

**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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2023



The Delivery of the Keys, ca. 1481-1482
Pietro Perugino (1450-1523)

Jesus said, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld will not prevail against it.
I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."
(Mt 16:18-19)

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!



Binding and Loosing ~ A Reflection by Fr. Ron Rolheiser

To tell someone, with fullness of heart, "I love you," is virtually the same as saying, "You shall never die." Twentieth century philosopher Gabriel Marcel wrote those words and they echo words written five hundred years earlier by Blessed Magdalen Panattieri, a Dominican Tertiary, who wrote to a friend, "I could not be happy in heaven if you were not there too." Moreover, both Marcel and Panattieri echo words spoken by Jesus two thousand years ago: "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

What does it mean to "bind and loose?" Among other things, it means that as Christians, as members of the Body of Christ, like Jesus when he walked this earth, we have the power to dispense God's mercy and forgiveness and be a cord that connects others to God's family. If someone is connected to us, they are connected to Christ and to the community of salvation.

In previous writings, I used this example as an illustration. Imagine you have a child, a spouse, or a friend who is not going to church and is indifferent or hostile to religion. They have seemingly cut themselves off from the community of faith. However, as long as you love that person (and they don't reject your love) they cannot be lost. As long as a bond of love exists between them and you, they are connected to the Body of Christ and to the community of salvation, and this is what Gabriel Marcel meant when he says that to say to another "I love you" is to say to him or her "You shall never die."

Almost every time I have written on this I have been challenged on its orthodoxy (though never by a professional theologian or a bishop). Invariably, the challenge comes in one of two ways. One group voices this objection: "How can you say this? Only Christ has the power to do this!" Ironically, that answers its own question. It's true, only Christ has the power to do this, but we are the body of Christ. It's Christ, not we, who are doing this. A second group objects by saying that they simply find the concept incredulous: "How can this be true? If it were true, it would be too good to be true!" But, isn't that in fact an apt description of the incarnation? It's simply too good to be true! The incarnation gives us that power and consequently, like Blessed Magdalen Panattieri, we have the power to tell God that our heaven needs to include a loved one.

Perhaps a more serious challenge is this. To whom exactly was this power given? Wasn't it given explicitly to Peter, as the Vicar of Christ, and by extension to the institutional church in its sacramental powers, as opposed to it being given to every sincere Christian?

A first glance at Matthew's Gospel (chapter 16) would seem to indicate that it was given exclusively to Peter. Here is its context: Peter had just made a powerful confession of faith, saying to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." In reply, Jesus says to him, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my community. And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

So are binding and loosing reserved exclusively for Peter? No, rather through Peter it is given to the whole church and to everyone who makes the same confession of faith he did. It's given to everyone who confesses that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God because it's this confession of faith and love that makes for "the rock" that no power, including hell itself, can prevail against. When we make the same confession of faith Peter made, we too become the rock, with power to bind and loose.

In making a confession of faith, we become members of the Body of Christ and then, just as was the case with Jesus when he walked the earth, when people touch us they are touching Christ. Moreover, as Jesus assures us, "whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, and will perform even greater works." (John 14:12)

Love is the ultimate power within life. God is love, and in the end there will only be love. Already at a purely human level, outside of any faith considerations, we sense its power, as something that can ultimately withstand everything. Love is the rock! This is doubly the case when it happens inside the incarnation. Love is the rock on which Jesus built his church. Hence, when we love someone and he or she responds to our love, being members of Christ's body gives us the power to say, my heaven includes this loved one.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser

AUGUST 27, 2023

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Week in our Parish

Monday 8/28 ~ Communion Service

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

Tuesday 8/29—Friday 9/1 ~ Daily Mass

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

Wednesday 8/30 ~ Adoration/Reconciliation

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

Friday 9/1 ~ First Friday

Adoration 8:30 am—3:00 pm, St. Patrick's Church

Saturday 9/2 ~ Vigil Mass for The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday 9/3 ~ The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Fellowship Sundays!

TODAY!

Please join your fellow parishioners in
St. Patrick's Parish Hall after Mass
for coffee, treats, and conversation!

August 27 after the 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 am Masses
Hosted by Art & Environment and the Altar Society

We need more volunteers to host additional Masses!
Email Janice Santana at: jmsantana6200@att.net
or call the Parish Office for more details.



First Friday ~ September 1

Mass 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am—3:00 pm
St. Patrick's Church

"The Mass is the treasure that should be foremost both in the Church and in our lives. Let us also rediscover Eucharistic Adoration, which continues the work of the Mass within us. This will do us much good, for it heals us from within. Let us implore the grace to hunger for God with an insatiable desire to receive what He has prepared for us." (Pope Francis)

Other opportunities for Adoration:

Reconciliation and Adoration
Wednesday evenings, 6:00—7:00 pm
St. Patrick's Church



Helping Children Cope with Grief and Loss

A free workshop offered in partnership
with Stockton Diocese Family and
Marriage Ministry

September 16, 2023

10:00 am—3:00 pm

Lunch provided

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Sonora, CA

Facilitator: Cathi Ruiz
Hospice Chaplain, Adventist Health Sonora

Morning Session: Learn about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE'S), trauma, and toxic stress, and how these impact health outcomes and family relationships.
Afternoon Session: Become comfortable with materials used to facilitate grief groups for children. Observe how to effectively use artwork in a grief group setting.

