

**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 - 6:45 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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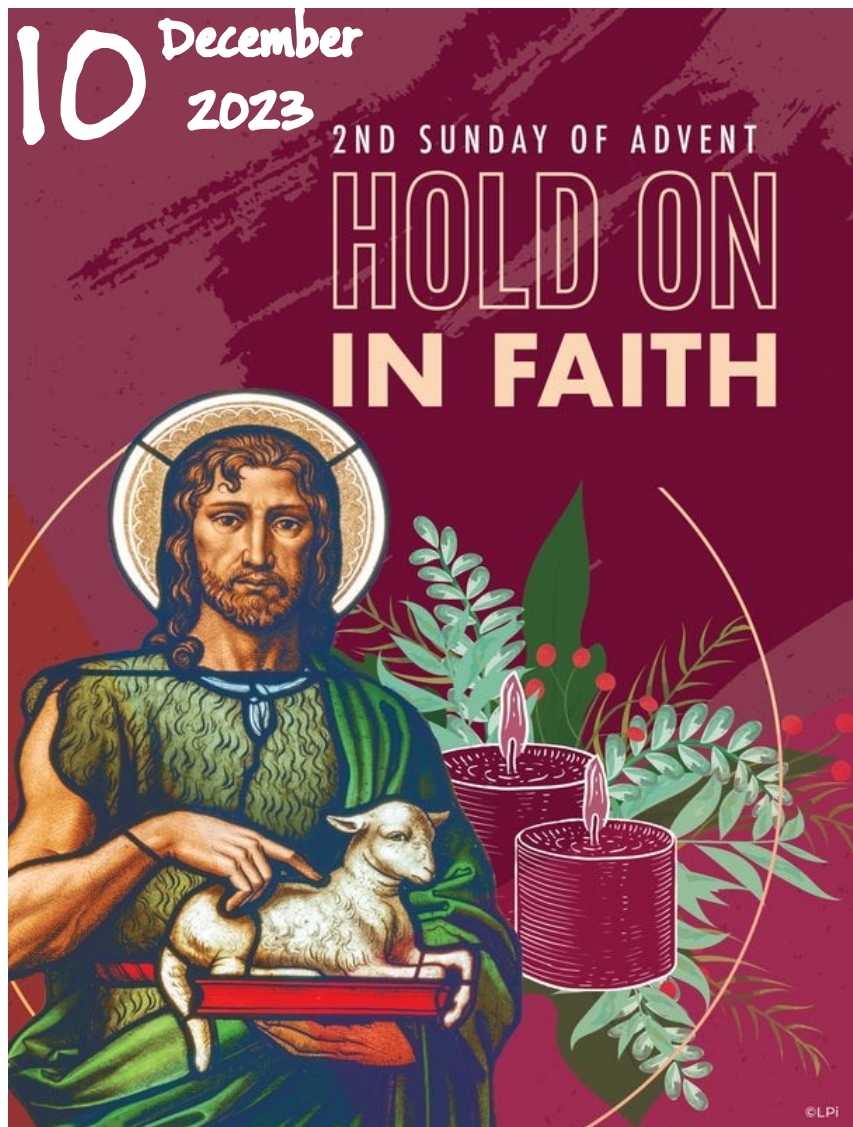
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The Good News

... in our Parish



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!



Bishop's Reflection ~ December 2023

Reflexión del Obispo ~ Diciembre 2023

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas:

The Advent Season and the light that it brings begs us to turn to God for his consolation, and it challenges us to comfort others "who are in trouble." This recommendation of St. Paul to the Corinthians is also meant for us, especially during this holy season of expectation and hope. With Advent, we begin a new liturgical year, and one of the clarion proclamations, expressed in word and song is: "Comfort, comfort My people." Is. 40:1

El tiempo de Adviento y la luz que trae, nos ruega que nos volvamos a Dios en busca de su consuelo, y nos desafía a consolar a otros "que están en tribulaciones". Esta recomendación de San Pablo a los Corintios también está destinada a nosotros, especialmente durante este tiempo santo de espera y esperanza. Con el Adviento, comenzamos un nuevo año litúrgico, y una de las proclamaciones de clarín, expresada en palabras y cantos es: "Consuela, consuela a Mi pueblo". Isaías 40:1

This heavenly consolation and comfort begins with a God who loves and is concerned with our well-being: "the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies." It is in the Person of the Messiah, Jesus, that we have received: Light, consolation, and hope. As we embrace this truth, we must persevere in knowing that the Father comforts us in all of our afflictions as he did with his Son, Jesus. Even during Jesus' terrible passion and death, in the midst of experiencing the darkness of abandonment, Jesus persevered and trusted his merciful Father.

