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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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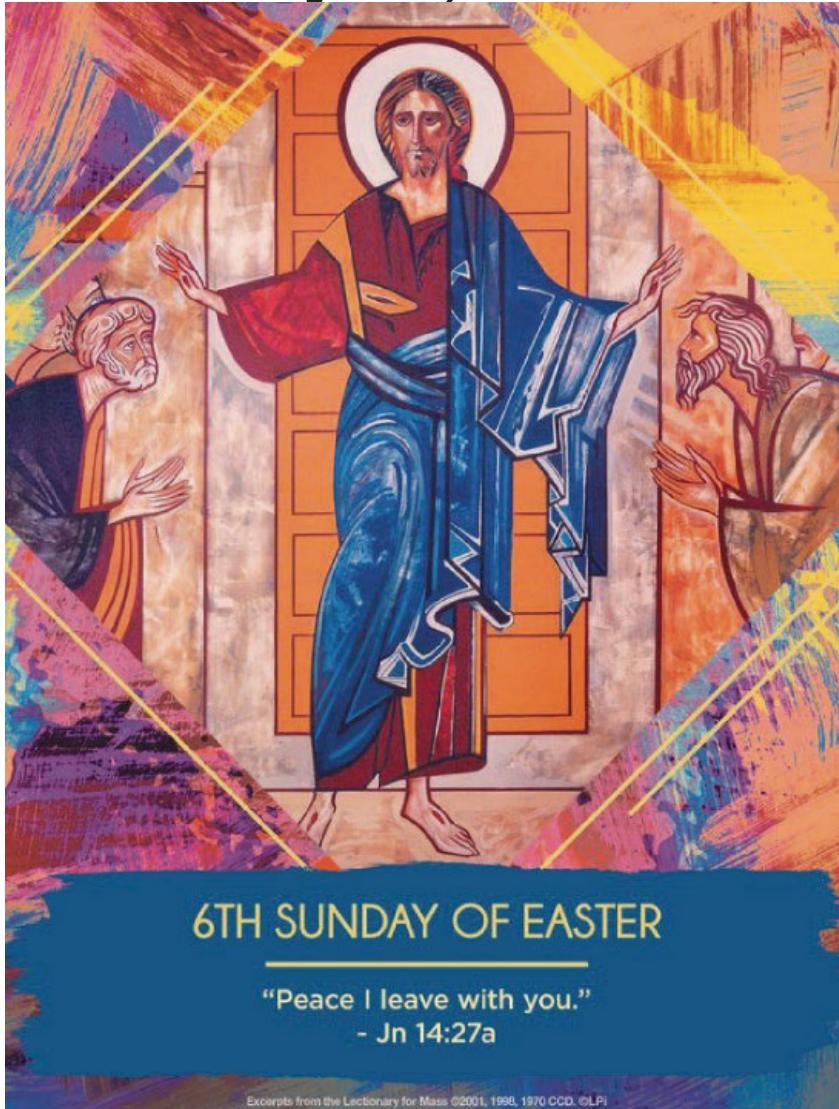
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The Good News

... in our Parish

May 25, 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.

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



We Will Make our Dwelling with Him

It is said that at night San Leonidas of Alexandria approached the bed and kissed his sleeping son's chest with great devotion because the Holy Spirit dwelt there. His wife was often in prayerful attitude to their children. This reminds us of the words of Jesus about children: "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me." (Mk 9:37) Parents can rejoice at this when they receive each of their children because with them came Christ himself.

By our Baptism we have been turned into living temples where God lives, where the Holy Trinity lives. Our person is sacred, as sacred is a temple, image of the sky. If we respect our own brothers, we have special respect for our own person, not only in his physical care, but inside beautification. With what care our parents and our catechists prepare the heart of a child when he will receive for the first time Christ present in the Eucharist!

All who have received Baptism should strive to preserve, always and forever, the grace of Christ that he received, because the Holy Trinity cannot live in a heart that is no longer in favor. Jesus knocks at our door, but will not come in if we do not open it. As Catholics we like to build temples and, despite our limited economic means, we strive to make them beautiful because we know that those temples are home where the Christian community meets the Father in heaven. Gradually, over the years and centuries, we decorate and beautify the temples. We are proud of our neighborhood temple or our people because it is the sign of our love for God.

So we should beautify our own living temples of the Holy Trinity, and that work of renovation and start from the outside with our personal hygiene and care of our good looks, but especially with the care of our interior. God deserves a clean temple, especially when that cleanliness is the work of God who gives grace. God deserves a living temple adorned by the virtues and good works, fruit of love of God and love of God. God deserves the living temple which strives to be merciful as the Father, and the Son he loves and who is led by the Holy Spirit.

