St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News
... in Our Parish

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.

JOHN 6:11

July 29, 2018

“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

Staff
Fr. Sam West, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Lawrence, Parochial Vicar
Mike Kubasek, Deacon
Ron Ivey, Business Manager
Marie Dahlstrand, Coordinator of Liturgy
Sandra Betti, Music Director
Kathy Casas, Religious Education
Katie McClintock, Youth Ministry Leader
Gail Andrus, Receptionist
Jan DePaoli, Administrative Asst.
Emergency Intercessions “8”
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Greetings of love and good wishes to all of you from your Fr. Banka! It’s such a great joy to write this message to tell you about the mission appeal that I am going to do at St. Patrick’s the first weekend in August (well, in spirit only at OLMC). It’s definitely a privilege coming back home to see you and to offer Masses with you. I am sure most of you know about my recent trip to India. I returned back here on the 14th of July. As usual, my parents were so happy with my visit and they send their greetings to all of you. Sonora has really become my second home. So coming back to spend even a little time makes me and my heart warm. I am excited as you are to see all of you on the 4th and 5th of August.

Here, I would like to give you the gist about the diocese of Vijayawada to which I belong as a Priest. The mission story of the Diocese of Vijayawada had its remote beginnings in 1646 at Bandar with an Augustinian Friar. It is believed that Franciscan Friars had worked at Bandar already at the beginning of the 16th century. However, the mission owes its faith and growth to the PIME Missionaries, with whose arrival in 1855 the story of the Vijayawada Church began taking shape.

In a land area of 8,734 square kilometers, the diocesan territory covers the civil district of Krishna. Vijayawada is the biggest city in the diocese. Machilipatnam is an important town in the diocese.

Population
In the Vijayawada diocese, the population was 6,019,336 at the end of 2017. (The population of the whole country is about 1.2 billion). Most residents are ethnic Telegus.

Language
Telegu, English and Urdu are the languages used in the diocesan territory.

History
The Diocese of Vijayawada comprised in the beginning the whole of Krishna and West Godavari districts and the Taluks of Amalapuram, Kothapeta, Razole and Mummidivaram in East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh. This territory was separated from Hyderabad and made a “Missio sui Juris” by a Brief of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide, dated January 10, 1933 and elevated to a diocese on April 23, 1937. The Diocese of Eluru was separated from Vijayawada on February 26, 1977. The Diocese of Vijayawada now comprises only the civil district of Krishna.

Political
The towns are managed by municipalities. The villages and small towns are administered by elected local bodies called Panchayats.

Transportation
The diocesan area is well connected in terms of transport infrastructure by roads and railways. The nearest airport is in Hyderabad city.

Economy
Rupees 22,874 is the per capital income in the diocesan territory. Farming, especially rice and tobacco cultivation is done for generating money.

At present, we have 180 priests in our diocese with about 110 parishes. There are so many institutions that are run by the diocese. We have 55 charitable institutions and seven major boarding homes for the education of the poor.

Many, if not most, of you reading this remember my story beginning as a young boy at nine years of age leaving home to continue my education. It was by God’s grace that my father allowed me to leave home and that I was given the courage to do so. From that early age, the importance of education was a drive in me, even if it meant sleeping on the streets in order to go to school. It was also God’s will that a priest took me in while I was in school and then directed me to go to the Seminary. I have been a priest for 13 years and am reminded of the words of Mother Teresa: “Do not worry about why problems exist in the world – just respond to people’s needs.” When I go home to visit my village and travel throughout the diocese, people surround me expressing their needs. I am most grateful that you have helped me give some relief to these needs. I also thank you for your support in the education of the Little Sheep of Christ. One of the graduates from last year is trying to continue his education by going to a Trade School in Hyderabad. Because of your support and through his education, he understands the value of education and after completing continued studies, he will be able to support himself and relatives. This is one person, one story, one life made better because of your help.

I appeal to you and I thank you for your continued prayerful support and your continued financial support of my Diocese in carrying out the many responsibilities of serving the people in the 100 parishes and giving hope to the 180 priests who minister to them. Thank you especially for blessing the dream I have for the children of my village to give them a better life. May Almighty God and Mother Mary bless you abundantly for your prayers and support that you so graciously give.

In Christ, Fr. Yesobu Banka
**This Week in our Parish**

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<td>“Grieving with Great Hope” Grief Support Workshop begins; 6:00 - 8:00 pm Parish Hall</td>
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<td>Sat 8/4</td>
<td>Altar Duty: Marcia Watts</td>
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<td>Sat 8/4 and Sun 8/5</td>
<td>Fr. Yesobu Banka will celebrate Masses at St. Patrick’s in conjunction with a Mission Appeal</td>
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<td>Meet &amp; Greet: Ministers to the Sick</td>
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**In Loving Memory**

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

**Grieving with Great HOPE**

**Grief Support Workshop**

Begins this Wednesday!