Este consuelo celestial comienza con un Dios que ama y se preocupa por nuestro bienestar: "el Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Padre de las misericordias". Es en la Persona del Mesías, Jesús, que hemos recibido: Luz, consuelo y esperanza. Al abrazar esta verdad, debemos perseverar en saber que el Padre nos consuela en todas nuestras aflicciones como lo hizo con su Hijo Jesús. Incluso durante la terrible pasión y muerte de Jesús, en medio de la experiencia de la oscuridad del abandono, Jesús perseveró y confió en su Padre misericordioso.

During these uncertain times of wars and violence, hatred, lawlessness, and division, in the midst of all of this, we, too, can experience an oppressive sense of abandonment. It is a darkness that can settle over us in order to disillusion and rob us of hope. But we must be reassured that God, the Father of Mercies, has not abandoned us.

Durante estos tiempos inciertos de guerras y violencia, odio, anarquía y división, en medio de todo esto, nosotros también podemos experimentar una sensación opresiva de abandono. Es una oscuridad que puede instalarse sobre nosotros para desilusionarnos y robarnos la esperanza. Pero debemos estar seguros de que Dios, el Padre de las Misericordias, no nos ha abandonado.

We, during this Advent season, need to be a people of hope. Once we are secure in hope, then we can be true instruments of encouragement and consolation to our brothers and sisters who are fearful and who are struggling in this life. As we share and unite our afflictions to those of Christ, so in Christ we will "share abundantly in his consolation."

Nosotros, durante este tiempo de Adviento, necesitamos ser un pueblo de esperanza. Una vez que estamos seguros en la esperanza, entonces podemos ser verdaderos instrumentos de aliento y consuelo para nuestros hermanos y hermanas que tienen miedo y que están luchando en esta vida. A medida que compartimos y unimos nuestras aflicciones a las de Cristo, así en Cristo, "participaremos abundantemente en su consolación".

May the holy season of Light, consolation and comfort prepare, strengthen, and illuminate our minds and hearts as we await the Coming of Jesus. During this Advent and Christmas Season let us welcome Him, He who is Comfort, who was sent by the Father-Emmanuel! "Let us be comforted!" "Let us embrace the Light!"

Que el tiempo santo de Luz, consolación y consuelo, el Adviento, prepare, fortalezca e ilumine nuestras mentes y corazones mientras esperamos la Venida de Jesús. Durante este tiempo de Adviento y Navidad, ¡acójámonos a Él, que es el Consuelo, que fue enviado por el Padre-Emmanuel! "¡Dejémonos consolar!" "¡Abracemos la Luz!"

In the Peace of Christ,
Bishop Cotta

En la paz de Cristo,
Obispo Cotta

DECEMBER 10, 2023

This Week in our Parish

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday 12/11 ~ Communion Service

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

Tuesday 12/12—Friday 12/15 ~ Daily Mass

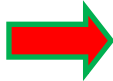
8:00 am, St. Patrick's Church, Sonora

Wednesday 12/13 ~ Adoration/Reconciliation

6:00 pm, St. Patrick's Church

Friday 12/15 ~ Christmas Concert!

3:00 pm, St. Patrick's Church

**Saturday 12/16 ~ Vigil Mass for 3rd Sunday in Advent**

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

Sunday 12/17 ~ Third Sunday in Advent

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



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 be 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.



Joy to the World

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23

4:00 pm ~ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Sunday, December 24

8:00 am ~ St. Patrick's

11:00 am (Bilingual) ~ St. Patrick's

Christmas Eve (Vigil)

Sunday, December 24

Family Mass, 4:30 pm ~ St. Patrick's

Evening Mass, 7:30 pm ~ St. Patrick's

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

9:00 am ~ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

8:00 am & 10:00 am ~ St. Patrick's

12:00 pm ~ St. Anne's

Feast of The Holy Family

Saturday, December 30 (Vigil)

4:00 pm ~ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Sunday, December 31

Regular Mass Schedule ~ St. Patrick's

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1

Mass 9:00 am ~ St. Patrick's



✠ 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



Children's Liturgy of the Word
takes place every Sunday at the
11:00 am Mass. All kids ages 4-9
are invited to come join the fun!

