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### Mass Times:

M-F 8:00 am  
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### Reconciliation

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## St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Sonora, California

# The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

October 11, 2020

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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THE KING SAID TO HIS SERVANTS,  
"THE FEAST IS READY, BUT THOSE WHO WERE  
INVITED WERE NOT WORTHY TO COME.  
GO, THEREFORE, INTO THE MAIN ROADS AND  
INVITE TO THE FEAST WHOMEVER YOU FIND."



Matthew 22:8-9



### *"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](http://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](mailto:frbanka@stpatssonora.org). God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Yesobu Banka, Parish Administrator



## A message from Bishop Myron J. Cotta



My Dear People of God,  
As we find ourselves in this time of uncertainty, prayer for our personal peace of mind and heart is urgent at this time. This month of October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. If you and your families have not yet embraced this powerful prayer form, I highly recommend that you do so. It will bring many essential graces for you and your family at this time of difficulty.

Also, with the upcoming elections, we might possibly experience an increase in civil unrest and lawlessness throughout our nation. These times are not to be taken lightly. It appears as if we are approaching a crossroads of cultural transition. I was recently sent an article by Fr. Richard Rohr and I immediately thought of you, the people of the Diocese of Stockton. I know that the pandemic along with our political climate has impacted you all greatly and I urge you to remember that Christ lives within each one of us and that we must not get overly distracted or worried by everything that is going on around us. Instead, we must find God's grace within us.

In Fr. Rohr's message he quotes Etty Hillesum, a young Jewish woman who endured much suffering and injustice in a concentration camp. "There is a really deep well inside me. And in it dwells God. Sometimes I am there, too ... and that is all we can manage these days and also all that really matters: that we safeguard that little piece of You, God, in ourselves." As Fr. Rohr points out, when she says "*You, God*" she is direct and personal. There is a Presence within her, even as she is surrounded by so much suffering.

In the past six months we have endured the pandemic, fires, poor air quality and civil unrest. On the horizon, we have the election, the appointment of a new Supreme Court Judge and many other things that could lead to more chaos. Through it all, we must remember as believers, to restore the Divine Center by holding it and fully occupying it ourselves. We must "*safeguard that little piece of You, God*" as Etty Hillesum writes. No matter who wins the election or who gets appointed Supreme Court Judge, we cannot let that consume us. Great would be the injury to ourselves if we dwell in these worries for any length of time.

In his reflection Fr. Richard Rohr reminds us:

- † God cannot abide with us in a place of fear.
- † God cannot abide with us in a place of ill will or hatred.
- † God cannot abide with us inside a nonstop volley of claim and counterclaim.
- † God cannot abide with us in endless flow of online punditry and analysis.
- † God cannot speak inside of so much angry noise and conscious deceit.
- † God cannot be born except in a womb of love. So offer God that womb.

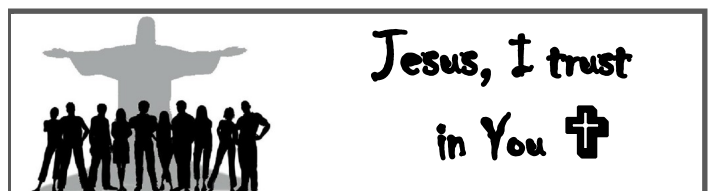
To offer God that "womb of love" takes an enormous effort on the part of us all. It is important to not be caught up in "claim and counterclaim...angry noise and conscious deceit." We must remember that we are brothers and sisters in Christ who must care for one another. This can be difficult to do as we face the daily challenge of navigating our way through endless 24-hour news cycles, spinning stories that seemingly pit one against the other. As such, I join Fr. Richard Rohr in encouraging you to be self-aware and conscience of how much media you consume whether that be television, social media, or print media.

As a spiritual practice, be mindful of your media consumption and leave room for God; remember to care for one another by checking on your fellow community members, volunteering for good causes and helping those less fortunate than you. In doing so, you will notice God's grace grow within you.

On October 7, as we honor the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, let us turn to her asking her intercession to assist us to know and trust her son, Jesus, as we seek the peace of mind and heart that He can only give us. God bless you.

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary of Fátima, pray for us. Amen.

In the Peace of Christ,  
Bishop Myron J. Cotta



OCTOBER 11, 2020

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# This Week in our Parish

<b>Monday 10/12</b> ~ Communion Service 8:00 am St. Patrick's, Sonora
<b>Tuesday - Friday, 10/13-10/16</b> ~ Daily Mass 8:00 am St. Patrick's, Sonora
<b>Saturday 10/17</b> ~ Mass at 4:00 pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Big Oak Flat
<b>Sunday 10/18</b> ~ Masses at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & Noon St. Patrick's, Sonora



**OCTOBER**  
is  
**Respect Life**  
Month

Please join us as we pray for **40 Days for Life** so that our efforts will mark the beginning of the end of abortion. We meet on the corner of Greenley and Mono Way between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm EVERY MONDAY during the month of OCTOBER 2020.

We also want to include in our prayers all the mothers who have had an abortion. We can't forget how much pain they are in, and they need to know that God forgives them, even if they can't forgive themselves. We should always pray for the women who are considering abortion today. These women are scared, alone, and desperate. They need our compassion and support. They need to know that they are not alone and that they have other options. They need to know that this decision, right now, is the biggest decision of their lives, and that abortion leads to a lifetime of regret.

Call Carol Cashen at 209-213-9991 and advise if you can join us this year and your preferred prayer time. Our first Monday will be on October 5th and continue throughout the month. Usually prayer times are for one hour each shift. We are planning on the support of other churches within Tuolumne County to join with us to pray together. We invite you to just come when you can and bring someone with you! Signs will be available at the location, and please return them after your use.

Join us in public prayer as we bear witness to our commitment to protect the most innocent among us!

