

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**  
127 Jackson St.  
Sonora, CA



**Masses:**  
Mon-Fri  
8:00 am  
**Saturday**  
5:00 pm  
**Sunday**  
8:00 am  
10:30 am  
1:00 pm (Spanish)

**Reconciliation:** Wednesday  
6:00 - 6:50 pm, or by appt.

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



**Masses:**  
**Saturday**  
4:00 pm  
**Sunday**  
10:15 am

**Reconciliation:** By appt.

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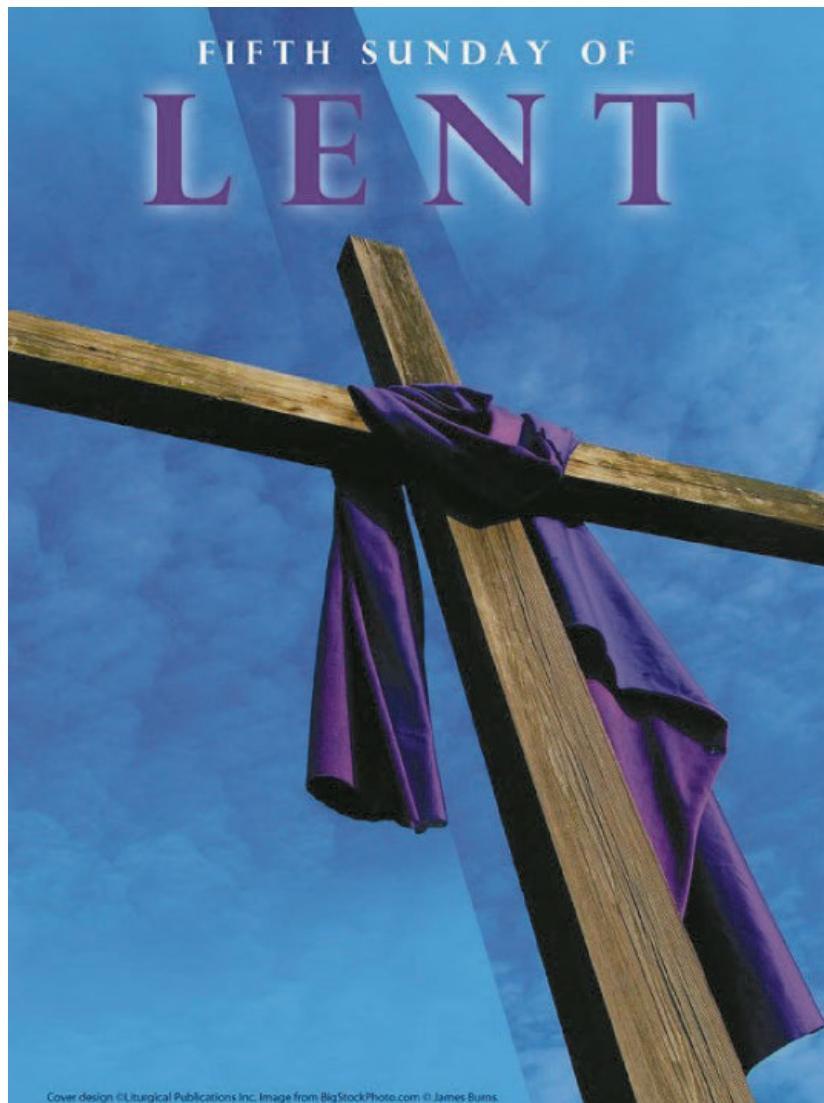
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# The Good News

... in our Parish

**April 6, 2025**



**All are welcome at St. Patrick's Parish!**

Whether you are a visitor or a long time parishioner, St. Patrick's Parish joyfully welcomes you! We want all who come here to know the love of Christ, to truly encounter the risen Lord, to hear His word and experience His mercy. If you would like more information about our parish, please visit our website at [www.stpatssonora.org](http://www.stpatssonora.org).

To contact Fr. Suresh, please call 1-209-532-7139, ext. 112 or email [frsuresh@stpatssonora.org](mailto:frsuresh@stpatssonora.org). May God richly bless you!



# *Hypocritical Puritanism*

What should be an element of protection for innocent people, has been misused in a bad way to take advantage of and harm innocent persons. Now parents can no longer correct their children, nor discipline them because of the threat of being accused of child abuse. Some women falsely accuse their husbands of domestic violence in order to get a better settlement in a divorce. Others use sexual scandals to destroy the political career of some candidates; on the other hand, this society that attacks smokers and promotes the legalization of the recreational use of marijuana, wants to protect children, but legalizes abortion, and it allows the adoption of children to same-sex couples without giving them the right to grow up in a traditional family with a father and mother. Violence is condemned, but video games and movies full of crime and violence are promoted, and there is no end to the sale of firearms to the public. Big sexual scandals of public figures are made and, at the same time, prostitution, table dances, and pornography are legalized.

