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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July 21, 2019

“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

In this week’s Gospel, our Lord Jesus Christ reveals the only “one thing” we need to find real peace when feeling anxiety and stress. In this scene, Jesus visits the house of his friends, the sisters of Lazarus, Martha, and Mary. One of the sisters, Martha, is overburdened serving their Divine guest and expresses great frustration that her sister, Mary, is not helping. In response to Martha’s criticism of her sister, Jesus tells Martha that Mary has “chosen the better part” because she “sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him.” Mary made the choice not to worry about all the external details and the stress caused by the expectations of others, in this case her sister. Mary simply listens to Jesus speak, giving her whole attention to Him who is “the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past.” She has chosen to rest in our Lord’s presence, which is better than the anxiety resulting from trying to get a bunch stuff done.

When we feel overwhelmed by anxieties, when we are “anxious and worried about many things” as Martha was “with much serving,” we can pause, take a deep breath, and make the conscious choice to just “sit” at the feet of our Merciful Lord Jesus. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to “sit” with Him in His Real Presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. When we make time for prayer or participate in the Sacraments, we are stepping away, for a moment, from the hectic world of our daily responsibilities and worries so we can experience God’s love for us. Taking time to rest with and in our Lord Jesus is the “only one thing” we need to have peace.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we pray, particularly for those who are “anxious and worried about many things” at this moment, that the Lord grant us the grace to take the time and choose “the better part,” to sit at His feet listening to Him.

Front Entrance Project Status

As you know, our long-awaited project to improve access to our beautiful church is now officially underway — the “ground is broken.” A few weekends ago, I mentioned at the Masses we would provide information on the finances of the project. The total cost of this phase, which involves the raising of the elevation around the front of the church with the necessary changes to the wheelchair ramps and guardrail systems, is $96,660. This amount also includes the cost of decorative enhancements to the front guardrail. Rather than only having plain vertical pickets along the length of the 54-foot guardrail in front of the Church, the decision was made to add custom designed images (made in metal) in the center of each of the six sections, in addition to having alternating images of crosses and shamrocks along the entire top portion of the guardrail. By God’s grace and the generosity of those of you who have contributed so far, we have the funding to complete this phase - 30% comes from the proceeds of our 2017 Car Raffle, 50% from the sale of stock shares owned by the parish since the 1990s, and the remaining 20% from private donors. None of the funding for the improvements to the entrance was taken from our weekly collections, which are needed for the ordinary parish operations.

We are still planning on additional fundraisers to raise the remaining money needed to replace the front doors and perform the much needed repairs to the door frame. We are also hoping to paint and repair the peeling stucco on the façade of the church, including a large portion of the bell tower. There will be more details announced in the next few weeks on these future fundraising efforts. Finally, we are all anxious to see how the project is coming along, but I kindly ask all of you to keep away from the construction site and respect the barriers that have been put in place for our safety. Again, thank you all for your patience!

I would like to again sincerely thank our staff members and volunteers who worked so hard to transform the parish hall into our temporary worship space. I received many compliments on how beautiful everything looks. I especially want to commend our Arts and Environment Team for the great job they did in preparing the hall for worthy and inspiring celebration of our liturgies. I thank Teresa Sweeney, David and Kary Hubbard, Stan Dragun, Sandy Pasby, and Beatriz Gamboa. Also, I am grateful to our Director of Music, Sandra Betti, for getting the sound system set up and our Coordinator of Liturgy, Marie Dahlstrand, for all her help as well. In addition, I greatly appreciate all the effort our sacristans, Scott and Keith Kahl, have done to move our liturgies from the Church to the Hall and their ongoing work to have the Sunday Masses upstairs.

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

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

Monday 7/22 ~ Encounter 6:30 - 7:45 pm
Parish Hall, Room 3

Wednesday 7/23 ~ 6:30 pm Adoration - Parish Hall,
Room 3; Reconciliation - Parish Hall, Room 2

Saturday 7/27 ~ Special Mass for the Feast of St.
Joachim and St. Anne, 9:00 am St. Anne’s, Columbia
Bishop Myron J. Cotta presiding
Potluck brunch after the Mass

Saturday 7/27 & Sunday 7/28 ~ All weekend
Masses in the Parish Hall

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.

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 13 and 20.

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

 Volunteers needed!
We need a few people to sort and
pack Christmas Fair items.
If you can help, please call
Barbara Sweeney at 209-536-0989

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

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

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

A Message from Bishop Cotta:

My Dear People of God,

Earlier this week, after a remarkable grassroots campaign mounted by religious liberty advocates, California Catholics, as well as Catholics from across the country, Senate Bill 360 was pulled from the California Assembly Public Safety Committee agenda. The withdrawal of the Senate Bill came the day before a scheduled July 9 hearing.

I would like to express my personal gratitude for the faith and devotion of individual Catholics, parishes, and organizations within the Diocese of Stockton. Thousands of phone calls, letters, and emails from Catholics in our diocese were made to lawmakers in Sacramento. Together we have done our part in protecting the seal of confession. Our effort was worth it. It all made a difference, all involved made a difference. Thank you.

In Peace of Christ,

Myron J. Cotta
Most Reverend Myron J. Cotta
Roman Catholic Bishop of Stockton

SB360 Withdrawn!

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.

Registration

Visit us at www.CatholicMen.org for online registration and payment options.

Or, mail registration form with $185 donation for lodging and meals to:

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10905 Kelso Ct.
Sonora, CA 95370

Or

Email CMF: SonoraCMF@gmail.com

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Call (209) 264-2263
**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Wednesday 8/14 ~** Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 5:00 pm OLMC

**Thursday 8/15 ~** Masses for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8:00 am and 6:30 pm St. Pat’s

**Sunday 8/25 ~** Parish Picnic, Pinecrest Lake

**Monday 9/2 ~** Labor Day, Parish Office closed

**Saturday 9/7 & Sunday 9/8 ~** Second Collection for the Catholic University of America

**Sunday 9/22 ~** Catholic Charities Sunday

**Friday 9/13 - Sunday 9/15 ~** Catholic Men’s Fellowship Retreat

**Sunday 10/6 ~** Respect Life Sunday

**Friday 11/1 ~** All Saints Day

**Saturday 11/2 ~** All Souls Day

**Thursday 11/28 ~** Thanksgiving Day

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday July 22 ~ Sunday July 28**

**Monday:** Sg 3:1-4b or Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Tuesday:** Ex 14:21 -- 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

**Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday July 21 ~ Saturday July 27**

**Sunday:** Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Mary Magdalene

**Tuesday:** St. Bridget

**Wednesday:** St. Sharbel Makhluf

**Thursday:** St. James

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Weekly Offerings**

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