



**Sunday, August 2, 2015  
10th Sunday after Pentecost**

**External Solemnity of the Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen**

**Sun. 2 Aug. 10th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class, External Solemnity of the Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen,**

*Protomartyr, I Class*

8:30 am Mary Pope  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:00 pm Sabra Madonna

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**Mon. 3 Aug. Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen,**

*Protomartyr, I Class*

7:00 am Anita Maggazu  
12:15 pm Alexandria Leedy

**Tues. 4 Aug. St. Dominic, Confessor, III Class**

7:00 am Barbara Graichen  
6:30 pm †Gregory Nicholas

**Wed. 5 Aug. Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary**

*Major, III Class*

7:00 am Garry McKinstry  
12:15 pm †Ernesto Contreras

**Thurs. 6 Aug. Transfiguration of Our Lord, II Class**

7:00 am †George & †Edward Haun  
6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality

**Fri. 7 Aug. St. Cajetan, Confessor, III Class**

7:00 am Sherman & Fran Jones & Family  
12:15 pm Brendan McDonough  
6:30 pm John & Chris Pope

**Sat. 8 Aug. St. John Mary Vianney, Confessor, III Class**

7:00 am Fr. Perry—40th Anniversary  
9:00 am Patricia Becker

**Sun. 9 Aug. 11th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class**

8:30 am †Greg Nicholas  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:00 pm Megan Eckerman

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**Please Keep in Your Prayers ...**

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen, Richard Corbin, Renee Burns, Sue McGrath, Norman Sayles, Lorraine Peterson, Sandy Sneary, Di Giovanni Family, John Reyes, John Patrick Corr, Augustine Guzman, Patricia Becker, Luis Salazar, Marilyn Goyette

**...In Memoriam**

†Joan Blackburn, †Thomas Joseph Greco, †Bruce Perry, †Catherine Owen, †Gregory Nicholas, †Jeannemarie Crabtree, †Dr. George Alexeeff

**Important Upcoming Dates**

Aug. 2—Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen—Pig Roast & Square Dance  
Aug. 13—Fatima Procession  
Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Masses 7:00 am & 10:30 am  
Sept. 14-24—Historic Spain FSSP Pilgrimage  
Oct. 3—G.K.Chesterton: Live w/Dale Ahlquist & Chuck Chalberg

**Communion, the Remedy For Our Sadness**

We are tormented by a great sadness. It is fixed in the depths of our heart and will not be dislodged therefrom. There is no joy for us on the face of the earth that is not fleeting and that does not end in tears; there is none and can be none. This sorrow comes to us as an integral part of our heritage from Adam, through whose sin we are exiles from our native land and from our Father's house.

We feel this sadness most deeply when we are quite alone. It even frightens us at times. It is there within us, and whence it comes, we know not. People without faith grow discouraged, fall into despair, and prefer death to such a life. That is a terrible sin and a sign of reprobation.

What remedy, then, shall we Christians employ against this innate sadness? The practice of virtue and striving for Christian perfection? These are not enough. Trials and temptations will sometimes even enable this sadness to overcome us. And when it holds sway in our heart, we can say nothing, do nothing; we are overwhelmed by it, our strength is outdone. Even our Lord, in the Garden of Gethsemane, came near dying of sadness. And during the thirty-three years of His life, He felt its force. Gentle and good though He was, He was sorrowful; for He had taken our infirmities upon Himself. See how our Lord wept! The Gospel remarks it, but does not mention that He ever laughed. The saints, like their Master, passed their lives in sadness, a sadness, however, which they based on supernatural motives: their exiled state, the evil they saw about them, their inability to give to God the glory they would have liked.

A remedy, therefore, is necessary for this general evil. And this remedy consists in not remaining shut up in oneself or by oneself. Our sorrow must have an outlet lest it carry us away like a torrent. Beware, however, of seeking human consolation, confiding in a friend or a director. That will not meet your need; it will avail nothing, especially if God has sent an increase of sadness to test you. On the contrary, seeing that sympathy and fatherly advice have not chased away the clouds of gloom and restored their joy, people fall back into an even greater darkness; Satan takes advantage then of their state to lead them to distrust God; and one sees souls, even the purest and holiest, flee terror-stricken from God and from His voice as Adam did in paradise. Prayer itself can somewhat relieve our sadness but cannot give joy that is unalloyed or of long duration. Though our Lord prayed three hours in Gethsemane, yet His sorrow did not leave Him; He only received the strength to bear it. Likewise a good confession gives us a little peace; but the thought of having offended so good a God very quickly casts us down again. Then where is the true remedy?

- to be continued next week

(Excerpt from *Holy Communion* by Saint Peter Julian Eymard - available in the St. Stephen Book Store.)

**In the Cares and Difficulties  
Of Family Life**

If you are the father or mother of a family, you ought to conform your will to God's with regard to the number or sex of the children He pleases to give you. When men were animated by the spirit of faith they regarded a large family as a gift of God and a blessing from Heaven, and considered God more than themselves as the father of their children. But now that faith has weakened and people live isolated from God, or if they think of Him at all it is mostly to fear Him and hardly ever to have trust in His providence, they are reduced to bearing the burden of their families alone. And as a man's resources, however ample and assured they may seem, are always limited and uncertain, even those who are most favored by fortune view with dismay an increase in their family. They regard it as a kind of disaster which fills them with apprehension, an endless source of worry to poison their existence. How different it would be if we realized God's paternal treatment of those who submit to Him with filial trust! If we did so we should realize also what St. Paul meant when he said that God is able to make all grace abound in you, so that always having ample means, you may abound in every good work.