Are we really free from guilt that we can judge and condemn others? Or do we have a tail that others can step on?

We cannot justify it with the fact that since everyone does it, why not us?

It is not about protesting or not complying with laws, but rather overcoming them with the law of love. It does not matter that assisted suicide is legalized. We will be present to console those who suffer and help them to die well when God allows it. It does not matter if abortion is legalized; we will educate young people to develop a sacred and responsible sexuality and a committed parenthood. It does not matter that a law goes against our moral and religious principles; we will act according to the law of God that invites us to love with the same love that we have experienced in ourselves, because even though we are sinners, God never rejects us and is always willing to forgive us. We must do the same with others, and instead of condemning them or being scandalized, it would be better that we pray for them so that they are able to experience the love of God, and they can change their lives and be saved.

# *Puritanismo Hipócrita*

Lo que debería ser un elemento de protección para los inocentes, se ha mal usado para tomar ventaja de ello para dañar de mala manera a otros inocentes. Ahora los padres ya no pueden corregir a sus hijos, ni educarlos bajo la amenaza de ser acusados por abuso infantil. Algunas mujeres acusan falsamente a sus maridos de violencia doméstica para sacar un mejor partido de los beneficios del divorcio. Otros más usan un escándalo sexual para destruir la carrera política de algún candidato y por otra parte, esta sociedad que ataca a los fumadores y promueve la legalización del uso recreativo de la marihuana, quiere proteger a los niños, pero se legaliza el aborto y se da en adopción a niños a parejas del mismo sexo sin darles el derecho de crecer en una pareja tradicional de padre y madre. Se condena la violencia, pero se promueven videojuegos y películas de crímenes y violencia no se hace un alto a la venta de armas al público. Se hacen grandes escándalos sexuales de figuras públicas y a la vez se legaliza la prostitución los table dances, y la pornografía.

¿Estamos realmente libres de culpa para poder juzgar y condenar a otros? ¿O tenemos cola que nos pisen?

No podemos justificarnos con el hecho de que todo mundo lo hace, ¿Por qué nosotros no?

No se trata de protestar o no cumplir con las leyes, sino superarlas con la ley del amor. No importa que se legalice el suicidio asistido. Nosotros, estaremos presentes para consolar a los que sufren y ayudarlos a bien morir cuando Dios lo disponga. No importa que se legalice el aborto, nosotros educaremos a los jóvenes para una sexualidad sagrada y responsable y una paternidad comprometida. No importa que una ley vaya en contra de nuestros principios morales y religiosos; nosotros actuaremos de acuerdo a la ley de Dios que nos invita a amar con el mismo amor que nosotros hemos experimentado en nosotros mismos, porque aún siendo pecadores, Dios nunca nos rechaza y siempre está dispuesto a perdonarnos. Nosotros debemos hacer lo mismo con los demás y en lugar de condenarlos o escandalizarnos, mejor oremos por ellos para que experimentando el amor de Dios puedan cambiar de vida y se salven.



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

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**Saturday, April 12 ~ Palm Sunday Vigil Masses**

4:00 pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
5:00 pm, St. Patrick's

**Sunday, April 13 ~ Palm Sunday Masses**

8:00 am & 10:30 am, St. Patrick's  
10:15 am, Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Spanish Mass at 1:00 pm, St. Patrick's

**Thursday, April 17 ~ Holy Thursday**

Mass at 6:30 pm, St. Patrick's

**Friday, April 18 ~ Good Friday**

Service begins at 2:00 pm, Stations of the Cross  
followed by the Good Friday liturgy, St. Patrick's

**Saturday, April 19 ~ Easter Vigil**

Service begins at 8:00 pm, St. Patrick's

**Sunday, April 20 ~ Easter Sunday**

Mass at 8:00 am & 10:30 am, St. Patrick's  
Mass at 10:15 am, Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Mass at 12:30 pm, St. Anne's  
Spanish Mass at 1:00 pm, St. Patrick's



