Sc. Datrick'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 - 6:45 pm, or by appt.

Our Lady of Mr. 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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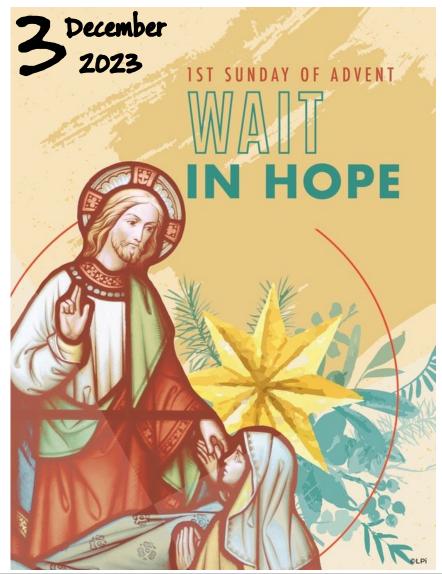
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All are welcome at St. Patrick's Parish!

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.

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WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Wake Up! ~ A Reflection by Fr. Ron Rolheiser

Wake up! Wake up before death wakes you up!

In a less dramatic expression that is a virtual leitmotif in the Gospels, Jesus is always telling us to wake up, to stay awake, to be vigilant, to be more alert to a deeper reality. What's meant by that? How are we asleep to depth? How are we to wake up and stay awake?

How are we asleep? All of us know how difficult it is for us to be inside the present moment, to not be asleep to the real riches inside our own lives. The distractions and worries of daily life tend to so consume us that we habitually take for granted what's most precious to us, our health, the miracle of our senses, the love and friendships that surround us, and the gift of life itself.

We go through our daily lives not only with a lack of reflectiveness and lack of gratitude but with a habitual touch of resentment as well; a chronic, grey depression, Robert Moore calls it. We are very much asleep, both to God and to our own lives.

How do we wake up? Today there's a rich literature that offers us all kinds of advice on how to get into the present moment so as to be awake to the deep riches inside our own lives. While much of this literature is good, little of it is very effective. It invites us to live each day of our lives as if was our last day, but we simply can't do that. It's impossible to sustain that kind of intentionality and awareness over a long period of time.

An awareness of our mortality does wake us up, as does a stroke, a heart attack, or cancer; but that heightened awareness is easier to sustain for a short season of our lives than it is for twenty, thirty, forty, or fifty years. Nobody can sustain that kind of awareness all the time. None of us can live seventy or eighty years as if each day was his or her last day. Or can we?

Spiritual wisdom offers a nuanced answer here: we can and we can't! On the one hand, the distractions, cares, and pressures of everyday life will invariably have their way with us and we will, in effect, fall asleep to what's deeper and more important inside of life. But it's for this reason that every major spiritual tradition has daily rituals designed precisely to wake us from spiritual sleep, like an alarm clock waking us from physical sleep.

It's for this reason we need to begin each day with

prayer. What happens if we don't pray on a given morning is not that we incur God's wrath, but rather that we tend to miss the morning, spending the hours until noon trapped inside a certain dullness of heart.

The same can be said about praying before meals. We don't displease God by not first centering ourselves in gratitude before eating, but we miss out on the richness of what we're doing. Liturgical prayer and the Eucharist have the same intent, among their other intentions.

They're meant to, regularly, call us out of a certain sleep. None of us lives each day of our lives as if it was his or her last day. Our heartaches, headaches, distractions, and busyness invariably lull us to sleep.

That's forgivable; it's what it means to be human. So we should ensure that we have regular spiritual rituals, spiritual alarm clocks, to jolt us back awake—so that it doesn't take a heart attack, a stroke, cancer, or death to wake us up.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser

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This Week in our Parish

Monday 12/4 ~ Communion Service

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

Tuesday 12/5—Thursday 12/7 ~ Daily Mass

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

Wednesday 12/6 ~ Adoration/Reconciliation

6:00 pm St. Patrick's

Friday 12/8 ~ The Immaculate Conception

Masses at 8:00 am and 6:30 pm, St. Patrick's Mass at 4:00 pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday 12/9 ~ Vigil Mass for 2nd Sunday in Advent

4:00 pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Big Oak Flat

Sunday 12/10 ~ Second Sunday in Advent

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta!