To register: Please contact Cathi Ruiz at
CLRuiz@comcast.net by September 9, 2023.



Faith Formation

Register today!!

Classes begin Wednesday, September 6th

Please pre-register now!

Online: stpatssonora.org

Or in person: Parish office

Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser S.O.S. ~ Save Our Stairs!

Help us rebuild the Parish Office Stairs

Friday, September 29

5:30—8:00 pm

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Menu:

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, French Bread, Dessert
Tickets on sale after all Masses
or call the Parish Office 209-532-7139



*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 Kavie, 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.

Important Dates for St. Patrick's Parish

Friday, Sept 1 ~ First Friday Adoration 8:30—3:00
Monday, Sept 4 ~ Labor Day, Parish Office Closed
Thursday, Sept 7 ~ Planning meeting for Save Our Stairs
5:30 pm, St. Patrick's Parish Hall
Friday, Sept 29 ~ "Save Our Stairs" Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser, 5:30—8:00 pm St. Patrick's Parish Hall
Friday, Oct 6 ~ First Friday Adoration 8:30—3:00
Wednesday, Nov 1 ~ All Saints Day
Thursday, Nov 2 ~ All Souls Day
Friday, Nov 3 ~ First Friday Adoration 8:30—3:00
Sunday, Nov 5 ~ Daylight Saving Time Ends
Saturday, Nov 18 ~ St. Patrick's Christmas Fair
Thursday, Nov 23 ~ Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, Dec 3 ~ First Sunday in Advent

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



If there are any dates you know you
are NOT available to minister during
the 4th Quarter of 2023 (October,
November, December), please let
Sandra Betti know by **Tuesday,
September 5**. Please call 1-209-532-
7139, or email your dates to sandra@stpatssonora.org,
or leave a note in the Parish Office.

Welcome back to the Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion!
Thank you for your ministry!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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



To our dear Parishioners: 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!

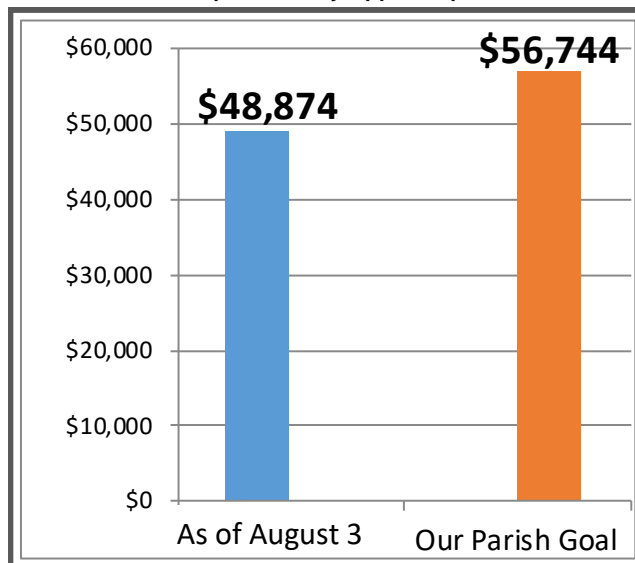


The Sacrament of Baptism

We joyfully welcome
Josie May Rogers
Baptized August 20, 2023

Calling all volunteers who want to help us plan and
organize our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser: We will meet
on **Thursday, September 7th, 5:30 pm** in the Parish Hall.
The meeting is also a potluck! So please bring your ideas
and a dish to share.

Bishop's Ministry Appeal Update



AUGUST 27, 2023

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday August 26 ~ Sunday September 3

Saturday

OLMC 4:00 pm Ray Hilgersom †

Sunday 7:30 am Louis & Elizabeth Fashauer †
Mary Morrissey (*Happy Birthday*)

9:00 am *No Intentions*

11:00 am LaVon & Jack Woodcock †

1:00 pm *No Intentions*

Monday 8:00 am **Communion Service**

Tuesday 8:00 am Ramiro & Lizbeth Gutierrez †
Theresa Stevenson

Wednesday 8:00 am Christine Condor †

Thursday 8:00 am Sheila Spatz †

Friday 8:00 am *No Intentions*

Saturday

OLMC 4:00 pm *No Intentions*

Sunday 7:30 am Cecilia Gordils (*Happy Birthday*)

9:00 am Patti Gerner (*Happy Birthday*)
Erika Ferros (*Healing*)

11:00 am Orrin & Anne Scott †
Sharon Kay Doherty †

1:00 pm *No Intentions*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday August 28 ~ Sunday September 3

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday August 27 ~ Saturday September 2

Sunday: The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine

Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Friday: First Friday



"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."

