convert from Judaism, strongly insisted that the Gentile converts to Christianity did not need to be circumcised in accord with the mandates of the old Law. To resolve this hot-button issue, “. . . it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.” The Acts of the Apostles reports the decision was made that circumcision was not necessary for salvation. “It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right.” So the Holy Spirit, working through the Church, gathered together under leadership of the Apostles unified to St. Peter resolves the dispute and restores peace to the local churches. We can see from the very beginning of the Church, the Apostles, and their legitimately appointed successors, were recognized as the guardians and authentic teachers of the Truth as revealed by God. Today the successors of the Apostles are the Pope and the bishops who are united to him. This event described in the Acts of the Apostles assures us that the Church is always guided by the Holy Spirit and so is rightly called the “pillar and foundation of truth” (1 Timothy 3:15).

For us, this means if there are some people in the Church, including those in the leadership, who teach error, promote false doctrine, or even cause great public scandal, the Church’s teaching on Faith and Morals is still to be trusted because the Holy Spirit will correct the error to guarantee the truth is made known. We should try to keep this in mind during this time of great distress as Pope Francis and the bishops continue to vigorously work on ways to ensure the safety of the most vulnerable members of the Church, particularly children.

As throughout her long history, today there are controversies that threaten to divide the unity of the Church. During such times, we continue to trust the Holy Spirit and are confident the truth God wants revealed by His Church will be made clearly known. It may take time and much effort, including many discussions and debates, but the Truth, what we need to know and do for our salvation, will always prevail in the Church. In the Gospel, our Lord Jesus tells us to be united to Him and the Father, we need to “keep” His word. He says, “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” The Church has been given the Holy Sprit to know how we are to keep Jesus’ word in today’s world, with all its complexities and confusion. Jesus goes on to tell us, “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” Because the gift of the Holy Spirit, “the Advocate,” has been given by the Father in Jesus’ name to His Bride, the Church, we can completely trust the teachings of the Church. When we adhere to Her teachings, we can rest assured that we are following the Truth and “keeping” Jesus’ word. The Holy Spirit guides us to firmly know the truth and fidelity to the truth brings Jesus’ “peace” to the Church, to each of her children who are united together by the gift of the Faith.

We “keep” Jesus’ word when we live in accord with the teachings of the Church. Not only do we keep His word by how we live, we also keep His word by fulfilling our obligation to hand on the Church’s teachings in their fullness, without error or popular opinion, to the next generation of Jesus’ disciples. Guarding and handing on His teaching is a primary mission of the Church and, therefore, the responsibility of every member of the parish. As we come to the end of another year of Faith Formation, I want to acknowledge and congratulate all of our dear students, especially those who have received the gift of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. On behalf of our parish, I sincerely thank Mrs. Kathy Casas, our Faith Formation Coordinator, and every one of our devoted catechists and aides for the love and care they have given to the children participating in our Faith Formation program. Finally, I recognize and extend our parish’s appreciation to the parents who have made the sacrifice to bring their children to Mass every Sunday and to the weekly classes. By doing so, parents, you fulfill your role as the primary teachers of your children in the Catholic Faith.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Patrick, we continue to pray for all who have received the Sacraments in this Easter Season. We pray that they will grow stronger each day in their relationship with the Risen Lord through the graces they have received. We also pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus’ word by following the teachings of His Church and, in doing so, to have Jesus’ peace in our hearts.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West
May 26, 2019

**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday 5/26** ~ Meet & Greet: Knights of Columbus

**Monday 5/27** ~ Memorial Day Mass at 9:00 am,
St. Patrick’s Cemetery; No 8:00 am
Daily Mass; Parish Office is closed

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

**Saturday 6/1** ~ Altar Duty: Marge Nath,
Deb Cushman

**Saturday 6/1** ~ Music Ministry Retreat

**Saturday 6/1 & Sunday 6/2** ~ Parish Services

**Sunday 6/2** ~ Meet & Greet: Ministers to the Sick

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**In Loving Memory**

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

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Fr. Dennis Grabrian will be at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Big Oak
Flat on Wednesday, May 29, from
6:30 to 8:30 in the Parish House
to discuss his book, The Spirit
Awakens Life. He will offer
insight and reflections regarding
the influence of the Holy Spirit
upon our lives. Please sign up at
the back of the church (OLMC) or
contact Liz Mattingly: 962-7648,
or email: lizardpm@gmail.com
We want to make sure there is a chair for you!

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**Music Ministry Retreat** - Saturday June 1
Pine Mountain Lake, Groveland

We will be joined by the choir,
instrumentalists and music director of St.
Joseph’s in Modesto. All music ministers (including
 teens!) from St. Patrick’s and OLMC are encouraged to
attend. We will have some liturgical instruction, vocal
training and rehearsals, also fun, food, and fellowship!

