

**St. Patrick's
Catholic Church**

127 Jackson St.

Sonora, CA

Masses:

Mon-Fri

8:00 am

Sunday

7:30 am

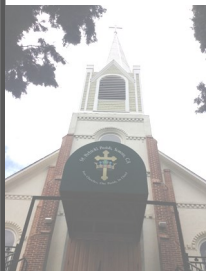
9:00 am

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 2023



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

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)

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!



What's in a Name ~ A Reflection by Fr. John Foley

What's in a Name?

This week, Peter is in for a big surprise!

In last week's Gospel Jesus retired the name "Simon" and replaced it with the name Peter:

"And so I say to you, you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18)

We heard that, at root, the name Peter meant "rock." Simon is to be the "Rock," the foundation of the church. Surprise, surprise, Jesus gives Peter a different name this week. He calls him "Satan:"

"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

If this name were to stick, Peter would be the leader of the very "netherworld," the one that Jesus promised could never prevail against the church.

Peter's entreaty is just what Satan had recommended in the desert temptations of Christ (*Matthew 4:1-11*)! When Jesus was hungry, Satan had said, stealthily, you are the Messiah—why don't you simply turn these stones into bread? After that, have your angels save you from all danger. And then be a real Messiah, be in charge of all the lands there are. Why not?

Because all of this would require bowing down and worshipping Satan. What is going on?

First, it is quite clear that Jesus' emotional state has changed.

He is obviously dreading the suffering and death he will soon have to face. His rebuke to Peter is so sharp, so instant, so contradictory, that its emotional roots are showing. He knows what a terrible toll human misery and affliction will take on him. He snaps at Peter and even resorts to name-calling.

Second, Jesus had been gradually schooling the disciples about who he really is. Not just a great teacher, or good friend, or magnetic preacher, but the complete revelation of divine love. They had achieved their first high mark last week when Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

This week Jesus shows the real meaning of Christly love: for the good of the world he must suffer greatly and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Do the Apostles get it? No they do not. The Gospel reports that now Peter "rebukes" Jesus. Something like this: No, no, no, no, Lord, we will protect you—this will not happen to you, please don't worry so much. Everything will be ok, you'll see. We need you to be alive. You are the Christ! We need you to use your powers!

It is an impulsive response. Very human. But notice that Peter is telling Jesus to avoid pain by selfish use of his divine powers.

To put it another way, Jesus would have to act according to the self-seeking, self-interested part of human nature. Go for the wealth, the power and the reputation. Forget Godly love.

Since he was human, Jesus must have felt within himself the rewards that would come with such desert temptations. And he must feel it now as Peter gives him the very same enticement. So he reacts strongly.

Does he really mean that Peter is Satan? No. But surely he remembers with pain the devil's temptations.

No wonder that name slips out.

Fr. John Foley, SJ

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Faith Formation

Register today!!

Classes begin THIS Wednesday, September 6th
Please pre-register now!
Online: stpatssonora.org
Or in person: Parish Office

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

This Week in our Parish

Monday 9/4 ~ Communion Service

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

Tuesday 9/5—Friday 9/8 ~ Daily Mass

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

Wednesday 9/6 ~ Adoration/Reconciliation

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

Saturday 9/9 ~ Vigil Mass for The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday 9/10 ~ The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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.



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! 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

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



From the Editor's Desk

I was thrilled to see the weekly update from the Stockton Diocese this week—we now have eight Seminarians in our Diocese! Eight wonderful young men who heard God calling them to the Priesthood, and answered the call with a resounding, "Yes!"

As a layperson, I've always viewed the Priesthood with awe, gratitude, and a little bit of puzzlement. What must that be like, to be called to something that requires so much sacrifice and responsibility? Is it difficult to say yes? I read some interviews with our seminarians, and many of them said something similar: That it wasn't a single, bright light "aha" moment when they embraced God's call. It was more of a gradual, constant and consistent thought, a small movement in the heart that wouldn't stop, a little sound that you can't turn off.

Which, of course, made me think of the Old Testament scripture from 1 Kings, when Elijah discovered that God wasn't in the heavy wind or the earthquake or the fire; He was in the tiny whispering sound after the fire. We all need to listen for the tiny sound. Most of us are not called to the Priesthood, but we are all called!

Pray for our Seminarians!
Sandra Betti

Helping Children Cope with Grief and Loss

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



Saturday, Sept 16, 2023

10:00 am—3:00 pm

Lunch provided

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Parish Hall

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.



*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
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

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
Thursday, Sept 21 ~ Planning meeting for Christmas Fair
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

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



Liturgical Ministers
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!