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH



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

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

*Linda Knapp
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.



Our Advent Giving Tree is located in the vestibule of St. Patrick's Church. Please take an ornament, and buy the gift as suggested on the ornament. Then bring it UNWRAPPED either back to the tree, or to the Parish Office by December 21. All gifts are then given to our friends at Foothill Pregnancy Center to distribute to those families and children in need.



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 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

(See previous page for Mass Schedule)

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!

Sunday, Jan 7 ~ Epiphany



If you missed your chance to buy one of our beautiful Christmas Baskets at the Christmas Fair, good news! There are still some left. They will be for sale after all Masses this Sunday, until we sell out. If you still need a gift for someone special, check out these amazing baskets before they're gone!

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.



*Mass for the
Intentions of the Week*

Saturday December 9 ~ Sunday December 17

Saturday

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 Jose Padilla †

Guadalupe Diaz †

Monday 8:00 am **Communion Service**

Tuesday 8:00 am Guadalupe Diaz †

Raul Gamboa †

Wednesday 8:00 am *No Intentions*

Thursday 8:00 am *No Intentions*

Friday 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory †

Jennie Gargotto (*Birthday*)

Saturday

OLMC 4:00 pm *No Intentions*

Sunday 7:30 am Anthony Sena †

Eriq James Wilson †

9:00 am Charlotte Dunne †

Deceased members of YLGI †

11:00 am Sharon Kay Doherty †

Souls in Purgatory †

1:00 pm Jose Padilla †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday December 11 ~ Sunday December 17

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is
61:10b)/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday December 10 ~ Saturday December 16

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Damasus I

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday: St. Lucy

Thursday: St. John of the Cross



Weekly Offerings



Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	12-23 Week 49		December Totals To Date
General Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$7,228	\$	\$7,228
OLMC	\$498	\$	\$498
E-giving	\$1,890	\$	\$1,890
Total	\$9,616	\$	\$9,616
LAST YEAR	\$11,001	\$	\$11,001
Maintenance Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$1,009	\$	\$1,009
OLMC	\$0	\$	\$0
Total	\$1,009	\$	\$1,009
Parish Services & Maintenance: St. Pat's \$1,000; OLMC \$72			
Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!			

Join us for "Soul Collage!"

This is a fun and intuitive way of exploring your life, deep self, and the Divine Spirit. You do not have to be artistic to create these simple and effective prayer cards. Bring old magazines, scissors, and an open heart. See where the Spirit is leading you!

Suggested Donation: \$5.00 for supplies.

Saturday, December 16

10:00 am—12:00 pm

St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Rm 1

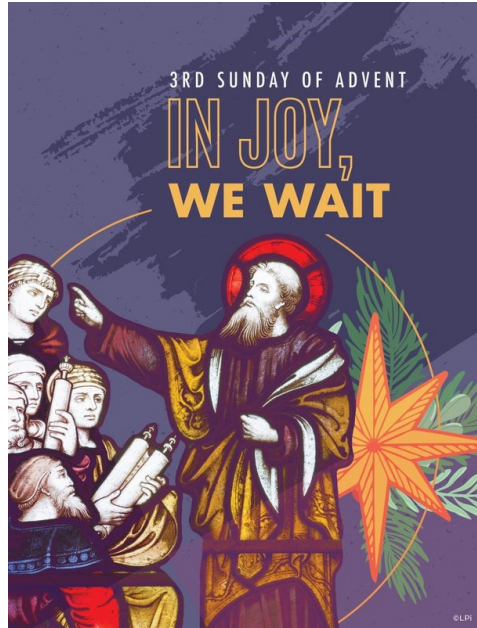
Connie Jacob, Facilitator



INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD,
we commend the soul of
Richard "Rick" Fox, Jr.

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

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!



John the Baptist said, “I am the voice
of one crying out in the desert,
‘Make straight the way of the Lord!’”



Visit our **Website** at **www.stpatssonora.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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