God makes his abode in which he repents for love and life changes, trying to repair the wrong he has done. And God prefers the living temple of children for their temple is the kingdom of heaven.

Fr. Sergio G. Román

HAREMOS EN EL NUESTRA MORADA

Cuentan que por la noche se acercaba a la cama de su hijito dormido y besaba con una gran devoción el pecho del niño, porque allí habitaba el Espíritu Santo. Su esposa lo encontraba con frecuencia en actitud orante ante sus hijos. Esto nos recuerda las palabras de Jesús acerca de los niños: "El que recibe a un niño en mi nombre, a mí me recibe." (Mc 9:37) Los papás pueden gozarse en que cuando recibieron a cada uno de sus hijos, con ellos entró Cristo mismo.

Por nuestro Bautismo hemos sido convertidos en templos vivos donde vive Dios, donde vive la Santísima Trinidad. Nuestra persona es sagrada, como sagrado es un templo, imagen del mismo cielo. Si debemos respeto a las personas de nuestros hermanos, debemos especial respeto a nuestra propia persona, no sólo en su cuidado físico, sino en el embellecimiento interior. ¡Con cuánto cuidado nuestros papás y nuestros catequistas preparan el corazón de un niño cuando va a recibir por primera vez a Cristo presente en la Eucaristía!

Todos los que hemos recibido el Bautismo deberíamos esforzarnos en conservar, siempre y para siempre, la gracia de Cristo que en él recibimos, porque la Santa Trinidad no puede vivir en un corazón que ya no está en gracia. Jesús toca a nuestra puerta, pero no entrará si no le abrimos. A los católicos nos gusta construir templos y, a pesar de nuestros escasos medios económicos, nos esforzamos en hacerlos bellos porque sabemos que esos templos son el hogar donde la comunidad cristiana se encuentra con su Padre del cielo. Poco a poco, a lo largo de los años y de los siglos, los vamos adornado y embelleciendo. Nos sentimos orgullosos del templo de nuestra colonia o de nuestro pueblo porque es el signo de nuestro amor a Dios.

Así deberíamos embellecernos a nosotros mismos, templos vivos de la Santísima Trinidad, y esa obra de remozamiento inicia ya desde el exterior con nuestra higiene personal y el cuidado de nuestro buen aspecto, pero sobre todo con el cuidado de nuestro interior. Dios merece un templo limpio, sobre todo cuando esa limpieza es obra del mismo Dios que da la gracia. Dios merece un templo vivo adornado por las virtudes y por las buenas obras, frutos del amor a Dios y del amor de Dios. Dios merece el templo vivo del que se esfuerza en ser misericordioso como el Padre, del que ama como el Hijo y del que se deja conducir por el Santo Espíritu.

Dios hace su morada en el que se arrepiente por amor y cambia de vida, tratando de reparar el mal que ha hecho. Y Dios prefiere el templo vivo de los niños porque de ellos es, ya, el Reino de los cielos.

Pbro. Sergio G. Román



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

<i>Vicki Arellano</i>	<i>Sue Opie</i>
<i>Elena Clark</i>	<i>Brent Petretti</i>
<i>Ernie Cuzzocreo</i>	<i>Juan Pulido</i>
<i>Veronica Duarte</i>	<i>Lupita Rios</i>
<i>Maria Espinosa</i>	<i>Maggie Rogers</i>
<i>Sue Froseth</i>	<i>Cathi Ruiz</i>
<i>Manuel Gamboa</i>	<i>Sebastian Ruiz</i>
<i>Edgar Gonzales</i>	<i>Al Sullivan</i>
<i>Revia Hamlin</i>	<i>Barbara Sweeney</i>
<i>Chris Montesano</i>	<i>Carmen Taira</i>
<i>Jim Napier</i>	<i>Duane Tate</i>
<i>Barbara North</i>	

To add or remove a name from this list, please contact the Parish Office. Due to space limitations in the Bulletin, names will appear for a period of 8 weeks before they are removed from the Bulletin only. Names will not be removed from the prayer chain.

Ministry Information

Each week we will highlight a different Ministry at our vibrant St. Patrick's Parish. Please choose one to join!

Young Ladies Grand Institute #79 Patricia

This organization first started in San Francisco, CA, on September 5, 1887. We are 107 years old! We have been in existence in Sonora since February 10, 1918. We are the oldest Catholic Women's organization here. Our sisterhood of Catholic Women are here to encourage and guide young women with our principles of unity, sisterly love and protection for ourselves and our community.