Fiesta is in the Parish Hall, right after the 1:00 Mass



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8
Mass at 4:00 pm ~ OLMC
Mass at 8:00 am &
6:30 pm, St. Patrick's

O Blessed Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us.
Please join us as we celebrate this
Holy Day of Obligation.



- Monday December 18, 6:00 pm St. Patrick's, Angels Camp
- † Tuesday December 19, 6:00 pm St. Patrick's, Sonora
- ♦ Wednesday December 20, 6:00 pm St. Andrew's, San Andreas
- † Thursday December 21, 6:00 pm All Saints, Twain Harte



The combined musicians from All Saints and St. Patrick's Parish present:

"The Old and the New:
A Christmas Concert!"

Come and enjoy sacred Christmas music, some centuries old, some composed recently, and everything in between! It's a wonderful and festive way to welcome the Christmas spirit into your hearts.

Friday, December 15 ~ 3:00 pm

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Sonora Light refreshments will served in the Parish Hall after the concert.

Tickets for this fundraiser event are \$10 each. You can buy them after Mass or in the Parish Office.

Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the "old and the new": to repair and maintain our historic, 114-year-old Whaley Organ, and to keep our new sound system in the church working well and up to date. Repairs and maintenance are very costly in both cases, and we greatly appreciate your help.





Our Lady of Mount Carmel
The festive OLMC Cookie Fest
with Fr. Dennis will be on
Wednesday, December 6 at the
Parish House, starting at 9:00 am.
Come with cookies to make or to

bake; come have coffee or tea. We will be preparing gifts for those who may need a cookie and some jam.

A sweet beginning to the season of Advent!



YLGI will host its Third Annual Advent Tree Lighting Ceremony TODAY!

Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00 pmDeacon Michael Tippett will officiate

Please join us outside St. Patrick's Catholic Church for this wonderful celebration to mark the beginning of Advent and to honor our loved ones!



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

Jesse Alarcon
Barbara Balestrieri
Roger Clark
David Costa
Aldo Diaz
Gerardo Diaz
Sue Froseth
Manuel Gamboa
Eileen Hogan
A. J. Holmes
Dennis Kavie, Sr.

Barbara Lema
Deb Mann
Mandie Mann
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.

Fellowship Sundays!



TODAY! After the 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am Mass Hosted by the YLGI

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

You can also pick up your Tamales!
If you didn't order any, there
MIGHT still be some for sale.
Stop by the Hall to find out!





The Day of the Sick

Diocesan Mass
Officiated by Most Reverend
Bishop Myron J. Cotta
Sponsored by Order of Malta
9:00 am ~ Saturday, Feb 3, 2024
St. Joseph Church in Modesto

Cathi Ruiz is looking for volunteers during this Mass to provide assistance to those with mobility issues to find their seat, support them while receiving the Eucharist and during the Anointing of the Sick. There will be a lunch served after Mass.

If you are interested in helping at the Mass, or during lunch, contact Cathi Ruiz at 209-768-1121 or by email, clruiz@comcast.net

Important Dates for St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday, Dec 3 ~ First Sunday in Advent YLGI Advent Tree Lighting , 5:00 pm, St. Patrick's Friday, Dec 8 ~ Immaculate Conception Masses at 8:00 am & 6:30 pm, St. Patrick's

Masses at 4:00 pm, OLMC

Sunday, Dec 10 ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration!

More details below

Friday, Dec 15 ~ Christmas Concert! 3:00 pm. St. Patrick's

Tuesday, Dec 19 ~ Advent Penance Service 6:00 pm, St. Patrick's

Sunday, Dec 24 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent AND Christmas Eve

Monday, Dec 25 ~ Christmas Day

Monday, Jan 1 ~ Mary, Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)
Happy New Year 2024!



If you missed your chance to buy one of our beautiful Christmas Baskets at the Christmas Fair, good news! There are sill some left. They will be for sale after all Masses this

Sunday. If you need a gift for someone special, check out these amazing baskets!

