

St. Patrick's Church

127 Jackson St., Sonora, CA



Mass Times:

M-F 8:00 am
Sat None
Sun 8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm

Reconciliation

By Appt. only

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mission Church

11700 Catholic Cemetery Rd.
Big Oak Flat, CA



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The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

August 16, 2020
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**My House shall be called
a House of Prayer
for all peoples.**

Isaiah 56:7



"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 frbanka@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Yesobu Banka, Parish Administrator



A Message from Fr. John Foley, SJ

Sunday's Gospel can give a headache both to preachers and to people in the pews. Jesus refuses to hear a woman because she is, in his metaphor, one of the "dogs." *OUCH.* You know the story. The Canaanite woman cries out for help and Jesus at first will not even talk to her. The disciples demand that he send her away because she is a troublemaker, and he seems to agree with them. "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," he says. She is from Canaan, not Israel.

Finally the poor woman walks right up, does homage to Jesus and says, "Lord, help me." Jesus would never ignore such words, at least so we Christians believe. Nor should we ever be deaf to words like this in our own daily lives. However, he says to her, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." Ouch indeed. This is the line that is so hard for us to understand. So un-Jesus-like.

There are clues. She first called out to him with the words "Son of David." This is a term hallowed by use in the ancient Hebrew scriptures, always referring to the Messiah. She is a Canaanite, and they did not believe in any Messiah-to-come, especially not one who would descend from David. Yet this woman, against her whole background, seems to have belief in Jesus as Messiah. She calls him "Lord." In Matthew's Gospel this is an explicit admission that Jesus and God are one. Going just on her language, this is proof that she believed in him as the Savior. Surely he sensed this.

But Israelites and Canaanites had long been in strife. How could "they" with their strange gods produce a

woman who believes in the one God and in Jesus as the Christ? Is it possible that Jesus was drawing her out, teasing her in order to strengthen her belief? Perhaps he was quoting the word "dogs" as a reference to names the two peoples called each other. Something like this: "My people of Israel believe in the one God and your people do not. How can I give their food to you 'dogs,' as we call you?"

The woman's quick wit provides a wonderful, humble, bantering response that wins the day. "Even dogs eat scraps that fall from their master's table," she says. It is a riposte, a parry, a counter-thrust, and Jesus loves it. She is saying, "It does not matter what a person's status is as long as they believe. And I do believe." I'll bet Jesus smiled a great smile as he told her how great her faith was. Maybe he laughed at her fast repartee. And of course he gladly gave her what she asked; he cured her daughter.

Doesn't Christ's Holy Spirit smile within you and me when we ask for what we need? When we let nothing stand in the way, like our own origins, our status in life, our sins, and maybe even our rejection by others? Remember when we approached Communion and held out our hands and said in effect, "Son of David, have pity on me." This is a paraphrase of the Canaanite woman. Our response is "Amen," which means "I do believe," just like the woman. Let us mean it. *Fr. John Foley, SJ*

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This Week in our Parish

<p>Monday - Friday, 8/17-8/21 ~ Daily Mass 8:00 am St. Patrick's, Sonora</p>
<p>Saturday 8/22 ~ Mass at 4:00 pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Big Oak Flat</p>
<p>Sunday 8/23 ~ Masses at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & Noon St. Patrick's, Sonora</p>



St. Patrick's Parish is so blessed to have these outstanding young people receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year. We congratulate you, your sponsors, and your families. May God richly bless you all!

Confirmandi ~ August 8, 2020

- Emerson Alberto
- Joey Bodle
- Eleanor Lauterio
- Quinn Modrell
- Emily Parish
- Christian Parish
- Sebastian Pelayo
- Cris Vasquez Morales

Confirmandi ~ August 16, 2020

- CJ Bressel
- Isaac Corral
- Elijah Foye
- Cooper Knobloch
- Elise Mendezona
- Bryce Nicolson
- Alex Ramos
- Araceli Ramos
- Marco Ramos



The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 22

"Turning her maternal Heart toward us and our salvation, she is concerned with the whole human race. Constituted by the Lord as Queen of Heaven and earth, and exalted above all choirs of Angels and the ranks of Saints in Heaven, standing at the right hand of Her only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, she petitions most powerfully with Her maternal prayers, and she obtains what she seeks."
(Pope Pius IX)

Directives for In-Person Church (Hall) Services

General Directives:

1. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will continue.
2. If people choose to attend Mass, they do so at their own risk. During this phase, we ask that those at-risk of serious illness from COVID-19, please remain HOME.
3. Physical distancing of at least 6 feet between people of different households will be observed.
4. Anyone with the slightest symptoms of the illness, including clergy and liturgical ministers, must not attend Mass. These symptoms include a cold, cough, headache, sore throat.

Specific Directives for the Celebration of Mass

1. The general liturgical guidelines already given during this period remain in force:
 - The Communion from the Chalice is suspended.
 - Communion will only be given on the hand.
 - The exchange of the Sign of Peace is omitted.
 - No holding hands during the Our Father.
2. Those present should **WEAR A MASK** which covers the nose and mouth, and the mask must be worn throughout the service. If you come to the Church or Parish Hall, and are over the age of 2, you **will not** be allowed entrance without a mask. Please bring your own mask.
3. No congregational or choir singing/chanting during this phase.
4. A contact-free offertory collection will be taken and we greatly appreciate your generous financial support to the parish. Donations can also be made on-line or dropped by at the office.
5. The restrooms will be closed, unless the need is crucial and requested by a parishioner. Please contact a Wellness Team member for assistance.
6. We ask that parishioners do not congregate together in front of the Church (Hall) before or after Mass.

