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
In the Gospel for this 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus offers a couple of parables to explain the Kingdom of God. Thinking about the gift of fatherhood as we celebrate Father’s Day, the text from the Gospel of Mark appropriately describes the role of a father. Our Lord uses the image of a seed in two different settings. In the first, He explains how the Kingdom is “as if a man were to scatter seed on the land.” The seed grows in stages without the man “knowing how,” in other words mysteriously, to reach its potential of becoming a “full grain in the ear.” Similarly, a good father makes every effort to sow the seeds of virtue, integrity, fidelity, honesty, and the like, in his children. Although the father does not know exactly how it will turn out, these seeds grow by stages in his children, helping them to reach their God-given potential, to become more and more like Jesus. The most important way a father scatters these seeds is by his own consistent and stable example of remaining faithful to our Lord Jesus and striving to do God’s will in every part of his life. After sown, the father then trusts the power of God’s grace and patiently waits for the seeds he has sown in his children to bear good fruit.

In the second parable, our Lord Jesus makes a comparison. He proclaims the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, the “smallest of all seeds on the earth.” Once it grows, this tiny seed “becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches.” The mustard seed could be considered the “tiny” day-to-day actions a father does. Each time the father says a prayer, each time he attends Mass, each time he responds lovingly in an annoying or frustrating situation, or each time he sacrifices for the sake of the family, he sows a tiny “mustard seed” in his children. These seeds will then help his children also act as God would have them do and grow into the image of Jesus, a true child of God.

We thank God for our dear fathers. We recognize their generosity and selflessness. The most enduring and important gift fathers can give to their children is the truth of our Catholic Faith, knowing who Jesus is and loving Him above all things. Only by the gift of Faith does a person truly have an intimate and life-giving relationship with Jesus. When a child is baptized, the seeds of Faith, Hope, and Charity are sown in his or her soul. The work of the child’s father is to endeavor daily to live out his own relationship with Jesus in order for these Divine seeds to grow large in his children “so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” To ensure his child and the world benefit from the supernatural seeds sown in baptism and reach their potential, a father needs to be actively practicing the gift of his faith.

By remaining obedient to the teachings of the Church and actively participating in the Sacraments, we are united to Him who is the One who is the source of life, the source of fatherhood. Similar to his irreplaceable role in imparting the gift of human, physical, life, a father who authentically lives in the light of Truth imparts spiritual life to his children. A father’s role in a child’s growth in the faith is paramount. Studies have shown that a father who is actively involved and engaged in his own faith has the greatest impact on whether his children, either boys or girls, will be practicing the faith into their teenage years and beyond. Believe or not, a father has more influence on the faith of the children than does a mother, no matter how devout she may be. When a father fully accepts and lives out his role as the spiritual leader of his family, he gives life to his wife and children, not only in this earthly life but for the life to come.

Let us pray for all the fathers of our parish, that through the intercession of St. Joseph and our Patron, St. Patrick, they will fulfill their life-giving role and continue to sow the good seeds of the Kingdom of God in their children. We also, of course, pray for fathers who have died. May the Good Lord grant them eternal rest and the light of His face will shine on them forever.
**This Week in our Parish**

**Sun 6/17** ~ Meet & Greet: Religious Ed and Teens

**Sat & Sun 6/16 - 6/17** ~ Handmade Rosaries for sale after Mass from the Franciscan Poor of Jesus Christ

**Thurs 6/21** ~ Religious Study at OLMC, 4:00-5:30 pm

**Sat 6/23** ~ Altar Duty: Faustina Coleman, Kathleen Kahl

**Sun 6/24** ~ Parish Picnic! Pinecrest Lake  
Mass 11:00 am, Picnic after Mass

**Sun 6/24** ~ Meet & Greet: Knights of Columbus

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**All Saints Catholic Church, Twain Harte**

**THIS WEEK!**

Vacation Bible School  
June 18-22  
9:00 am -1:00 pm

All children from St. Patrick’s Parish are welcome!  
For more information, please contact  
Lina Marion @ 209-586-3161

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**NEW Religious Study**

**Catholicism: The Pivotal Players**

“Discover the figures who shaped the Church and changed the world!”

Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Big Oak Flat, CA

Thursdays, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Parish House

Everyone is invited to attend this “minimal homework” study. Just watch and discuss! Join Bishop Barron on this journey to discover the most influential people of the Catholic Church. We will learn who these people were, and how their faith in Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church helped shape world history, and our own Catholic legacy.

Each episode highlights a different saint, evangelist, or artist. This is an interactive experience, as we walk in the historical places they lived and see where the pivotal “God-moments” occurred in their lives.

The lesson begins with an outline of the particular episode, followed by a short biography on the pivotal player as well as some context for their life. We also get a glimpse of the Church during the time this person lived. We are then presented with Questions for Understanding, which include references to both Sacred Scripture and the Catechism, followed by Questions for Application, which are meant to serve as reflection questions in our own life. Please sign up for this class as soon as possible so we can order the optional study guide for you.

For more information, please contact  
Warren Belisle @ 209-962-4394

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**Sunday, June 24th**

**11:00 am Mass at Pinecrest Lake**

**Picnic after Mass**

*Food ~ Fun ~ Fellowship!*

- Mass at 11:00 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.
- 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.
- Take the bus to Pinecrest! For info and schedule, go to www.tuolumnecountytransit.com/pinecrest

**Don’t miss this wonderful day!**

Enjoy God’s beautiful creation with your fellow parishioners.
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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 or the prayer chain, please contact Sandy Pallante at 532-7625.

Mini-Retreat

A Day with the Carmelites: Come and Pray

When: Saturday, June 23
8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Old Hall, 505 W. Granger Ave.
Modesto, CA 95350

Cost: Free will offering
Guest Speaker: Father Matthew Williams, OCD

The day will include teaching and practice of prayer, focusing on Lectio Divina and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. Sponsored by the Modesto Community of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites.

Pre-registration required by June 10
To register:
Online: www.ocdsmodesto.com/events
Email: modestosecularcarmelites@gmail.com
Mail: Carmelites, PO Box 805, Linden, CA 95326
Phone: 209-639-8975

Discernment Dinner Gathering

Sunday, June 24, 2018 ~ 5:00 pm
Cathedral of the Annunciation
Parish House
425 W. Magnolia St.
Stockton, CA 95203

Do you know someone who might be called to the priesthood? Please invite him to this informational dinner gathering on Sunday June 24th at 5:00 pm. This event is for ages 16 and up. RSVP to 209-463-1305, or email: vocationsdirector@stocktondiocese.org

The Franciscan Poor of Jesus Christ are at St. Pat’s this weekend selling handmade rosaries after all Masses.

We, the Franciscan Poor of Jesus Christ, impelled by the Holy Spirit to preserve and to fulfill the words of Jesus, go out to the poor wherever they may be. We shelter our homeless brothers and sisters with dignity as children of God.

To maintain our ministry, we sell handmade rosaries. We will be at your church on June 16-17 after Mass. Come and take a look, or just stop by to say hi. “We only accept check or cash.

“For I was hungry and you gave me to eat. Thirsty and you gave me drink, homeless and you gave me shelter.” (Matthew 25:35)

For more information: www.franciscanspjc.org

July 4th in Columbia!

9:00 am Mass at St. Anne’s Church

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12:00 pm Parade in Columbia

Be a part of the group carrying the banner for St. Anne’s!

★ Kids ~ decorate your bike or wagon.
★ Teens and adults ~ put on your favorite red, white, and blue duds or Old West costume.
★ Costumed doggies and cats are welcome too, on a leash, please.
★ Meet at 11:45 am in front of the Fallon House Theater to line up for the parade.

Call Marcia Watts, 533-3662 for more information.
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.

June 17, 2018

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Summer is here!

June 21

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Wednesday 7/4 ~ Special Independence Day Mass
9:00 am, St. Anne’s in Columbia
Columbia’s 4th of July Parade, 12:00 noon

Saturday 7/28 ~ Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne
will be celebrated at St. Anne’s in Columbia, 9:00 am

Friday 8/17 ~ Sunday 8/19 ~ Catholic Men’s Fellowship
Fall Retreat, Old Oak Ranch, Sonora

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