To obtain the help of Providence it should be your aim to cooperate, as it were, with the Fatherhood of God and bring up your children as He would wish them brought up, especially by showing them good example. Have the courage to lay aside all other ambition and let this be the only object of your care and desire. Then, whatever the number of your children, you can rest assured that their heavenly Father will provide for them. He will watch over them and dispose all things for their happiness and welfare, and the more unreservedly you entrust their future to His hands, the greater will be His loving care for them.

Avoid worrying, then, about anything else for your children except whatever may contribute to bringing them up virtuously. For the rest, having entrusted them to God try to see what His will for them is, to help them along the path in life He has chosen for them. Never be afraid of relying too much on Him, but rather seek always to increase your trust more and more, for this is the most pleasing homage you can pay Him and it will be the measure of the graces you will receive. Little or much will be given you according as you have expected little or much.

(*Trustful Surrender to Divine Providence* by Fr. Jean Baptiste Saint-Jure, S.J.)

**Confirmation Classes**

Confirmation classes will begin Sunday, September 13th at 12:30 pm. All children aged 12 by June 1, 2016 may be enrolled. Please pick up enrollment forms in parish office or bookstore. All forms, along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate must be turned in prior to the first class.

Adults who wish to be Confirmed should speak to one of the priests or leave their contact information in the office or bookstore and one of the priests will contact them.

**Today, we celebrate the External Solemnity of the Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen  
Our Patronal Feast  
Please join us for our celebration following Vespers.  
Pig Roast Square Dance  
Tickets after Masses and at the "door"**

**~Around the Parish~**

~ Congratulations to Joe & Angela Patch on the birth of their eighth child, Gregory Joseph Benedict Patch, and Romulo & Annie Baccay on the birth of their fifth child, Remi Madison, both children were baptized at St. Stephens on August 1st.

**Young Adult Silent Retreat**

*"Ordinary Means of Sanctification"*

August 27th—29th  
Led by: Fr. Kiefer, FSSP & Fr. Joseph Heffernan, FSSP  
Where: Federal Way, Washington  
For more information contact Molly Gallagher at mollygal107@gmail.com

**Historic 2015 National 54 Day Rosary Novena**

August 15 through October 7, 2015

Join hundreds of thousands of people of all ages in prayer across America. **Mark your calendars & spread the word.** A message of Hope in response to the spiritual crisis in our culture and nation.

**What:** Pray the rosary for 54 straight days for the Novena Intentions—27 days in *petition* from August 15—September 10, 2015. 27 days in *thanksgiving* from September 11 through October 7, 2015.

**Where:** Pray the rosary individually or as a family in your home or as part of your parish.

**Primary Novena Intention:** "For the Family & Marriage" including for peace, human life and religious freedom. Visit the website for more information [www.54days.org](http://www.54days.org)  
A Hearts United Campaign of the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate.

**Lost & Found**

A ring has been found in the children's playground area (please inquire in office or bookstore)

Please check the table for clothing items which may belong to you. Every few weeks unclaimed items are taken to St. Patrick's Thrift Store.

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*Mother of Perpetual Help! Thank you for all the Blessings for our Family!*

**~ Summer Dress Code ~**

Please recall that everyone is expected to dress with modesty and in a way befitting the house of God. Our choice of clothing is an expression of our worship; it may also affect the ability of others to worship. Dress should conceal rather than reveal. There is a sign in the vestibule that gives more details regarding proper dress. It is further expected that modesty in dress be maintained on the church grounds at all times.

We do request that the correction of visitors in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.

*"Most Holy Mother of God, John & Julia and all of their family, humbly thank thee for thy most wonderful motherly protection."*



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**Mass Schedule**  
**Traditional Roman Rite**

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Low Mass  
10:30 a.m. High Mass  
1:00 p.m. Low Mass  
3:00 p.m. Vespers and Benediction

**Monday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Thursday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Days:** Please call the office or consult the bulletin or website

**Confessions**

One half hour before all Masses, and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

**Thursday:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

**Friday:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Saturday:** after 7:00 a.m. Mass to 8:45 a.m.—Holy Hour for Vocations

**First Friday:** Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass

**Sick Calls**

If anyone is in need of the Sacraments (i.e. homebound) please call the parish office. If it is an **emergency**, outside of office hours, dial (916) 455-5114, then press 1, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.

**Devotions**

**Rosary:** Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., and five minutes after many weekday Masses

Monday at 7:00 pm Rosary for World Peace

**Holy Face Novena:** 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday

**St. Monica Novena:** First Thursday of every month, after 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** after 6:30 p.m.

Mass every Tuesday

**Fatima Procession:** 13th of the month May to October

**New to St. Stephen's?**

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

**Envelopes and On-Line Giving**

Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping, please pick them up in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

For on-line giving go to the parish website:

[www.sacfssp.com](http://www.sacfssp.com)

**St. Bernadette Fund—to aid parishioners in need! Donations may be made on-line.**

**Parish Swap**

Do you have items you no longer need? List them by contacting Rose-Mary at [ParishSwap@gmail.com](mailto:ParishSwap@gmail.com)

View available items by clicking on the "links" button on the front page of [www.sacfssp.com](http://www.sacfssp.com)