

**St. Patrick's
Catholic Church**

127 Jackson St.

Sonora, CA

Masses:

Mon-Fri

8:00 am

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

1:00 pm

Reconciliation: Wednesday

6:00 - 7:00 pm, or by appt.



Our Lady of

Mt. Carmel

Mission Church

11700 Catholic Cemetery Rd.

Big Oak Flat, CA

Mass:

Saturday

4:00 pm

**Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30,
or by appt.**



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The Good News

... in our Parish

The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 2023



"His face shown like the sun and His clothes became white as light.
And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared, conversing with Him."
(Matthew 17:2-3)

The Transfiguration ca. 1518-20

By Raphael (1483-1520) Italian Renaissance oil painting

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!



A Message of Hope ~ A Reflection on the Transfiguration by Pope Francis

This Sunday, the liturgy celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Today's Gospel passage recounts that the Apostles Peter, James and John were witnesses to this extraordinary event. Jesus took them with him "and led them up a high mountain apart" (*Matthew 17:1*) and, while he prayed, his face changed in appearance, "shone like the sun," and "his garments became white as light." Then Moses and Elijah appeared, and began a dialogue with Him. At this point, Peter said to Jesus: "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah" (*Mt 17:4*). He had not yet finished speaking when a bright cloud enveloped them.

The event of the Lord's Transfiguration offers us a message of hope — *thus shall we be, with Him* — it invites us to encounter Jesus, to be at the service of our brothers and sisters.

The disciples' ascent up Mount Tabor leads us to reflect on the importance of disengaging from worldly matters, in order to make a journey toward heaven and to contemplate Jesus. It is a matter of being attentive to the careful and prayerful listening of Christ, the beloved Son of the Father, seeking intimate moments of prayer that allow for the docile and joyful welcoming of the Word of God. In this spiritual ascent, in this disengagement from worldly matters, we are called to rediscover the peaceful and regenerative silence of meditating on the Gospel, on the reading of the Bible, which leads to a destination rich in beauty, splendor and joy. When we meditate in this way, with the Bible in hand, in silence, we begin to feel this interior beauty, this joy that the Word of God engenders in us. In this perspective, the summer season is a providential time to cultivate our task of seeking and encountering the Lord. In this period, students are free of scholastic commitments and many families take their holidays; it is important that in the period of rest and disengagement from daily activities, we can reinforce our strengths of body and soul, by deepening our spiritual journey.

At the end of the stunning experience of the Transfiguration, the disciples came down the mountain (*Mt 17:9*) with eyes and hearts transfigured by their encounter with the Lord. It is the journey that we too can make. The ever more vibrant rediscovery of Jesus is not the aim in itself, but spurs us to "come down the

mountain," energized by the power of the divine Spirit, so as to decide on new paths of conversion and to constantly witness to charity, as the law of daily life. Transformed by Christ's presence and by the ardor of his Word, we will be a concrete sign of the invigorating love of God for all our brothers and sisters, especially for those who are suffering, for those who are lonely and neglected, for the sick and for the multitude of men and women who, in different parts of the world, are humiliated by injustice, abuse and violence.

In the Transfiguration, the voice of the heavenly Father is heard saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!" (*Mt 17:5*). Let us look to Mary, the Virgin of listening, ever ready to welcome and keep in her heart every word of the Divine Son (*Lk 2:51*).

May our Mother and the Mother of God help us to be in harmony with the Word of God, so that Christ may become light and lodestar throughout our life. Let us entrust to her the holidays of all, so that they may be peaceful and fruitful, but above all the summer of those who cannot go on holiday due to impediments of age, to reasons of health or of work, to economic restrictions or other problems, so that it may be a time of eased tension, gladdened by the presence of friends and of happy moments.