Our main goal is to help support our seminarians in the Stockton Diocese. We offer scholarships to our local high school students. Our Grand Institute offers other scholarships to further education. We hold fund raisers to help support other local organizations, such as the Pregnancy Center, Interfaith, the homeless community. These are just a few.

Come see us on the second Thursday of the month with a social hour at 6:00 pm and our meeting at 7:00 pm. See what we do for Saint Patrick's and our community. If there are any questions, please feel free to call our current president, Cece Artherholt, at 209-352-3969.

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

Monday, May 26 ~ Memorial Day

8:00 am, Communion Service, St. Patrick's Church
9:00 am, Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery

Friday, June 6 ~ First Friday

Saturday, June 7 ~ First Saturday

Sunday, June 8 ~ Pentecost

Sunday, June 15 ~ Father's Day

Friday, July 4 ~ First Friday, Independence Day

Saturday, July 5 ~ First Saturday

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

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

I often lead group prayer with similar words: *"Give us the wisdom to know Your will for our lives and the courage to follow it as we seek to make our community a clearer reflection of the Kingdom of God."* The words acknowledge that we need to be about God's will, not our own, and in that journey, we will bear greater witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.



We talk about how we are called to live a stewardship way of life and that we have been given many good gifts, but it is never truly about us. We are never the main thing. In the same manner, it is never really about our parish. Our combined stewardship

may lead to many fruits, like an increased offertory or more vibrancy in parish life. However, it is always about the Kingdom of God and the King, Jesus Christ.

Through our stewardship, we allow our parish community to shine like a city on a hill for others to see and then be drawn toward Jesus Christ. It is about leading people to heaven. Our actions of stewardship do not point toward us but instead to the one who calls us to this life. Our constant prayer needs to be that we always seek to discern God's will and follow it instead of our own. By doing that, we can transform our own lives, our parish communities, and then the world around us.

MAY 25, 2025

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday May 24 ~ Sunday June 1

Saturday

OLMC 4:00 pm All Parishioners

St. Patrick's 5:00 pm Harlee Weiland †

Sunday

OLMC 10:15 am Aaron LeRoy and all workers

Ralph Gaarde †

St. Patrick's 8:00 am Lorna Wick †

Matthew Bonnea †

10:30 am Jeff Fish †

James Campana †

1:00 pm Pope Leo XIV

Monday 8:00 am **Communion Service**

9:00 am **Cemetery**

Tuesday 8:00 am All those serving in the military

Wednesday 8:00 am Peggy Patin †

Thursday 8:00 am **Communion Service**

Friday 8:00 am The sick in our Parish
Keith Kahl (*Happy Birthday!*)

Saturday

OLMC 4:00 pm All Parishioners

St. Patrick's 5:00 pm Sandy & Tony Pallante †

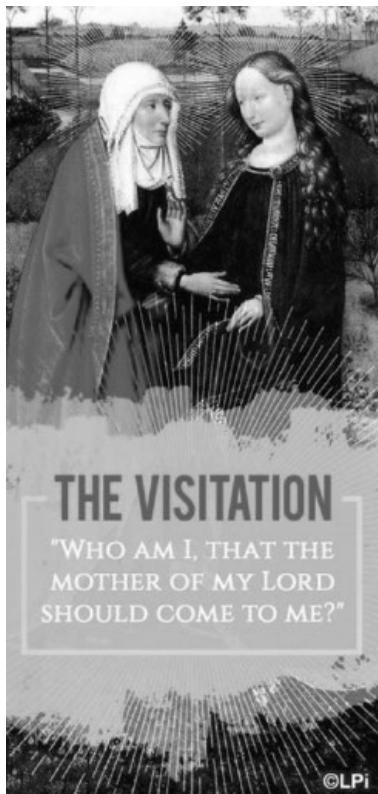
Sunday

OLMC 10:15 am Ralph Gaarde †

St. Patrick's 8:00 am Myong Cha Middleton †

10:30 am Gloria & Nuncy Patania †

1:00 pm Todos los feligreses



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday May 26 ~ Sunday June 1

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: (Ascension) Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday May 25 ~ Saturday May 31

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Philip Neri; Memorial Day

Tuesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (in some U.S. dioceses); St. Paul VI, Pope

Saturday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Weekly Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	5-4-25 Week 18	5-11-24 Week 19	5-18-25 Week 20	May Totals To Date
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General Offerings

St. Patrick's	\$6,040	\$5,119	\$5,627	\$16,786
OLMC	\$1,315	\$1,123	\$1,109	\$3,547
E-giving	\$1,525	\$1,495	\$750	\$3,770
Total	\$8,880	\$7,737	\$7,486	\$24,103
LAST YEAR	\$8,243	\$7,995	\$7,588	\$23,826

Maintenance Offerings

St. Patrick's	\$2,022	\$285	\$522	\$2,829
OLMC	\$189	\$35	\$0	\$224
Total	\$2,211	\$320	\$522	\$3,053

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!