St. Patrick's Parishioners

8:00 am Daily Mass guidelines:

- All Social Distancing restrictions will be followed.
- Everyone must use the hand sanitizer provided, wear a mask, and keep it on throughout the service.
- No one is to enter the Church (Hall) before 7:00 am, and all are to enter by the front doors only.
- The Church (Hall) will be cleaned after Mass is finished, and then closed for the rest of the day.



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

*David Costa
Evan Dean
Eileen Hogan
A.J. Holmes
Bill Kiesling*

*Lois Marzocchi
Gloria Patania
Juan Pulido
Connie Scott
Clay Sweeney*

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

Margaret "Maggie" Peterson
May her soul, and the souls of all the dear
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

A Prayer for Students and Families

Most Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - we call on you today to bless all students at our schools or learning from home; bless their families too.



Help our homes be a place of trust and hope, peace and love, just as your home must have been.

We pray for families who are hurting right now because of loneliness, arguments, unemployment, addictions, divorce, or death; Lord, send them the help they need.

Send us the heavenly and earthly guardian angels that our families need to find healing and a return of happiness.

Give our parents, grandparents, and guardians the wisdom to know how to love and how to be fair. Inspire us to be the positive sons and daughters who will make our parents proud. Amen.

This prayer was written by the Lasallian Brothers.

From the Diocese of Stockton: Safe Environment Training and Mandatory Reporting Reminder

With the new school year beginning, it is important to remain focused on the importance of keeping our children and young people safe from danger. Training requirements to safeguard children have been established in parishes throughout the Diocese of Stockton. These programs help ensure that all children and youth experience a safe environment in all parish activities and events. The Diocese of Stockton mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools (parents, grandparents, aides, teachers, catechists, athletic coaches) must undergo child abuse prevention training through the guidelines established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This training includes being fingerprinted and background checked and completing the **Virtus** on-line training course entitled "Protecting God's Children." If you are planning on helping or assisting at your child's school in the future, you are required to complete this training. No one is allowed to work with or around the children unless they have completed the live scan fingerprinting and the online **Virtus** training. While social distancing and distance learning are today's normal, we look forward to the future and can take this time to complete these requirements.

It is important to remember that all clergy, staff, volunteers and employees are **Mandated Reporters**. They are required **by law** to report any sign of abuse.

Please visit our website, www.stocktondiocese.org and click on the **Safe Environment Department** tab for links on how to recognize abuse and how to report abuse with the Diocese of Stockton.

"Faith is a beam radiating from the face of **God**"



"Let us therefore give ourselves to God with a great desire to begin to live thus, and beg Him to destroy in us the life of the world of sin, and to establish His life within us."

St. John Eudes ~ August 19

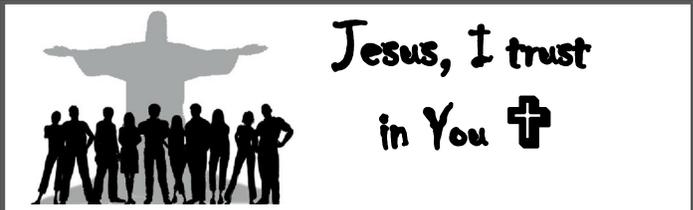
Mass & Intentions for the Week

Saturday August 15 ~ Sunday August 23	
Saturday	4:00 pm (OLMC) <i>No Intentions</i>
Sunday	8:00 am Jean Hansen † Agnes Grantz †
	10:00 am Deceased members of the YLI † Charlotte Dunne † Clark L. Gomez †
	12:00 pm Jose Torrez Gomes † Socorro Gandarilla †
Monday	8:00 am Gamboa Family (<i>Birthdays!</i>)
Tuesday	8:00 am Jeanne Kiely †
Wednesday	8:00 am Lois McLain †
Thursday	8:00 am <i>No Intentions</i>
Friday	8:00 am <i>No Intentions</i>
Saturday	4:00 pm (OLMC) Lizbeth Gutierrez †
Sunday	8:00 am Victor Espinosa † Clay Sweeney (<i>Happy Birthday!</i>)
	10:00 am Jan Opie † Joe McCargar †
	12:00 pm Alicia Sanchez † Jack McCoy †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday August 17 ~ Sunday August 23	
Monday:	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-4ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES	
Sunday August 16 ~ Saturday August 22	
Sunday:	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Wednesday:	St. John Eudes
Thursday:	St. Bernard
Friday:	St. Pius X
Saturday:	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



For now, Reconciliation is available only by appointment. Please call the Parish Office if you wish to schedule a confession time with Fr. Banka.



DON'T FORGET YOUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP MATTERS NOW MORE THAN EVER

Call or email your fellow parishioners, especially the vulnerable!

Please send in your envelopes or make an online donation!



Weekly Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	8-2-20 Week 31	8-9-20 Week 32	August Totals To Date
<i>General Offerings</i>			
St. Pat's	\$5,282	\$11,381	\$16,663
OLMC	\$1,424	\$517	\$1,941
E-giving	\$870	\$2,075	\$2,915
Total	\$7,576	\$13,973	\$21,549
LAST YEAR	\$9,844	\$7,467	\$17,311
<i>Maintenance Offering</i>			
St. Pat's	\$286	\$318	\$604
OLMC	\$80	\$45	\$125
Total	\$366	\$363	\$729
<p><i>Please continue to support your Parish during this crisis. Parish Services (additional) \$50; Confirmation Mass \$74</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!</i></p>			

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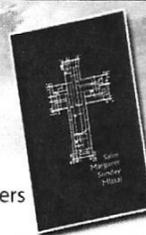
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