Pope Francis

ANGELUS at Saint Peter's Square

Sunday, 6 August 2017

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Football Mania tickets will soon be on sale by the Knights of Columbus. Last season, the Knights raised \$2,500 for scholarships at Sonora, Ted Bird, and Summerville High Schools! Football Mania awarded a total \$1,200 in weekly prize money to some of our lucky card holders. Cards cost \$20 each and are good for the entire 18 week NFL season, with chances to win prize money each week. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses on Aug 20, 27 and Sept 3, or through the Parish Office. Get some tickets for your friends and family, and support the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund. A special thanks to OLMC parishioner Neil Quinn for donating the cost of printing and shipping the tickets. For more information, go to: www.footballmania.com

This Week in our Parish

Monday 8/7 ~ Communion Service

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

Tuesday 8/8—Friday 8/11 ~ Daily Mass

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

Wednesday 8/9 ~ Adoration/Reconciliation

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

Saturday 8/12 ~ Vigil Mass for The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Second Collection for the Priest Retirement Fund

Sunday 8/13 ~ The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am, St. Patrick's
Spanish Mass 1:00

Second Collection for the Priest Retirement Fund



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day
Tuesday, August 15

Mass Times:

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 4:00 pm

St. Patrick's, 8:00 am and 6:30 pm

"The Immaculate Mother of God, ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was **assumed** body and soul into heavenly glory."

(Pope Pius XII, Dogma of the Assumption, 44)

Reflecting on Our Lady, Pope Francis said, "She is the first creature who, with her whole self, body and soul, victoriously crosses the finish line of Heaven. She shows us that Heaven is within reach, if we too do not give in to sin, if we praise God in humility and serve others generously. She, our Mother, takes us by the hand, she accompanies us to glory, she invites us to rejoice as we think of heaven." (Angelus, Feast of the Assumption, August 15, 2022)

Please join us on this Holy Day of Obligation as we joyfully celebrate our Blessed Mother's assumption.



St. Patrick's Parish joyfully returns to the previous norm regarding Holy Communion under both species—the Precious Body and the Precious Blood. Those who choose to receive only one species do still receive the whole Sacrament, the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. Communion under the species of wine is reverently offered, but not required, of the lay faithful.

"Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species (form of bread or form of wine), and hence that as regards the resulting fruits, those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation."
(*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 282)



Catholic Charities is offering a support group for Seniors ages 60 and above. This social interaction group will meet weekly to offer individuals a space to interact, learn interpersonal skills, share community resources, and an opportunity to create social connections.

The group meets Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am at Catholic Charities, 88 Bradford St., Sonora (next door to the St. Patrick's Parish Office)

Contact: Urooj John 209-396-6953

Religious Education ~ Faith Formation

Register NOW!



It's time to register your family for our upcoming Faith Formation Sessions! We want to have everyone registered BEFORE September this year.

Go to our website at: stpatssonora.org

OR pick up a registration packet in the Parish Office

M-Th 8:30-4:00 (closed for lunch 12:30-1:00).

We still need several more teachers! **How about you?**

Our first session begins Sept. 6th at 6:30 in the church!

For more information: Kathy Casas 209-770-5987

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
(Matthew 19:14)

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH



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

*Jesse Alarcon
Barbara Balestrieri
Roger Clark
David Costa
Kenny Cox
Aldo Diaz
Gerardo Diaz
Pat Fernandez
Sue Froseth
Manuel Gamboa
Eileen Hogan
A. J. Holmes*

*Dennis Kavia, Sr.
Linda Knapp
Barbara Lema
David Mesh
Jim Napier
Barbara North
Gloria Patania
Frank Perry
Juan Pulido
Greg Rodriguez
Sebastian Ruiz
Jo Vargo*

To add or remove a name from this list,
please contact the Parish Office at 1-209-532-7139.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We meet every Sunday after the 9:00 am Mass in Room 4 of the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Marie by email at marie@stpatssonora.org or by phone call 209-768-7612.

Special Second Collection to benefit the PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND ~ Next weekend, AUG 12 & 13!

All gifts from this Collection remain here to support the Diocese of Stockton Priest Retirement Fund for our local diocesan priests. As priests age, it is very important to provide for their spiritual, material and medical needs. In the spirit of love, we must provide a dignified retirement for our priests. The fund helps with cost of living expenses including transportation, healthcare, insurance, and housing.



To our dear Parishioners: Our PG&E bill last month for the Parish Hall and the Church was over \$3,000! That does not include our other facilities, which had very high utility bills as well. We are asking all ministry groups that use the Parish

Hall—PLEASE, be sure you only turn on lights that are needed and keep the A/C at a reasonable temperature. Most importantly — BE SURE everything is turned **OFF** when you leave. There are reminder signs and checklists posted in the Hall. Please help us so we can sustain our Parish facilities for everyone to use. Thank you!