MAY 25, 2025

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Week in our Parish

Monday 5/26 ~ Communion Service

8:00 am, St. Patrick's Church, Sonora
Parish Office closed for Memorial Day

Monday 5/26 ~ Memorial Day Mass

9:00 am, St. Patrick's Cemetery, Sonora

Tuesday-Wednesday, 5/27-5/28 ~ Daily Mass

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

Wednesday 5/28 ~ Adoration/Reconciliation

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

Thursday 5/29 ~ Communion Service

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

Friday, 5/30 ~ Daily Mass

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

Saturday 5/31 ~ Vigil for The Ascension of the Lord

Mass at 4:00 pm, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

5:00 pm, St. Patrick's

Rosary will follow the 5:00 pm Mass

Second Collection: Catholic Communication Campaign

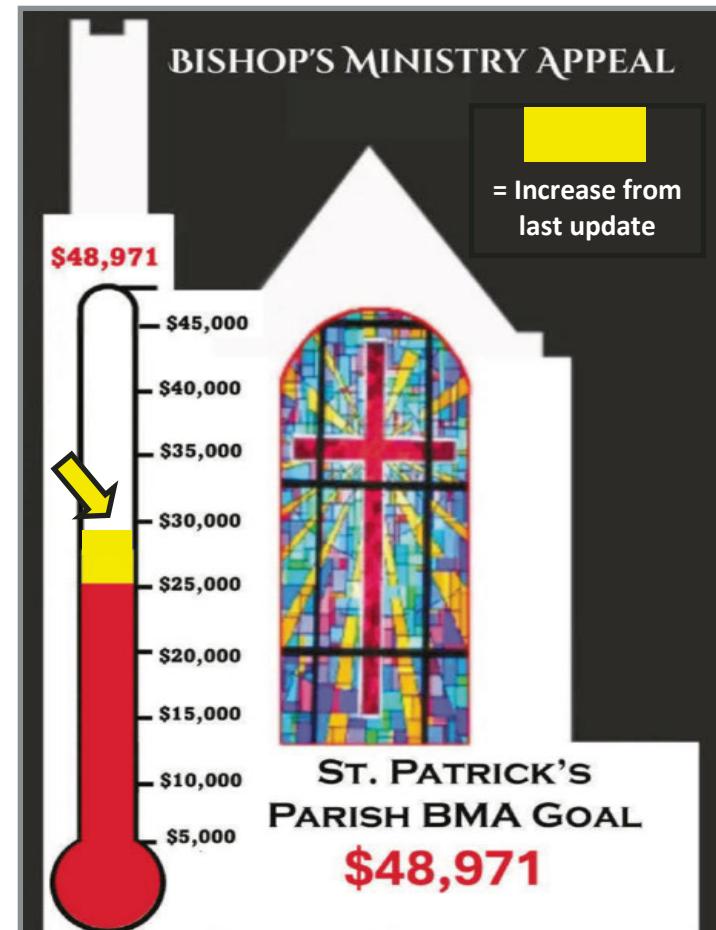
Sunday 6/1 ~ The Ascension of the Lord

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

Second Collection: Catholic Communication Campaign



Memorial Day
Monday, May 26

Communion Service at 8:00 am, St. Patrick's Church
Mass at 9:00 am, St. Patrick's Cemetery

Please join us for a special Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, as we pray for the souls of those who served our country during their lifetime, and are now at rest in the peace that only Jesus can give.

The cemetery is located on Lyons Bald Mountain Rd.

There will be some chairs set up under a canopy for those attending. You may bring a camping chair, and are encouraged to bring water and wear a hat as we will be outdoors.



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

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

We can fundraise!

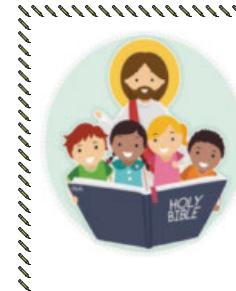
TEXT KATHY CASAS at 209-770-5987

Good news!

Children's Liturgy

“Breaking Open of the Word” is happening at St. Patrick's!

Bring your kids to 10:30 am Sunday Mass and they can join in the fun!



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