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 frbanka@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Yesobu Banka, Parish Administrator

“The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.”
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Father John Foley’s Message

Who Are We?

This Sunday Jesus begins to instruct the disciples about how to be his followers. In the Gospels of previous Sundays we have been following the story of his early career. He went to be baptized. Then, when he heard that John the Baptist had been murdered, he moved from Galilee to Capernaum. He chose his apostles there. Last Sunday we reminisced about his “presentation” as an infant, which itself looked forward to his suffering.

In this week’s Gospel he tells them to “be what you are.”
He gives images. If you are like salt, then don’t lose your flavor. If you are like a lamp, then don’t put a basket over yourself where no one can see your light.

Consoling advice.

But would the disciples have followed Jesus if they had known what it really would mean to “be what you are”? The First Reading says it means to share your bread with the hungry, to shelter the oppressed and the homeless, to clothe the naked. Do not turn away from your own. This is how you let your light shine in the darkness. It is the meaning of “becoming yourself.”

A big assignment.

And in our own day, “I just want to be me,” sounds selfish.
“I can get whatever I want whenever I want it.”
“Take care of number one.”
“If it feels good, do it.”
And so on.

In the older culture of the United States, one of the classic songs made popular by Frank Sinatra was “I Did It My Way”:

I planned each charted course,
each careful step, along the byway,
and more, much more than this,
I did it my way.*

And so on.

The main message is that “I” have succeeded in life because it is mine. Me! No one dared to interfere with me because I did everything “my way.”

There is a backdrop of fear in these lyrics, something about not being free to be myself, about having to do everything according to someone else’s will.

Are we just cogs in a giant, international, industrial wheel? The world and its population are very, very large; no surprise that mass production, mass advertising and mass purchasing give us the feeling that we are worth very little in ourselves other than contributing to the market, doing and buying what it dictates. Maybe we should at last face down the great machine and defy it outright.

But the scriptures assume just the opposite. They suppose that every human being is created with an unrepeatable, deep, interior shape. Rather than having to fight others in order to do my own will, I need to allow the Spirit of God to find a home deep within the interior space that is me. This Spirit will not invade me because it is the essence of respect, of forgiveness, of loving.

It is God.

You and I are built to be at one with this Spirit. “Becoming myself” means becoming what I was built to be, a home for the Spirit of Jesus and of God.

God’s love becomes us.

Fr. John Foley, SJ

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

The Diocese of Stockton
Bishop’s Ministry Appeal begins next weekend.

Fr. Banka would like everyone to read the insert in this Bulletin, and begin prayerful consideration of what your family might be able to contribute this year.

Bishop’s Ministry Appeal
FAITH: Proclaiming, Sharing, Living!
Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Sunday, February 9
12:00 pm in the Parish Hall
After the 11:00 am Mass
Please bring a dessert to share.
We thank the many generous and devoted volunteers at St. Patrick’s Parish!
“Volunteers do not have more time, they just have more heart.”

Travel to India on Valentine’s Day!
Enjoy special guests Father Banka and friends as they share stories of their recent journey together to India, and their love of the country and its people.

Chicken Dinner and Raffle
Dinner at 6:00 pm, Raffle to follow
Tickets $20.00 each
Friday, February 14th, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

Tickets will be available to purchase after various weekend Masses, in the Parish Office Mon-Thur, or by contacting Cynthia by email: atonewiththespirit@gmail.com

Please purchase your tickets in advance!
All proceeds will go to Spiritual Growth Education.

New Religious Study at OLMC
“God is Closer Than You Think”
(6 Lessons)
Where: OLMC Parish House
When: Wednesdays, starting on Feb 12th
Time: 4:00 – 5:30 PM
DVD Speaker: John Ortberg

This study shows how you can enjoy a vibrant, moment-by-moment relationship with your heavenly Father. John Ortberg reveals the face of God waiting to be discovered in the complex mosaic of your life. He shows you God's hand stretching toward you. You will discover ways you can reach toward God and complete the connection.

We will be watching the presentation by John Ortberg followed by group discussion. Lesson material will be handed out prior to each session for you to contemplate and review prior to meeting. An optional book by John Ortberg is available.

Please sign up for this class as soon as possible so your class outline can be emailed to you.
Contact Warren Belisle at 962-4309 or email: bellale@msn.com for more information.