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

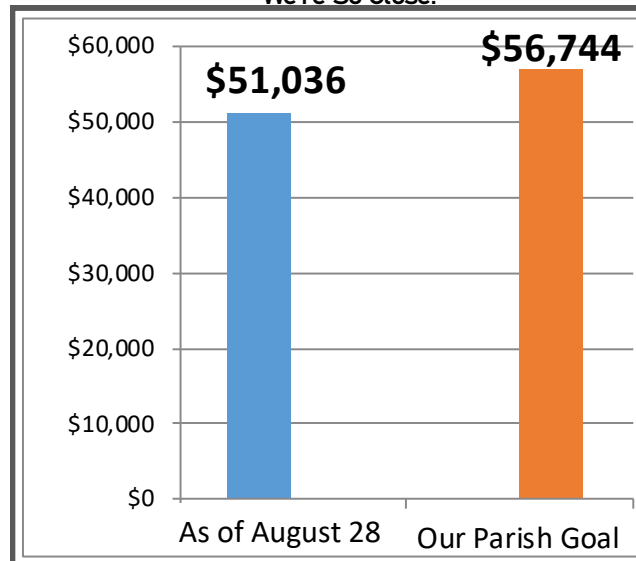
SAVE THE DATE!

As you may have noticed, we have resumed the
announcements before Mass! If your ministry group
has an event or important information to be
announced, please see the following guidelines:

- Announcements must be brief, 1-2 sentences only:
what, when, and where. Details like why we're
doing this and who to contact should be in the
Bulletin. Be sure your event is also in the Bulletin!
- Announcements will not be repeated week to week,
except under certain circumstances.
- Announcements should only be for events and
information that affect the majority of the Parish.
- Please submit your announcement request in
writing either by email to sandra@stpatssonora.org,
or leave a note in the Parish Office. Fr. Suresh has
the final approval on all announcements.

Thank you!

Bishop's Ministry Appeal Update We're So Close!



SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Mass for the
Intentions of the Week*

Saturday September 2 ~ Sunday September 10

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 Raul Gamboa †

Monday 8:00 am **Communion Service**

Tuesday 8:00 am Christine Condor †

Dolores Verceles †

Wednesday 8:00 am Mitch Woods †

Keith Koefed †

Thursday 8:00 am Theresa Woods (*Healing*)

Friday 8:00 am The Stevenson Family

Saturday

OLMC 4:00 pm *No Intentions*

Sunday 7:30 am Sam DeFaria †

Carmella Peller †

9:00 am Tete Arellano †

Ruby Mercado †

11:00 am The Victims of 9-11-01 †

1:00 pm *No Intentions*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday September 4 ~ Sunday September 10

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13;
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday September 4 ~ Saturday September 9

Sunday: The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Peter Claver

On Evangelization:

"We must speak to them with our **hands** by **giving**,
before we try to speak to them with our lips."



*St. Peter Claver, 1580-1654
Patron Saint of Missionaries*

† Ordinary Time †

Weekly Offerings



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, your willing spirit, and a dish to share!



Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	8-6-23 Week 32	8-13-23 Week 33	8-20-23 Week 34	8-27-23 Week 35	Aug Totals to Date
General Offerings					
St. Pat's	\$6,075	\$5,752	\$4,868	\$4,700	\$21,395
OLMC	\$515	\$1,350	\$860	\$780	\$3,505
E-giving	\$1,870	\$785	\$500	\$830	\$3,985
Total	\$8,460	\$7,887	\$6,228	\$6,310	\$28,885
LAST YEAR	\$8,500	\$7,459	\$5,739	\$6,369	\$28,067
Maintenance Offering					
St. Pat's	\$642	\$500	\$130	\$180	\$1,452
OLMC	\$78	\$0	\$0	\$35	\$113
Total	\$720	\$500	\$130	\$215	\$1,565
Second Collection for Maui Relief Efforts: St. Pat's \$1,197; OLMC \$145 Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!					

Next Sunday's Gospel:
**Forgiveness within the
 Authority of the Church**

Jesus said to His disciples,
 "Whatever you bind on earth
 shall be bound in heaven, and
 whatever you loose on earth
 shall be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 18:18

About the artwork:

*The lamb in this modern
 abstract piece walks through a
 multicolored canvas with a
 cross above his head, and a
 single drop of blood from his
 cheek. The gorgeous plethora
 of oil colors in this painting
 reflect the beauty in the gift of
 forgiveness.*



*The Lamb, 1920
 Paul Klee, 1879-1940*

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St. Patrick's Parish Communications

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 or comments, please
 email our
 Communications
 Coordinator
 Kary Hubbard
 at kary@stpatssonora.org