*We Have Begun Our New  
Religious Education Year!  
Please see St. Patrick's website for details  
and join us!*

**www.stpatrickssonora.org**  
**Questions...Kathy Casas 770-5987**



**St. Hedwig**  
**(Feast Day October 16)**



Rarely do humans realize the possibilities of the wise use of earthly power and worldly wealth. Saint Hedwig was one of the few.

Born to nobility toward the close of the 12th century, she was married at an early age to Henry, duke of Silesia (now Poland). Through her persuasion and personal efforts, several monastic institutions of both men and women were established in Silesia. Several hospitals, one for lepers, were likewise founded. She was personally a great force in establishing peace in the surrounding areas during power struggles. To her great sorrow, she was unable to prevent a pitched battle between the forces of two of her sons, one of whom was dissatisfied over the partition of estates that Henry had made between them.

After she and her husband had made mutual vows of celibacy, she lived mostly at the monastery at Trebnitz where, although not a formal member of the religious institute, she nevertheless participated in the religious exercises of the community. She died in 1243 and was buried at Trebnitz.

## Reflection

Whatever possessions we have are not for our own needs or personal comfort alone; they are also to be used in assisting others. Use of these goods should always promote, never impede, progress in God's love. It is true that earthly things in no way contradict God's love, but rather are evident of it.

## WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

<i>David Costa</i>	<i>Juan Pulido</i>
<i>Evan Dean</i>	<i>Jeanne Ruff</i>
<i>Eileen Hogan</i>	<i>Connie Scott</i>
<i>Bill Kiesling</i>	<i>Clay Sweeney</i>
<i>Lois Marzocchi</i>	<i>Kristine Vandegrift</i>
<i>Gloria Patania</i>	

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

### **The New Evangelization**

A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization.

Christ teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with Him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. Evangelization testifies to the transformative power of the Gospel and the mission of the Church to sanctify society, hand on the faith to future generations, strengthen the faith of her members, and renew the faith of those who have slipped away from the Church.

The faithful become agents of evangelization through living witness and commitment to the Gospel. The everyday moments of one's life lived with Christian charity, faith, and hope provide witness to family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and others who have stopped actively participating in the life of the Church. This witness is essential for reaching others in today's modern world.

The witness of Christians, whose lives are filled with the hope of Christ, opens the hearts and minds of those around them to Christ. This openness to Christ is a moment of conversion. It is the moment in which a person's life is reoriented to Christ, when he or she—by grace—enters into a relationship with Him and thus enters into a relationship with the community of believers, the Church.

The New Evangelization does not seek to invite people to experience only one moment of conversion but rather to experience the gradual and lifelong process of conversion: to draw all people into a deeper relationship with God, to participate in the sacramental life of the Church, to develop a mature conscience, to sustain one's faith through ongoing catechesis, and to integrate one's faith into all aspects of one's life.

### **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 and**

#### **Monday Communion Service 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.

OCTOBER 11, 2020

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Mass & Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday October 10 ~ Sunday October 18**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	(OLMC) <i>No Intentions</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Therese Pinocchio ✠ Tony Pallante ✠
	10:00 am	Tete Arellano ✠ Joanne Merel ✠
	12:00 pm	Antonia Diaz ✠ Lupe Diaz ✠
Monday	8:00 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	8:00 am	Alicia and Sofia Diaz
Wednesday	8:00 am	Bob Chesel ✠
Thursday	8:00 am	Rose Heller ✠
Friday	8:00 am	Martha Gandee (Happy Birthday!)
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	(OLMC) <i>No Intentions</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Alice Pinocchio ✠ Mercedes Gregorio (Happy Birthday!)
	10:00 am	Deceased members of the YLI ✠ Joanne Merel ✠ Jason Dunne ✠
	12:00 pm	Alicia Sanchez ✠

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday October 12 ~ Sunday October 18**

<b>Monday:</b>	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
<b>Thursday:</b>	Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
<b>Friday:</b>	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
<b>Saturday:</b>	Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday October 11 ~ Saturday October 17**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	Columbus Day; Canadian Thanksgiving Day
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Callistus I
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Teresa of Jesus
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; National Boss's Day
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Ignatius of Antioch

**SECOND COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER**

October 10-11  
Respect Life Sunday



October 24-25  
World Mission Sunday



INTO YOUR HANDS  
O LORD,  
we commend the soul of  
**Juanita Linderman**

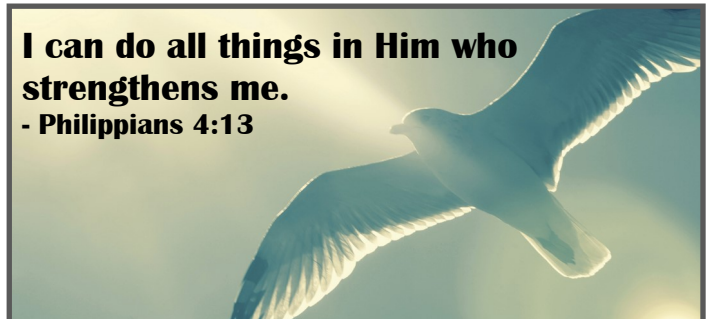
May her soul, and the souls of all the dear  
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Prayer of St. Teresa of Jesus  
(Feast Day October 15)**

*Let nothing disturb you;  
Let nothing frighten you.  
All things are passing.  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things.  
Nothing is wanting to he  
who possesses God.  
God alone suffices.  
AMEN*



**I can do all things in Him who  
strengthens me.  
- Philippians 4:13**



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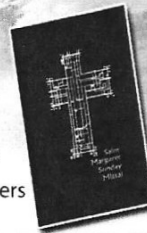
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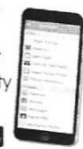
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