## **Important Dates for St. Patrick's Parish**

**Friday, April 11** ~ Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry

**Saturday, April 12** ~ Confirmation Mass 10:00 am

**Sunday, April 13** ~ Palm Sunday

**Thursday-Saturday, April 17-19** ~ Triduum

Holy Thursday Mass 6:30 pm

Good Friday Service 2:00 pm

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

**Sunday, April 20** ~ Easter Sunday

**Sunday, April 27** ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

**Friday, May 2** ~ First Friday

**Sunday, May 11** ~ Mother's Day

**Monday, May 26** ~ Memorial Day

**Friday, June 6** ~ First Friday

**Sunday, June 8** ~ Pentecost

**Sunday, June 15** ~ Father's Day

**Friday, July 4** ~ First Friday, Independence Day

**Wednesday, July 16** ~ Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

**Saturday, July 26** ~ Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne

Blessed Carlo Acutis is going to be canonized on Sunday, April 27th. Carlo went to heaven as a young teen in 2006. His passion for the Eucharist led him to design and document a website of the world's Eucharistic Miracles, among other things. Here is the info about a 3-day only showing of the new movie entitled:

**Carlo Acutis: The Roadmap to Reality**

Riverbank Galaxy Theater (nearest showing to Sonora)

**Sunday April 27 at 3:00pm**

**Monday, April 28 7:00 pm & Tuesday, April 29 7:00pm**

Tickets: [carloacutisfilm.com](http://carloacutisfilm.com)

### **Steubenville Conference in San Diego**

This is a truly exciting and transformative 3-day Catholic gathering specifically for our teens, designed and coordinated by Franciscan University, a Catholic College in Steubenville, Ohio.

Where: San Diego University (a Catholic University)

When: August 1-3 (Friday—Saturday—Sunday)

For detailed info and video go to:

[lifeteen.com/events/steubenville](http://lifeteen.com/events/steubenville)

If you are entering High School in the fall, graduating High School in June, or all ages in between . . . join us!

We can fundraise!

TEXT KATHY CASAS at 209-770-5987

APRIL 6, 2025

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Mass Intentions*  *for the Week*

Saturday April 5 ~ Sunday April 13

**Saturday**

**OLMC 4:00 pm** Maggie Rogers (*Healing*)  
**St. Patrick's 5:00 pm** Jesusita Gregorio †  
Barbara Sweeney (*Birthday*)

**Sunday**

**OLMC 10:15 am** All Parishioners  
**St. Patrick's 8:00 am** St. Patrick's OCIA Candidates  
**10:30 am** Karen Grech †  
John Woods †

**1:00 pm** Raúl Gamboa †

**Monday** 8:00 am John Malik †  
**Tuesday** 8:00 am St. Patrick's Confirmation Class  
**Wednesday** 8:00 am Declan Woods †  
**Thursday** 8:00 am Joseph Westrup (*Healing*)  
**Friday** 8:00 am Joan Lauren (*Birthday*)

**Saturday**

**OLMC 4:00 pm** Maggie Rogers (*Healing*)  
**St. Patrick's 5:00 pm** Chris Montesano (*Healing*)

**Sunday**

**OLMC 10:15 am** All Parishioners  
**St. Patrick's 8:00 am** Eileen Hogan †  
**10:30 am** St. Patrick's OCIA Candidates  
**1:00 pm** Papa Francisco (*Healing*)

**A Family Pilgrimage to Los Angeles for Corpus Christi Sunday?**

Last summer, pilgrims carried the Blessed Sacrament to all four corners of the USA. This summer, the Blessed Sacrament will again be carried across the country to us in CALIFORNIA!

Let's meet them along the road and walk with Jesus to the cathedral!

Check it out:  
[eucharisticpilgrimage.org](http://eucharisticpilgrimage.org)  
(Drexel Route)

Contact Kathy Casas for any questions and planning details:  
209-770-5987



## Weekly Offerings



Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	3-2-25 Week 9	3-9-25 Week 10	3-16-25 Week 11	3-23-25 Week 12	3-30-25 Week 13	March Totals Final
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### General Offerings

St. Patrick's	\$7,192	\$5,867	\$4,240	\$4,918	\$4,144	\$26,361
OLMC	\$1,148	\$1,106	\$1,012	\$1,051	\$640	\$4,957
E-giving	\$790	\$2,260	\$810	\$630	\$790	\$5,280
Total	\$9,130	\$9,233	\$6,062	\$6,599	\$5,574	\$36,598
LAST YEAR	\$6,262	\$8,068	\$6,239	\$6,691	\$14,611*	\$41,871

### Maintenance Offerings

St. Patrick's	\$1,584	\$145	\$573	\$170	\$193	\$2,665
OLMC	\$228	\$70	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$298
Total	\$1,812	\$215	\$573	\$170	\$193	\$2,963

\* Easter Week 2024

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday April 7 ~ Sunday April 13

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56  
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

### Sunday April 6 ~ Saturday April 12

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Monday: St. John Baptist de la Salle  
Friday: St. Stanislaus