St. Patrick’s ALTAR SOCIETY’S BINGO PARTY!
ST. VALENTINE’S DAY LUNCHEON & BINGO GAME
When: Saturday, February 15
Time: Doors open 11:30am
Catered Lunch served 12:00 pm
Bingo games 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Where: St. Patrick’s Church Hall
98 W. Jackson St, Sonora
Theme: Celebrating Valentine’s Day so wear Red or Pink attire.
Prizes: Cash and Raffle Prizes!
Tickets: $20.00 each
Additional Bingo Cards: $1 each

CALL CAROL FOR TICKETS 209-213-9991
or St Patrick’s Parish Office 209-532-7139
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Jackie Boling
Aldo Diaz
Pat Fernandez
Claudia Day Fossum
Diane Goodspeed
Ed Hall
Eileen Hogan
A. J. Holmes
David & Carol James
Jeanne Kiely
Rosemarie Lapan
Ashlie Lotz

Lois Marzocchi
Rosie Napier
Lee O’Shaughnessy
Jan Opie
Gloria & Nuncia Patania
Juan Pulido
Cathi Ruiz
Mary Russell
Connie Scott
Clay Sweeney
Dan Ward

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

World famous Catholic Speaker Chris Stefanik is coming to Turlock for a youth event on Wednesday March 11th, 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm.

The event is called Reboot, focusing on renewing our faith and growing closer to Christ. We need parents to volunteer to be drivers for this event!!! If you are interested and can drive a few teens in your car, please reach out to me so I can get you the paperwork and we can plan carpools!!! I would love to get our youth group to hear this great speaker!!! Help me plan ahead early so we can get enough tickets!!!

Thank You!!!

Angela Cordes, Youth Ministry Coordinator
angela@stpatssonora.org
(760) 399-0438

Into your hands O Lord, we commend the soul of Jim Ward

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Father Paul Goda, S. J.
Passed away January 29, 2020
“The Master said, ‘Well done, My good and faithful servant.’” (Matthew 25:21)

All are invited to celebrate Father Goda’s life at the following services:

Vigil
5:00 pm, Tuesday, February 11
Mission Santa Clara
500 El Camino Real
Santa Clara, CA 95050
Mass of Christian Burial
7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 11
Mission Santa Clara
Reception to follow at Charney Hall, Santa Clara University.

Please keep Father Goda and his family in your prayers.

Notes of Condolence may be sent to Fr. Goda’s family, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Goda, care of Santa Clara University School of Law, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053

“I asked you and you would not listen, so I asked my God and He did listen.”

St. Scholastica
Feast Day February 10

Bishop’s Ministry Appeal
FAITH: Proclaiming, Sharing, Living!

February 15-16 and February 22-23
**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Monday 2/17** ~ Parish Office closed

**Wednesday 2/19** ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 pm, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall Rm. 6

**Saturday & Sunday 2/22-23** ~
- Bishop’s Ministry Appeal
- Additional distribution of Ashes, Noon St. Patrick’s

**Wednesday 2/26** ~ Ash Wednesday
- Masses at 8:00 am & 6:30 pm St. Patrick’s;
- Mass at 4:00 pm OLMC

**Friday 2/28** ~ Stations of the Cross and Lenten Soup Suppers begin

**Monday 3/2** ~ Altar Society Meeting 1:00 pm

**Sunday 3/8** ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins

**Tuesday 3/17** ~ St. Patrick’s Day

**Thursday 4/2** ~ Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton

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**Mass for the Week**

**Saturday February 8 ~ Sunday February 16**

**Saturday**
- 5:00 pm Joe Martinez
- Jose Gomez

**Sunday**
- 7:30 am Joy Siapno (Happy Birthday!)
- 9:00 am Tete Arellano
  - Mitch & Patti Gerner (60th Anniversary!)
- 11:00 am Fred Ulibarri
  - Brandi Ruiz
- 5:00 pm Jose Torrez Ramirez
  - Adolfo Negrete

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

**Monday**
- 8:00 am No Intentions

**Tuesday**
- 8:00 am Irene Bryant
  - Isaura Cabral

**Wednesday**
- 8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday**
- 8:00 am Steve Durgin (Healing)
- Vernon Cabral

**Friday**
- 8:00 am Mitch Woods
  - Walter Pineda

**Saturday**
- 5:00 pm Joe Martinez
- Mitch Woods

**Sunday**
- 7:30 am No Intentions
- 9:00 am Deceased members of the YLI
  - Debbie Mahler (Healing)
- 11:00 am Fred Ulibarri
  - Brandi Ruiz
- 5:00 pm Jose Torrez Ramirez
  - Jesus Rios

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday February 10 ~ Sunday February 16**

**Monday:**
- 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
  - Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:**
- 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;
  - Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:**
- 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
  - Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:**
- 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
  - Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:**
- 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab,
  - 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:**
- 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab,
  - 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:**
- Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;
  - 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday February 9 ~ Saturday February 15**

**Sunday:**
- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
  - World Marriage Day

**Monday:**
- St. Scholastica

**Tuesday:**
- Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick

**Wednesday:**
- Lincoln’s Birthday

**Friday:**
- St. Cyril and St. Methodius; Valentine’s Day

**Saturday:**
- Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Weekly Offerings**

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| **Maintenance Offering** |                    |                                  |                |                                  |
| St. Pat’s        | $73                  | $1,079                           | $844           |
| OLMC            | $0                   | $185                             | $160           |
| Total           | $73                  | $1,264                           | $1,004         |

Parish Services: St. Pat’s $456; OLMC $73

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!