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Catholic Church
127 Jackson St.
Sonora, CA



Masses:
Mon-Fri
12:00 pm
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Sunday
7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am

Reconciliation: By appt.

Our Lady of
Mt. Carmel
Mission Church
11700 Catholic Cemetery Rd.
Big Oak Flat, CA



Mass:
Saturday
3:00 pm

Reconciliation: By appt.

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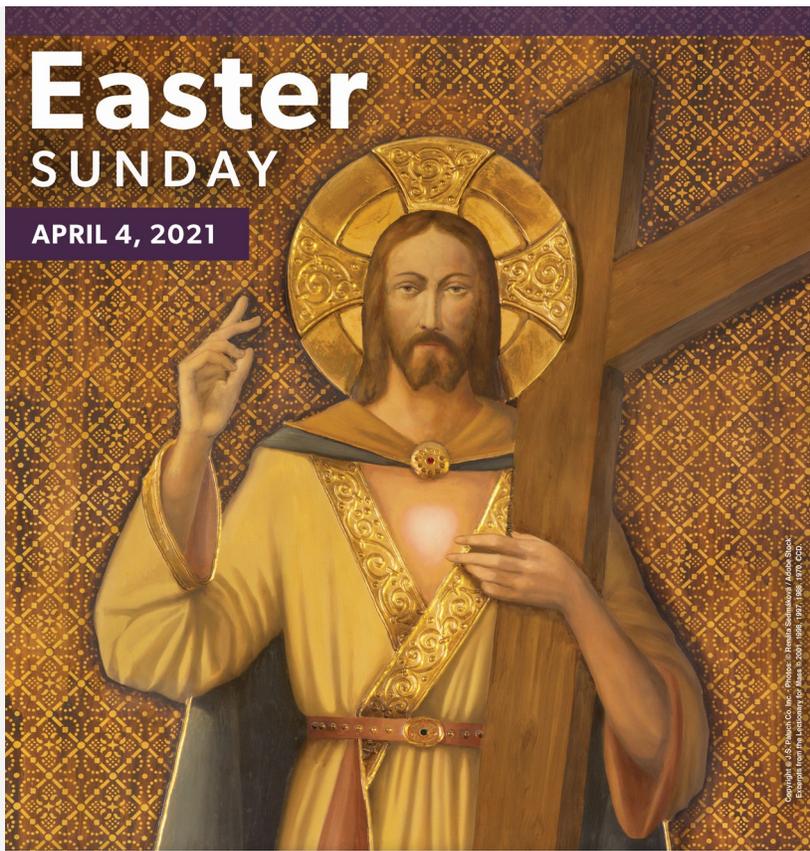


The Good News

... in our Parish

Easter SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021



Do not be amazed!
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here.

Mark 16:6

"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.stpatrickssonora.org. If you are new to the area, please 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.

In Christ, Fr. Yesobu Banka, Parish Administrator



A Message from Father Banka

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

He is risen!!! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

The significance of Easter is Jesus Christ's triumph over death. Christ's Resurrection means the Eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him.

The purpose of Easter also means the full confirmation of all that Jesus taught and preached during His three-year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead, if He had simply died and not been resurrected, He would have been thought just another teacher or prophet. However, His resurrection rebuked all that and provided final and undeniable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had overcome death once and for all.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the core of the Christian gospel. Saint Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and hope are in vain (1 Cor. 15:14). Certainly, without the resurrection, there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The apostles of Christ would have continued as the disheartened group which the Gospel of John depicts being in hiding for fear of the Jews. They were in total despair until they met the risen Christ (John 20:19). Then they touched Christ's wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the foundation of everything they said and did (Acts 2-4): "...for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have" (Luke 24:39). The resurrection affirms Jesus of Nazareth as not only the prophesied Messiah of Israel but as the King and Lord of a New Jerusalem. A new Heaven and a new Earth.

For all of us across the world that believe in Christ, the importance of Easter is praising and acknowledging Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and His glorious assurances of Eternal Life for all who believe in Him. Praying for each and every one of you that we may all receive His Peace and Joy. Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

May you all have the blessings of Risen Jesus! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

In the Risen Christ,
Fr. Banka

Christ, Be Our Light

Night's dark soul awakens. Just the smallest candle of light peeks through its shadows. Dawn tiptoes in. It is the balance point of all time. Easter!

