



Sunday, July 31, 2016
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sun. 31 July	11th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:30 am	Gratitude to St. Stephen Families
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:00 pm	†Fr. Patrick Lee
3:00 pm	Vespers & Benediction
Mon. 1 Aug.	St. Peter in Chains, Apostle, III Class
7:00 am	†Donald Sleight
12:15 pm	Marilyn Bennet
Tues. 2 Aug.	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III Class
7:00 am	†Gregory Nicholas
6:30 pm	Mike Farnham
Wed. 3 Aug.	Finding of the Body of St. Stephen, I Class
7:00 am	F.S.S.P.
12:15 pm	†Mana Nguyen Lam
Thurs. 4 Aug.	St. Dominic, Confessor, III Class
7:00 am	Rosa Mystica Confirmation Girls
6:30 pm	St. Monica Sodality
Fri. 5 Aug.	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, III Class
7:00 am	St. Charles Borromeo Priests
12:15 pm	Souls in Purgatory
6:30 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sat. 6 Aug.	Transfiguration of Our Lord, II Class
7:00 am	†George & †Edward Haun
9:00 am	†Gregory Nicholas
Sun. 7 Aug.	12th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
	External Solemnity of The Finding of the Body of St. Stephen, I Class
8:00 am	†Gregory Nicholas
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	For the Sacredness of the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony
3:00 pm	Vespers & Benediction

...In Memoriam

†Edward Coleman, †Marilyn Goyette, †Gilbert Perry
†Ruth Rodgers, †Concepcion Cristi, †Mary Gilbert,
†Mary Foose, †William Munsill, †Richard Corbin,
†Mikyla Pina Mutuc, †Joseph Michael Jaeger
†Jerry Risse, †Anne Cummings, †Joe S. Villegas,
†Lena G. Villegas, †William Philkill, †, Fr. Carota

Important Upcoming Dates

Aug. 7—Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen - Pig Roast & Square Dance—**HIGH MASS—1:30 PM**
Aug. 8—Feast of St. John Vianney
Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sept. 3—Girls Group meet
Sept. 11— Confirmation Classes Begin
Sept. 5-14—CSP Pilgrimage to Ireland
Sept. 17—Altar Guild
Oct. 7—Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
Oct. 18—28th Anniversary of the FSSP
Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party

Bear Ye One Another’s Burdens

Everyone has some burden, more or less heavy, to bear; physical or moral weakness, the press of duties and responsibilities, fatigue or other troubles which weigh on his shoulders. Everyone feels the need of a friendly hand to help him carry this weight. This hand should be held out to him in fraternal charity, which for the love of God, knows how to be all things to all men. “Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so you shall fulfill the law of Christ,” St. Paul exhorts us. A Christian knows that he is not isolated, but is a member of a unique body, the Mystical Body of Christ. “So we being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.” This knowledge of his solidarity with the brethren makes a Christian live, not enclosed in the tiny circle of his own interests, but with his heart open to the needs and interests of others. The mystery of our incorporation in Christ is more than an individual fact; by its very nature, it is a social fact. Incorporation in Christ by grace and charity connotes reciprocal incorporation among brethren, like the branches of a vine, which, sprung from the same stock, are so closely united one to another that they live, grow and develop together. Love for Christ is the vital expression of our union with Him; the closer this union becomes, the more our love increases; so too, fraternal charity is the vital expression of our reciprocal union with the brethren in Christ, to such a point that if this charity were not living and operative, we would have to say that our union in Christ and with Christ was very weak or even absolutely null.

If charity and grace unite us to Christ in such intimate and vital relations, it is evident that we must live this union, first with Him who is our Head, and then with our brethren, who like us have also been engrafted into Christ. Hence there will be a supernatural affection which will bind us to one another and make us one heart and one soul, ready to labor and suffer for one another, to help and sustain one another. “Rejoice with them that rejoice; weep with them that weep.” Thus the Apostle teaches us to share the joys and sorrows, the cares and anxieties of others as if they were our own. They are, in fact, or own, because they are the joys, sorrows, cares, and anxieties of that one Mystical Body of Christ to which we belong and which therefore, is *ours*. (taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

In a recent interview Pope Francis expressed his agreement with a German bishop on the need of the Catholic Church to apologize to individuals who suffer from same-sex attraction for the way the Church has treated them. In the heat of the interview the pope may have spoken without having given the matter due reflection. If anything, those who suffer from this disorder should be thanking the Church for having spoken the truth to them in love. The truth is (as explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church) that homosexual acts are “acts of grave depravity.” Those who engage in such acts risk the loss of their eternal souls. Even in this life they expose themselves to higher incidences of homicide, suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and the acquiring of various sexually transmitted diseases – anything but a “gay” lifestyle. While condemning any mistreatment of those who suffer in this way, the Church encourages them to live a chaste lifestyle, and by so doing sanctify themselves, avoid much misery in this life, and some day enter into eternal life. It is those who encourage, or in any way support, the homosexual lifestyle who should be doing the apologizing.

Registration for Confirmation Classes

Registration is open for Confirmation classes. Those who will be at least 12 years old by June 30, 2017 may enroll. Forms are available in the bookstore. In order to register you must bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate with you.

Classes will begin Sept. 11th at 12:30 pm in one of the classrooms. At least one parent for every child enrolled is asked to attend the first meeting.

Beginning **Sunday, August 7th**, the Sunday schedule of Masses will be slightly different. Masses will be at **8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m.** The main reason for this change is to allow a little more time for the parking lot to clear between Masses. Hopefully, this will alleviate, to some extent, our parking problem. Thank you for your patience if this change should cause you any inconvenience.

Registration Open
Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Rosa Mystica & Little Flowers

Registration is open for our girls groups. Sodality—ages 14—18, Rosa Mystica—ages 9—14, Little Flowers—ages 5—8. Please register as soon as possible as supplies must be ordered soon.

Registration forms are available in the bookstore.

Chant Camp for Children

Keven Smith, our parish choir director, will offer a chant camp for children ages 8 and up on the mornings of Wednesday, August 10 through Friday, August 12. The program will conclude with the children singing at the 12:15 Mass on August 12. Enrollment is open to parishioners and non-parishioners alike. Cost is \$25.00 for the 1st child and \$10.00 for each additional child in a family. For more information or to register, contact Keven at ksmith_writer@yahoo.com or 916-202-0187. You may also sign up in the bookstore. (Fee will be waived for hardship)

The Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen
Our Annual Pig Roast & Square Dance

Tickets are on sale for our Annual Pig Roast & Square Dance; \$25.00 for families and \$10.00 for singles. First to buy tickets — first called to eat!

We also need lots of help!

Contact person this year is Judy Kasak, 916-989-1086 or judikasak@gmail.com

The **High Mass** on this day **only** will be at 1:30 pm.

~ 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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

10:30 a.m. High Mass

1:30 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. and 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

CONFESSION

One half hour before all Masses

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

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. 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: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass
- Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays

Holy Face Novena:

5:30 p.m. every Tuesday

St. Monica Novena:

First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:

after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday

Fatima Procession:

13th of every month- May to October - following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on weekdays, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays, and the 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays

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.

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