Our combined choirs will present a musical prelude at
OLMC starting at 4:30 pm, and we will stay to celebrate
Mass together at 5:00 pm at OLMC.

St. Patrick’s parishioners, with our sincere apologies,
please note there will be no music at the 5:00 Mass at
St. Patrick’s on June 1, so that all our music ministers
can take part in this retreat.

If you wish to join the retreat, please contact Sandra
Betti at 209-532-7139, ext. 109

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Are YOU prepared for Wildfire Season?
READY, SET, GO!
Your Personal Wildfire Action Plan
Presentation by Emily Kilgore,
Fire Prevention Specialist from Cal Fire
6:30 pm ~ Tuesday June 11
St Patrick’s Church Parish Hall

Please invite your friends and
neighbors.
Let’s all have a safe summer!

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**Garden Gala**
6th Annual Wine & Food Garden Party
Saturday, June 1 ~ 6:30 - 9:30 pm
St. Joachim Catholic Church
13392 Lockeford Ranch Dr., Lockeford CA
Local wines ☑ Craft beer ☑ Sumptuous food
Live music ☑ Auction ☑ Raffle

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**Memorial Day Mass**
Monday, May 27
9:00 am
St. Patrick’s
Cemetery

**REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED**
ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Al Biedrzycki  Bill Kiesling
Jackie Boling  Kristine Kitamura
Jalen Bozzo  Judi Maguire
Angela Brown  Juan Pulido
Mary Brown  Clay Sweeney
Angela Davison  Dan Ward
Ed Hall  Mitch & Trish Woods
A. J. Holmes

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

St. Patrick’s T-Shirts!
If you’d like to commemorate our blue-ribbon victory at the Mother Lode Round Up Parade, we still have a few T-Shirts left: 3 SM, 9 XL, for only $10 each. Please contact Kary Hubbard at 728-7500 to pick up the last of these T-shirts.

All Saints Parish, Twain Harte
Sunday Mass at Pinecrest Lake
11:30 am, Pinecrest Amphitheater
Starts June 2

Religious Study at OLMC
Discover the Roots of Our Catholic Faith
“Epic: The Early Church” will lead you on a powerful, fast-paced journey through the first 500 years of Church history. You’ll meet courageous saints, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors and heroic martyrs. This dynamic 10-part program presents the origins of the Faith from a truly Catholic perspective! Understanding Church history is an important part of our faith journey as a Catholic. And yet, we might find it difficult to articulate those reasons to others. This study will give us information to more easily evangelize with confidence.

Thursdays, starting May 23
4:00 - 5:30 pm, Parish House, OLMC (Big Oak Flat)
For more information, please contact Warren Belisle
bellale@msn.com

Attn: St. Patrick’s kids - you are welcome to attend Vacation Bible Camp at All Saints Church, Twain Harte
Shipwrecked—Rescued by Jesus
Come sail away...
All Saints Church Vacation Bible Camp
New friends, creative games, tropical treats, incredible music, surprising adventures, amazing experiments!

Dates: July 15 – 19
Time: 8:45 am to 1:00 pm
For more information, call: 831-588-9223 or All Saints Parish Office 209-586-3161.
Registrations are now available.
Contact DRE, Noli Farwell at nfarwell@sbcglobal.net

Confirmation Mass
May 15, 2019
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
With Bishop Myron J. Cotta, presiding
Congratulations to our Confirmati!
May the gifts of the Holy Spirit enrich your lives, as you continue on your journey with Christ, our Lord.
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday May 27 ~ Sunday June 2**

**Monday:**
- Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a

**Tuesday:**
- Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:**
- Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:**
- Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:**
- Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4b-6; Lk 1:39-56

**Saturday:**
- Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:**
- Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday May 26 ~ Saturday June 1**

**Sunday:**
- Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Monday:**
- St. Augustine of Canterbury; Memorial Day

**Wednesday:**
- St. Paul VI

**Thursday:**
- The Ascension of the Lord
  (unless transferred to Sunday)

**Friday:**
- Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Saturday:**
- St. Justin; First Saturday

**We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.**

**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Saturday 6/8 ~ Pentecost Vigil**
**Sunday 6/9 ~ Pentecost Sunday**
**Sunday 6/16 ~ Father’s Day**
- Baby Bottle Boomerang ends
**Thursday 7/4 ~ Independence Day**
**Tuesday 7/16 ~ Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**
**Friday 7/26 ~ Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne**
**Thursday 8/15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Weekly Offerings**

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**Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!**