The cantor at Easter Vigil sings these words:

"Oh truly necessary sin of Adam, blotted out by the death of Christ!

O blessed fault, which has merited such a Redeemer, so great a Redeemer."

Isn't the cantor singing in praise of the sin of Adam and Eve? Even if Christ's death has taken their sin away, could it be a "necessary" fault? Is it right to rejoice about sin being necessary? Original sin does not really seem like a good or blessed event. Nor does our selfish penchant for misdeed. Yet without such a sin, would such a Savior have had reason to come? Now Christ's arms can sweep us up, comfort and absolve and hold us. We are blessed beyond words.

Sins always carry, in their revolt, the pledge of forgiveness. Night always carries in its midst the promise of light.

"O truly blessed night, in whom earth is wedded to heaven,
and humans to God!"

Jesus became the night. Jesus is the light. We can see him for who he has been all along. The Christ of God. The essence of love. The modest flame who softly lights the world.

Fr. John Foley, SJ



This Week in our Parish

Monday 4/5 ~ Communion Service, 12:00 pm

Tuesday 4/6 through Friday 4/9 ~

Daily Mass, 12:00 pm, St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Sonora

Saturday 4/10 ~ Vigil Mass

3:00 pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Parish Services Collection

Sunday 4/11 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday
(2nd Sunday of Easter)

St. Patrick's: Masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am

Parish Services Collection

The Parish Office will be closed:

Monday, April 5

Normal hours resume on Tuesday, April 6

Christ, my hope, has risen!

The resurrection of Jesus tells us that death does not have the last word, life does. By raising His Son, God the Father has fully manifested His love and mercy to humanity for all time.

If Christ has been raised, it is possible to look with trust at every event of our existence, even the most difficult ones, those full of anguish and uncertainty. This is the Easter message that we are called to proclaim, with words and above all with the witness of life. In our homes and hearts, may this joyful news may resound: **"Christ, my hope, has risen!"** (Easter Sequence). This certainty strengthens the faith of every baptized person and above all encourages those who are facing greater suffering and difficulty.

May the Virgin Mary, a silent witness to the death and resurrection of her son Jesus, help us to believe strongly in this mystery of salvation: which welcomed with faith, can change our life. This is the Easter I wish to renew to all of you!



*Pope Francis
From his Easter
Sunday Homily
April 13, 2020*



Fr. Banka's Enlightening Facts

A new weekly series in the Bulletin!

The Paschal Candle

I'm sure you all have noticed the large white candle that appears on Easter Vigil and is placed next to the Altar all during the Easter Season. You may have wondered why it gets such a place of prominence, and what are all those carvings and symbols on it? Here is a brief explanation of the Paschal Candle.

Made from Beeswax

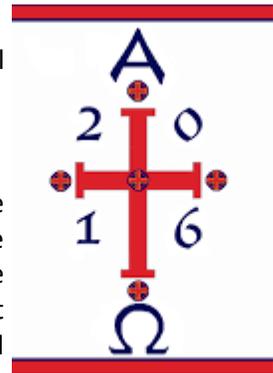
According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, "The pure wax extracted by bees from flowers symbolizes the pure flesh of Christ received from His Virgin Mother, the wick signifies the soul of Christ, and the flame represents His divinity."

The Cross

The Cross is the supreme symbol of Jesus, the "Light of the World."

The Alpha and Omega

In Greek, "the beginning and the end." As Jesus says to John in the Book of Revelations, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev 22:13)



The Year

The current year is carved into the candle at Easter Vigil, and the priest prays "All time belongs to him, and all the ages." Each year we get a new Paschal Candle.

The incense

Five grains of incense are inserted into the candle, and these symbolize the five "holy and glorious wounds" of Jesus Christ.

Once the Easter season is finished, the Paschal Candle will then be brought out for special services like Baptisms and Funerals. But you will see the Candle all during this Easter season, so sometime during the next seven weeks come up to the Altar and take a closer look.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

God bless,

Fr. Banka





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

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| <i>Barbara Balestrieri</i> | <i>Bill Kiesling</i> |
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| <i>Bernice Budowich</i> | <i>Frank Perry</i> |
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| <i>Eileen Hogan</i> | <i>Clay Sweeney</i> |

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

The Eucharist: Food for Resurrection

How do we celebrate Easter, the greatest of our Christian feasts? By doing what we do every Sunday and every day: celebrating the Mass. On the first Easter, as the heartbroken disciples walked the road to Emmaus, the Lord was with them but they did not realize it. They only recognized Him "in the breaking of the bread (Luke 22:35)."