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APRIL 6, 2025

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

# This Week in our Parish

## Monday-Friday, 4/7-4/11 ~ Daily Mass

8:00 am, St. Patrick's Church, Sonora

## Wednesday 4/9 ~ Adoration/Reconciliation

6:00 pm, St. Patrick's Church, Sonora

## Friday, 4/11 ~ Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
6:00 pm, St. Patrick's Church

## Saturday 4/12 ~ Confirmation Mass

10:00 am, St. Patrick's Church, Sonora  
Bishop Myron J. Cotta, presiding

## Saturday 4/12 ~ Vigil Masses for Palm Sunday

4:00 pm, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Big Oak Flat  
5:00 pm, St. Patrick's Church, Sonora

## Sunday 4/13 ~ Palm Sunday

Mass at 10:15 am, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Big Oak Flat  
Masses at 8:00 am and 10:30 am, St. Patrick's  
1:00 pm Spanish Mass, St. Patrick's

## Liturgical Ministers

### Attn: Lectors, EMHC, Altar Servers, and Ushers:

Your Mass schedules for the 2nd Quarter of 2025 (April—May—June), are ready and may be picked up after Mass, or in the Parish Office during the week. They are also posted online. Go to our website, [www.stpatssonora.org](http://www.stpatssonora.org), and click on Ministry Schedules.

Thank you for your Ministry!



Please join us at St. Patrick's Church in Sonora, or Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Big Oak Flat, to pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Service begins at 4:00 pm, followed by a free soup supper.

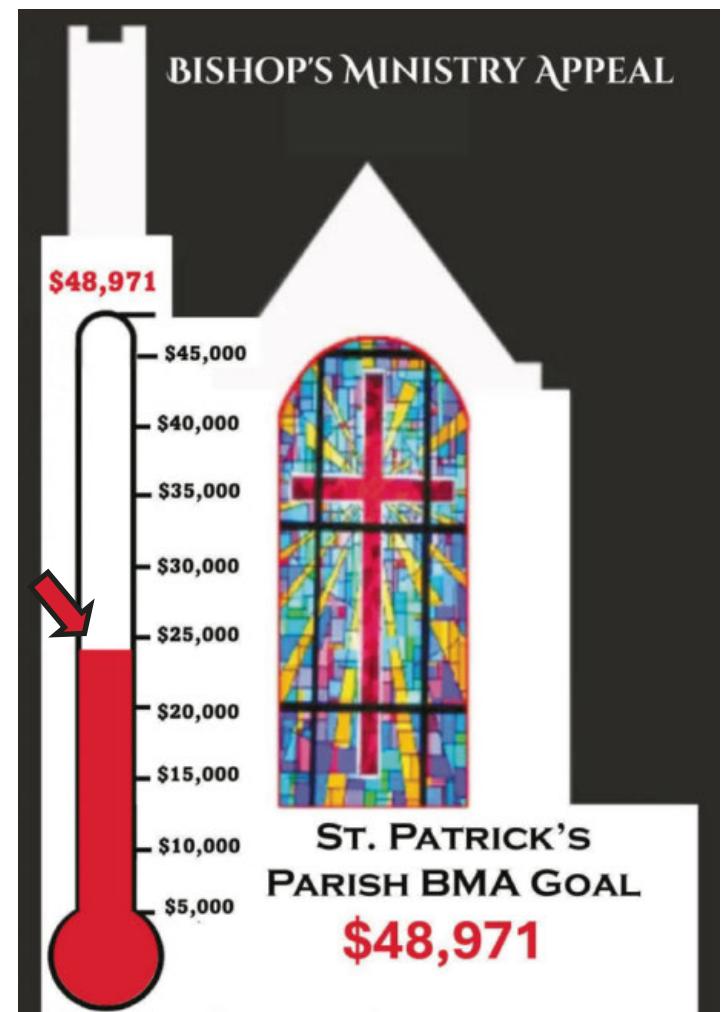


St. Patrick's: Service begins at 6:00 pm, followed by the final fish fry this year!

The cost for the fish fry is \$15 for adults; \$5 for kids 10 and under.

**Last Fish Fry!**

Please join us for Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry on Friday, April 11  
6:00 pm



St. Patrick's Parish Confirmation Mass

**Saturday, April 12**

**10:00 am**

Bishop Myron J. Cotta, presiding

Bishop Cotta will be at St. Patrick's to celebrate Mass and confirm our teens. Join us for this special moment!

"Confirmation isn't a *goodbye* sacrament. We must make sure it becomes the sacrament of the beginning of active participation in the life of the Church."

*Pope Francis*



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