St. Augustine

Weekly Offerings



Tickets are **on sale** by the Knights of Columbus after all Masses this weekend! 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 27 & Sept 3, or through the Parish Office.

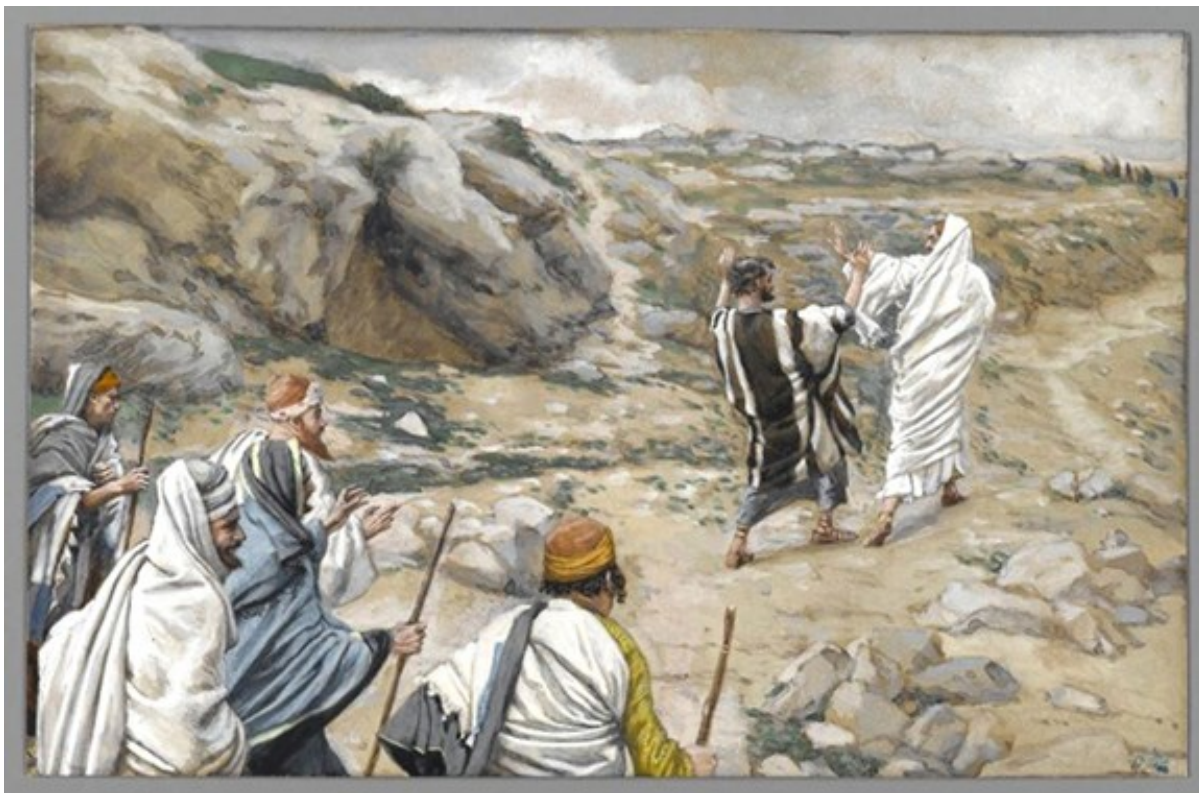
Get some tickets for your friends and family, and support the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund!



Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	8-6-23 Week 32	8-13-23 Week 33	8-20-23 Week 34	Aug Totals to Date
General Offerings				
St. Pat's	\$6,075	\$5,752	\$4,868	\$16,695
OLMC	\$515	\$1,350	\$860	\$2,725
E-giving	\$1,870	\$785	\$500	\$3,155
Total	\$8,460	\$7,887	\$6,228	\$22,575
LAST YEAR	\$8,500	\$7,459	\$5,739	\$21,698
Maintenance Offering				
St. Pat's	\$642	\$500	\$130	\$1,272
OLMC	\$78	\$0	\$0	\$78
Total	\$720	\$500	\$130	\$1,350
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin: St. Pat's \$1,089; OLMC \$198 Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!				

Next Sunday's
Gospel:
**The True
Nature of
Discipleship**

Then Jesus said to
His disciples,
"Whoever wishes
to come after me
must deny
himself, take up
his cross, and
follow me. For
whoever wishes to
save his life will
lose it, but
whoever loses his
life for my sake
will find it."



Matthew 16:24-25

*Get Thee Behind Me, Satan! Watercolor, 1886
James Tissot, 1836-1902*

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St. Patrick's Parish Communications

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or comments, please
email our
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Coordinator
Kary Hubbard
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