It is the same for us. In the Mass—the breaking of the bread—we meet the risen Lord together. We meet Him in each other—for by our baptism into His death and resurrection, we have become members of one body, the Body of Christ. We meet Him in his word—in the liturgy the scriptures are proclaimed to us, that they might take root and grow in us. And we meet Him in a special way in the Eucharist, the sacrament of His Body and Blood, which is food for resurrection: "whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:51)." The Lord is risen indeed, and it is the Risen One who truly presides at this and every Eucharist.

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INTO YOUR HANDS,
O LORD,
we commend the soul of
Jerry Tannhauser

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



Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday April 11



St. John Paul II declared **Divine Mercy Sunday** as the first Sunday after Easter, as recorded in the diary of St. Faustina who received this request from Jesus. In repeated revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus promised to give great graces on Divine Mercy Sunday. "On that day

the very depths of My tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fountain of My mercy... On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." (Diary of St. Faustina, 688)

Please join us as we celebrate this special day by beginning with the Novena of Divine Mercy on Good Friday, April 2 at 3:00 pm, in Mary's Garden outside the church. Then every day at 3:00 pm, until Saturday April 10, we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, we will meet at 3:00 pm for a presentation and then pray the Chaplet. Copies of the Novena will be available after Palm Sunday at the daily Masses. Help make this a very special day at St. Patrick's in response to Jesus' request.

**Jesus, I
trust in You**



Mass & Intentions for the Week

Saturday April 3 ~ Sunday April 11	
Holy Saturday	<i>No Intentions</i>
Easter Sunday	
7:30 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
9:00 am	Tete Arellano † Matt Cushman †
11:00 am	Raul Gamboa †
OLMC 8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
10:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Monday 12:00 pm	Communion Service
Tuesday 12:00 pm	Lee O'Shaugnessy †
Wednesday 12:00 pm	Jerry Tannhauser †
Thursday 12:00 pm	<i>No Intentions</i>
Friday 12:00 pm	Frank Castro Torres †
Saturday	
OLMC 3:00 pm	<i>No Intentions</i>
Sunday 7:30 am	Barbara Sweeney <i>(Happy Birthday!)</i>
9:00 am	Cecelia Cazares † Frank Castro Torres †
11:00 am	Alicia Diaz † Ines Bandera †



Parish Services Collection will be
NEXT weekend ~ **April 10-11**
Thank you for your generosity!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday April 5 ~ Sunday April 11

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday April 4 ~ Saturday April 10

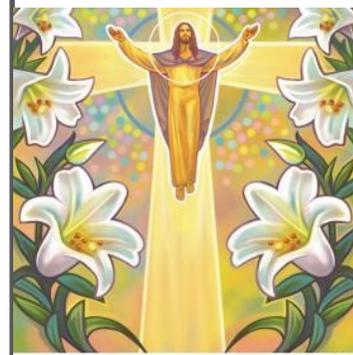
- Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
- Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Yom Ha Shoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
- Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday: Friday in the Octave of Easter;
Julian Calendar Good Friday
- Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Weekly Offerings



Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	3-7-21 Week 10	3-14-21 Week 11	3-21-21 Week 12	3-28-21 Week 13	March Totals
General Offerings					
St. Pat's	\$7,261	\$5,778	\$3,854	\$5,304	\$22,197
OLMC	\$1,174	\$921	\$380	\$1,626	\$4,101
E-giving	\$2,160	\$820	\$1,793	\$655	\$5,428
Total	\$10,595	\$7,519	\$6,027	\$7,585	\$31,726
LAST YEAR	\$5,951	\$5,778	\$4,487	\$6,285	\$22,501
Maintenance Offering					
St. Pat's	\$692	\$165	\$15	\$40	\$912
OLMC	\$85	\$415	\$0	\$0	\$500
Total	\$777	\$580	\$15	\$40	\$1,412
<i>Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!</i>					

*We are
Easter
People, and
Alleluia
is our song!
St. Augustine*





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