Important Dates for St. Patrick's Parish

Tuesday, August 15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses at 8:00 am & 6:30 pm, St. Patrick's;
Mass at 4:00 pm, OLMC

Friday, September 1 ~ First Friday Adoration 8:30—3:00

Monday, September 4 ~ Labor Day, Parish Office Closed

Friday, October 6 ~ First Friday Adoration 8:30—3:00



During these hot summer months, utility bills go way up and can become a hardship for many, forcing them to choose between paying for electricity or groceries. Our Food Pantry gives out free bags of food, once per week, to all those who stop by the office seeking our assistance.

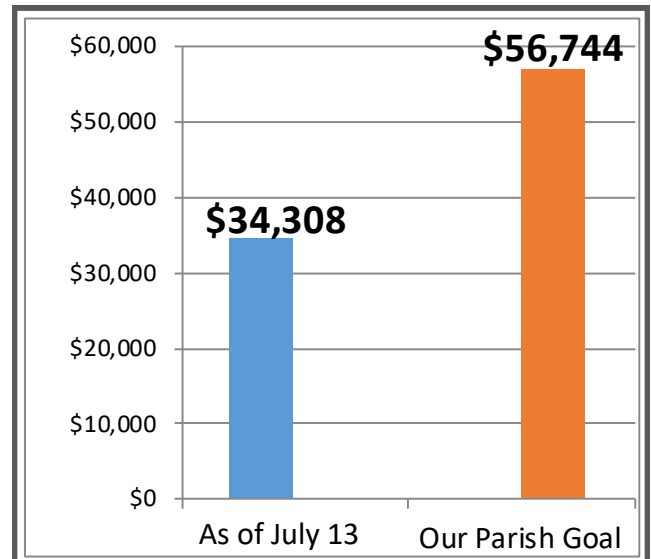
Right now, the Food Pantry desperately needs:

- Peanut Butter
- Jam/Jelly
- Skillet dinners such as Rice A Roni, Hamburger Helper, etc.

Please bring your donation to the Parish Office or to the basket located by the front door of the church.

Your continued help is greatly appreciated!
Any questions - Sandy Tannhauser 209-532-3899

Bishop's Ministry Appeal Update



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Saturday August 5 ~ Sunday August 13

Sunday	7:30 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
	9:00 am	Tete Arellano †
	11:00 am	Jack McCoy †
		Bob & Joy Pasby †
	1:00 pm	Raul Gamboa †

Monday August 7 ~ Sunday August 13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Monday:	St. Sixtus II; St. Cajetan
Tuesday:	St. Dominic
Wednesday:	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Thursday:	St. Lawrence
Friday:	St. Clare
Saturday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	7-2-23 Week 27	7-9-23 Week 28	7-16-23 Week 29	7-23-23 Week 30	7-30-23 Week 31	July Totals to Date
General Offerings						
St. Pat's	\$7,381	\$4,485	\$5,360	\$4,811	\$4,356	\$26,393
OLMC	\$1,435	\$521	\$1,571	\$449	\$1,242	\$5,218
E-giving	\$420	\$3,455	\$995	\$320	\$520	\$5,710
Total	\$9,236	\$8,461	\$7,926	\$5,580	\$6,118	\$37,321
LAST YEAR	\$6,439	\$9,055	\$6,402	\$6,846	\$7,256	\$35,998
Maintenance Offering						
St. Pat's	\$704	\$110	\$193	\$90	\$90	\$1,187
OLMC	\$130	\$15	\$25	\$0	\$0	\$170
Total	\$834	\$125	\$218	\$90	\$90	\$1,357
<i>Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (at St. Anne's): \$159</i> <i>Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!</i>						

Ordinary Time

Next Sunday's
Gospel

Jesus walks
on water

"Immediately Jesus
stretched out His
hand and caught
Peter, and said to
him, 'O you of little
faith, why did you
doubt?'"
(Mt 14:31)

Christ and Peter as
Christ Walks on
Water

19th Century
Mural
Artist Unknown



Christ and Peter as Christ Walks on Water, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57447> [retrieved August 1, 2023]. Original source: <https://commons.m.wikimedia.org/wiki/>

St. Patrick's Parish Communications

Visit our **Website** at www.stpatricksonora.org to view our new helpful links, and learn more about our Parish. You can also sign up for Faith Formation, request a Mass Intention, read current and past Bulletins, make a Donation, check our Calendar, and much more!

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If you have any questions
or comments, please
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Kary Hubbard
at kary@stpatricksonora.org

