

**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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 2023



**"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**

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!



Feelings ~ A Reflection by Fr. John Foley

This Sunday most of us will notice mainly the story of Jesus walking on water, together with Peter sinking into it. But there is another very interesting spiritual dimension that I would like to suggest.

What do you think was going on in Jesus' own heart and soul during these events?

We know that Jesus had emotions. We have seen them before, as when Lazarus died. In the events just prior to this week's Gospel, Jesus had been hit hard by news of John the Baptist's death. So he had taken a boat to a deserted place in order to grieve, quietly, by himself. But the crowd got there first and immediately pressed him into service when he arrived. Instead of the hushed time for grief he needed, Jesus' heart had been moved by the needs of the suffering people before him. He spent hour after hour, healing and curing and feeding. Exhausting.

Then comes the story for this Sunday. Jesus sends the crowd away at last. And notice a strange thing, usually ignored: he "made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side." Why send them ahead? Why stay there alone? The answer is easy. He still needed to be alone to process John's death, which he had not yet gotten to do.

He climbed up the mountainside and took his own time to commune with his heavenly Father. The Gospel says that by now it was evening, and that Jesus prayed well into the night. A gusty wind came up. He could not have been comfortable.

I would love to know what his prayer was like. He had studied the scriptures since his youth, so maybe the story in our First Reading came to mind. There the prophet Elijah too was up on a mountain-side, and there too, a heavy wind came up. The Lord was not in the wind, we are told. Nor in the earthquake that followed. Nor in the fire that came next. The Lord God was in the "tiny whispering sound" that followed.

Jesus on the mountain-side heard this voice too. But what did he feel? Let's take a shot at it.

He opened his bruised trust to the Father, and lay this trust alongside his very personal loss. Perhaps Abba reassured him that even against the evidence all human beings have to rely on God, especially when it seems that tragedy has the upper hand. Jesus was divine, but divine

consciousness and knowledge rested only in the deepest realm of his soul, and needed this silent time to emerge.

In prayer, Jesus returned to his normal level of trust in God, but stronger now. In the same way that he "learned obedience through what he suffered" (Hebrews 5:8), maybe he had to learn a higher level of trust through loss. Trusting is not a sheer act of the will, not simply a blind decision, but a quiet re-emergence of God's faithful love.



Then, at last, Jesus does walk on water. How must it feel to leave the solid ground and walk on slushy liquid? Perhaps this walking was symbolic of the trust he had come to in his night of prayer.

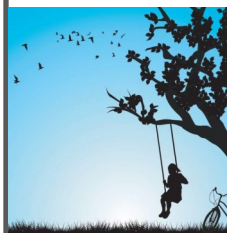
Maybe trust feels like walking on water.

Fr. John Foley, SJ

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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.

AUGUST 13, 2023

This Week in our Parish

Monday 8/14 ~ Communion Service

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

Tuesday 8/15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

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

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

Wednesday 8/16—Friday 8/18 ~ Daily Mass

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

Wednesday 8/16 ~ Adoration/Reconciliation

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

Saturday 8/19 ~ Vigil Mass for The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday 8/20 ~ The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



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)



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

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



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.

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 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

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
Wednesday, Nov 1 ~ All Saints Day
Thursday, Nov 2 ~ All Souls Day
Thursday, Nov 23 ~ Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, Dec 3 ~ First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, Dec 24 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent AND
Christmas Eve!
Monday, Dec 25 ~ Christmas Day

RCIA



The Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults

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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.

Is Christmas on your mind? Think "Gift Baskets!"



The Gift Basket Committee for
the Christmas Fair will have the
gift tags ready for you to pick up after all Masses this
Sunday. Take whatever gift tag most interests you, buy
the items as suggested on the tag, and return the items
to the Parish Office **BY SEPT 27**, the sooner the better!
Then, our talented and artistic committee will transform
those items into amazing gift baskets for purchase at
our Christmas Fair fundraiser in November.

Thank you for your help and generosity!

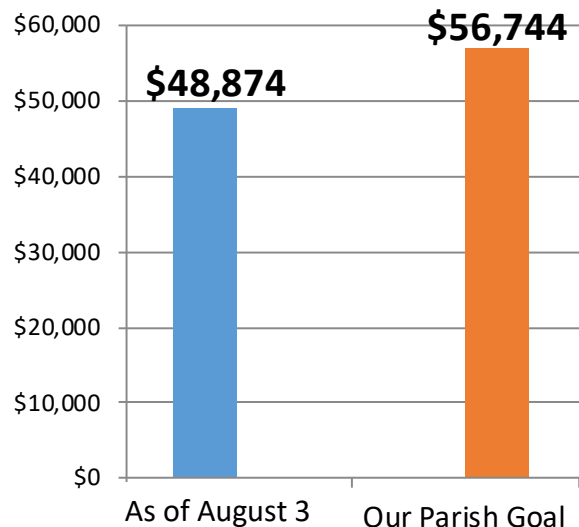
In Loving
Memory



INTO YOUR HANDS,
O LORD,
we commend the soul of
Maria Hodges

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.*

Bishop's Ministry Appeal Update



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!

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Saturday August 12 ~ Sunday August 20**Saturday**

OLMC 4:00 pm End of Abortion and Human Trafficking

Sunday 7:30 am Sue Smith ✠
Roy Taylor ✠

9:00 am Tete Arellano ✠
Joe & Ann Rost ✠

11:00 am Jack McCoy ✠
Bob & Joy Pasby ✠

1:00 pm Raul Gamboa ✠

Monday 8:00 am **Communion Service**

Tuesday 8:00 am Jennie Gargotto (*Thanksgiving*)

OLMC 4:00 pm *No Intentions*

6:30 pm Mitchell Woods ✠

Wednesday 8:00 am Charlotte Dunne ✠
John & Emelia Andrye ✠

Thursday 8:00 am Bernie Lopes ✠

Friday 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory ✠

Saturday

OLMC 4:00 pm Souls in Purgatory ✠

Sunday 7:30 am Clay Sweeney ✠
Claire Ryan ✠

9:00 am Audrey Cowan ✠
Deceased members of YLGI ✠

11:00 am Theresa Modglin ✠
Keith Modglin ✠

1:00 pm Alberto Conceso ✠

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Monday August 14 ~ Sunday August 20**

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12,
16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17;
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11;
Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**Sunday August 13 ~ Saturday August 19**

Sunday: The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Tuesday: **The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Wednesday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Saturday: St. John Eudes



The Lord will guide you always and satisfy your thirst in parched places. He will give strength to your bones and you shall be like a watered garden, like a flowing spring whose waters never fail. (*Isaiah 58:11*)

**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

Weekly Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	8-6-23 Week 32		Aug Totals to Date
General Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$6,075	\$	\$6,075
OLMC	\$515	\$	\$515
E-giving	\$1,870	\$	\$1,870
Total	\$8,460	\$	\$8,460
LAST YEAR	\$8,500	\$	\$8,500
Maintenance Offering			
St. Pat's	\$642	\$	\$642
OLMC	\$78	\$	\$78
Total	\$720	\$	\$720
Parish Services: St. Pat's \$658; OLMC \$77 Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!			

Next Sunday's Gospel:
The Canaanite
Woman

"She said, 'Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.' Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed from that hour."
(Mt 15:27-28)

*Le Christ et la
Canaënne*

*The Woman of Canaan
at the Feet of Christ*

Oil on Canvas, 1784
Jean Germain Drouais
(1763-1788)



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St. Patrick's Parish Communications

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