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



La fiesta de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, en la Iglesia Católica de San Patricio, se celebrará el domingo 10 de diciembre con una misa (Segundo Domingo de Adviento) en Español a las 1:00 p.m. Después de la

misa, habrá un potluck y fiesta en el salón de la parroquia. Habrá mariachi, comida y camaradería. Todos son bienvenidos – por favor, traiga un platillo para compartir.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 10 (2nd Sunday of Advent) Spanish Mass at 1:00 PM Fiesta after Mass!

Potluck and Mariachi will follow in the Parish Hall! Everyone is welcome - please bring a dish to share.



Saturday December 2 ~ Sunday December 10

Saturday

OLMC 4:00 pm Souls in Purgatory Sunday 7:30 am Veronica Sedillo ₺ Ray Hilgersom &

9:00 am Joseph Perez &

Lisa Reves ₽

11:00 am Romeo Bathan, Jr. &

Erika Ferros (Healing)

1:00 pm Jose Padilla 🕆

Guadalupe Diaz 🕆

Monday 8:00 am **Communion Service** Tuesday 8:00 am Guadalupe Diaz ₽ Wednesday 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory ₺ Thursday 8:00 am Kaleb Cook (Healing) Friday 8:00 am Dave Hubbard (Healing)

6:30 pm No Intentions 4:00 pm No Intentions

Saturday

OLMC

OLMC 4:00 pm William Zachman 🕆

Sunday 7:30 am Joseph & Margaret Aragon &

Lloyd & Margie Gabrielson ₺

9:00 am Tete Arellano ₽

Lorna Wick &

11:00 am Jack McCoy &

Larry & Gwen Ulibarri (Blessings)

1:00 pm Guadalupe Diaz 🕆

Jose Padilla 廿

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday December 4 ~ Sunday December 10

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/

Mt 15:29-37

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Thursday:

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Friday:

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/

Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)

2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday December 3 ~ Saturday December 9

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent Monday: St. John Damascene

Wednesday: St. Nicholas Thursday: St. Ambrose

Friday: The Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors, Altar Servers, **EMHC, Ushers:**

If there are any dates you know for sure you will NOT be available during the 1st Quarter of 2024 (Jan-Feb-March) please let Sandra know by Friday, Dec 8.

Please either call 209-532-7139, ex. 109, email sandra@stpatssonora.org, or you can leave a note in the Parish Office.

Thank you so much for your ministry!

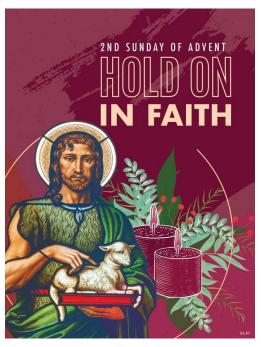
Weekly Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	11-5-23 Week 45	11-12-23 Week 46	11-19-23 Week 47	11-26-23 Week 48	November Totals
General Offerings					
St. Pat's	\$5,364	\$5,932	\$4,587	\$5,287	\$21,170
OLMC	\$1,367	\$413	\$670	\$978	\$3,428
E-giving	\$1,930	\$970	\$1,485	\$695	\$5,080
Total	\$8,661	\$7,315	\$6,742	\$6,960	\$29,678
LAST YEAR	\$9,604	\$6,551	\$4,784	\$5,911	\$26,850
Maintenance Offerings					
St. Pat's	\$1,053	\$185	\$75	\$90	\$1,403
OLMC	\$40	\$65	\$100	\$0	\$205
Total	\$1,093	\$250	\$175	\$90	\$1,608

Thanksgiving: St. Pat's \$710; OLMC \$140 Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!

Ads will be returning to this Back Page very soon!

If you are interested in advertising your business or service in our Parish Bulletin, please contact the Parish Office at 209-532-7139. For a reasonable yearly cost, your ad will be seen by all of St. Patrick's parishioners and visitors to our area every single week. At this point, we are simply collecting names and contact information of people who are interested in finding out more, so give us a call!



Next Sunday's Gospel: 2nd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist said, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals."



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