**Grieving with Great HOPE** is a five week grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include Cathi Ruiz and Martha Golay, as well as John and Sandy O’Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement apostolate.

**Wednesdays:** August 1, 8, 22, 29, 6-8 pm; Thursday, August 16, 6-8 pm
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
127 Jackson Street, Sonora

Contact Steve and Martha Golay for registration details and a registration form at 209-588-2935, or email golaymartha@yahoo.com

There is a $15 fee for the workshop, which will be collected at the first meeting.

**The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mission Appeal ~ Saturday Aug 4th and Sunday Aug 5th**

**Mission Cooperative Plan for the Vijayawada Diocese in India**

Fr. Yesobu Banka will be at St. Patrick’s next weekend, Aug 4-5, to tell us about the Mission Appeal, and to celebrate all English Masses.

**At One with the Spirit Ministry**

is pleased to announce:
A pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and other Holy Places and Cathedrals in and around Mexico City, including the beautiful city of Puebla, Mexico.

January 30 - February 4, 2019
$2,199 from San Francisco
Spiritual Director: Fr. Samuel West
Group Coordinators: Juddy Kendall & Dolores Schlichtmann

For more information, please visit www.pilgrimages.com/stpatrickchurch

Detailed flyers are available in the vestibule.
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Vern & Jo Froehlich  
Mitch & Patti Gerner  
Shirley Hamblin  
A. J. Holmes  
Bill & Rolene Kiesling  
Kristine Kitamura  
Joan Macauley  
Dorothy McCargar  
Joseph Murtagh  
Juan Pinela  
Juan Pulido  
Mike Schirmer  
Clay Sweeney  
Mitch Woods  
Jean Wobbe

To add or remove a name from this list or the prayer chain, please contact Sandy Pallante at 532-7625.

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 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. Our Core Group monitors this phone number.

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. Thank you to those of you who donate food at Mass.

We could use one or two more volunteers on our Core Group. If you would like more information, please call the number above. 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 is available at the Parish Service box at the back of the church and put it in the box.

Thank you for your past support.

Is the Lord Calling You?
Each year He calls forth those He has chosen to formally pass on our faith to the next generation. It is the responsibility of parents, accepted at the baptism of their child, to instruct them, but the responsibility of the church to assist parents in that role.

We need teachers who can bring God’s message of love to students of a variety of ages.

If you would like to join us on Wednesday evenings and help with the faith formation of our young people, please contact the Parish Office or Kathy Casas, Director of Religious Ed, @ 532-7139 or 770-5987

“Jesus said, let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

(Matthew 19:14)

Religious Education Classes Begin...

Kindergarten and First Grade
Sundays 10:15 through 11:00 Family Mass
Includes Liturgy of the Word for Children
Begins Sunday, September 16th
Downstairs in the Parish Hall

2nd Grade through Confirmation
Begins Wednesday, September 12th
6:30-7:30 pm - Parish Hall

PRE-REGISTRATION is helpful!
Forms are in the church vestibule, hall, and office.
Baptismal certificates are necessary unless baptized at St. Patrick’s.

Please return the forms to the Parish Office or mail to:
St. Patrick’s Church
116 W. Bradford St.
Sonora, CA 95370

ALL SAINTS PARISH YARD SALE
Friday, August 3 ~ 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday, August 4 ~ 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday, August 5 ~ 8:00 am TO 1:00 pm
Help support our neighbors in Christ!
All Saints Catholic Church
18674 Cherokee Dr., Twain Harte
209-586-3161
**Mass Intentsions for the Week**

**Saturday July 28 ~ Sunday August 5**

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<td>Mary Ann Widerman, William Schrag</td>
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<td>Sunday</td>
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<td>Tete Arellano</td>
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<td>11:00 am</td>
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<td>Lupe Diaz, Michael Johnston</td>
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*We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.*

**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

- **Tuesday 8/14** ~ Vigil Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 5:00 pm OLMC
- **Wednesday 8/15** ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8:00 am and 6:30 pm Mass St. Patrick’s
- **Friday 8/17 - Sunday 8/19** ~ Catholic Men’s Fellowship Fall Retreat, Old Oak Ranch, Sonora
- **Wednesday 9/12** ~ Religious Ed Classes begin
  2nd Grade - Confirmation, 6:30-7:30 pm Parish Hall
- **Sunday 9/16** ~ Religious Ed Classes begin
  Kindergarten - 1st Grade, 10:15-11:00 am downstairs Parish Hall

For regularly scheduled meetings, please check the Master Calendar at www.stpatssonora.org. If you have calendar requests or need to make changes to your current calendared items, please email ron@stpatssonora.org.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday July 30 ~ Sunday August 5**

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<td>Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46</td>
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<td>Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12</td>
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<td>Sunday</td>
<td>Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35</td>
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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday July 29 ~ Saturday August 4**

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In time of desolation one should never make a change, but stand firm in the resolutions and decisions that guided one the day before the desolation.

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

**Weekly Offerings**

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<td>OLMC</td>
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*Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!*