

Sunday, August 16, 2015
12th Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 16 Aug. 12th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

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

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 17 Aug. St. Hyacinth, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Eleuterio Hernandez
 12:15 pm Ricardo Vitug

Tues. 18 Aug. St. Agapitus, Martyr, IV Class

7:00 am Jenny Tomasi
 6:30 pm Teodora Vitug

Wed. 19 Aug. St. John Eudes, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Valerie Puricelli
 12:15 pm Juanita Belleza

Thurs. 20 Aug. St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot & Doctor, III Class

7:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
 6:30 pm FSSP Priests

Fri. 21 Aug. St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Widow, III Class

7:00 am Darryl Gallagher
 12:15 pm Elizabeth Pierini
 6:30 pm Jane Frances Dugyon

Sat. 22 Aug. Immaculate Heart of Mary, II Class

7:00 am Marilyn Cozad
 9:00 am Allan & Vilma Guevarra & Family

Sun. 23 Aug. 13th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

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

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen, Richard Corbin, Renee Burns, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, Sandy Sneary, Di Giovanni Family, John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Marilyn Goyette

...In Memoriam

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

Important Upcoming Dates

Aug. 13—Fatima Procession
 Aug. 18—Chesterton Society Meeting
 Aug. 20—Conference on the Holy Mass
 Sept. 5—Girls groups begin
 Sept. 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sept. 14-24—Historic Spain FSSP Pilgrimage
 Oct. 3—G.K.Chesterton: Live w/Dale Ahlquist & Chuck Chalberg
 Oct. 18—27th Anniversary of FSSP

Communion, A Divine Education

In accordance with the honor which kingly majesty owes to itself, the education of a prince is placed in the care of some very learned, noble, and distinguished man. When the young prince is grown, the king himself will teach him the art of ruling men. He alone may teach him this art, because he alone practices it.

We Christians are all princes of Jesus Christ; we are of the blood royal. Our Lord confides the formation of our youth to His ministers, who tell us of God, explaining His nature and His attributes. They show Him to us, promise Him to us; but they can not make us feel Him or comprehend His goodness. So Jesus Christ Himself comes on the day of our First Communion to make us feel the hidden and inmost meaning of all the instructions we have received. What words and books were powerless to accomplish, Jesus Himself comes to do: to reveal Himself to the soul. This is assuredly the triumph of the Eucharist, that It molds the spiritual man, forms Jesus Christ within us. Our interior education will always be incomplete, unless it is the work of our Lord Himself.

So Jesus comes to us to teach us all truth. One who does not go to Communion has only a theoretical knowledge. He knows only terms for the most part, being ignorant of the things for which they stand. Jesus has not manifested Himself to him. Such a person may know the definition, the rule of a virtue, and the progressive stages necessary in its development; he does not know our Lord Himself. He is like the blind man of the Gospel who, before he knew our Lord, called Him a great prophet, a friend of God. But when Jesus Christ had revealed Himself to him, he saw God, fell at His feet, and adored Him.

The soul, likewise, which before Communion has had only an idea and knowledge of our Lord gained from books, sees and recognizes Him with rapture at the Holy Table. Our Lord is not truly made known to us excepting through Himself. We then learn the truth from living and substantial Truth. As the sun manifests itself by its own light, so Jesus Christ manifests Himself not by the light of reason, but by His own light. This intimate revelation impels the spirit to seek the hidden meaning of the mysteries, to sound the depths of the love and the goodness of God in His works. This knowledge is not like ordinary science, dry and sterile; it is sweet and full of affection; one knows and one feels at the same time; it is a knowledge which impels to love, inflames, urges to action. Through it, we enter into the heart of the mysteries; our adoration after Communion, moved by the grace of Communion, is not content to remain on the surface but sees, searches into, and contemplates the divine plan: "It searcheth the deep things of God."

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

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will begin Sunday, September 13th at 12:30 pm. All children age 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.

Charity is Not Selfish

Charity "seeketh not her own". Attention to the needs and sorrows of others, with a constant readiness to give one's help, is no justification for expecting a like return. "Do good, and lend, hoping for nothing thereby; and your reward shall be great, and you shall be the sons of the Highest; for He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil." "Charity does not give in order to receive; it gives without counting the cost and without measure, for it knows that the honor of serving and loving God in His creatures is ample reward. Charity loves, serves, gives, and spends itself lavishly, solely for the sake of loving and serving God in others, for the joy of imitating His infinite generosity, for the joy of feeling itself the child of the heavenly Father who bestows His favors upon all without distinction. What greater reward can there be than to be able to call ourselves, and to be in all truth, children of God! To enjoy this reward, charity seeks to fly from every earthly recompense and hides the good it does. "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doth." It seeks by preference to benefit those from whom it can expect nothing in return: "When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren. . .lest perhaps they also invite thee again and a recompense be made to thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind; and thou shalt be blessed, because they have not wherewith to make thee recompense." How the logic of the Gospel differs from the logic of human calculations!

"O eternal god, the soul who truly loves You spends itself for its neighbor and cannot do otherwise, for its love for You and its of neighbor are one and the same thing; the more the soul loves its neighbor, because love of neighbor has its source in You." ~ St. Catherine of Siena

(Taken from *Divine Intimacy*)

Reminder— Chesterton Society Meeting: August 18 at 7:30pm

We are continuing with the book: *Heretics*
 Read Chapters 11 & 12
 Also: Fr. Brown: *The Man With Two Beards*
 Go to: <http://www.sacfssp.com/>
 For online book and Fr. Brown stories
 All are welcome!

~Around the Parish~

~ **Happy Birthday** to Fr. Perry—August 20!
 ~ **Congratulations** to Romel James Baccay on the occasion of his Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation on August 8th
 ~ **Congratulations** to Anthony & Sarah Long on the birth of their first child, Xavier Keaton. Xavier was baptized at St. Stephens on August 15th.

High School Youth Group

Beginning Friday, September 11, our High School Youth Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Meeting begins with the 6:30 pm Mass followed by a dinner, theological talk and group discussion, and games. Service projects and other social events will be included. Parents will be needed as volunteers. Contact Fr. Akers for more information.



An Explanation of the Mass August 20, 2015

This evening is the third in a series of talks explaining the Holy Mass. Don't miss out on the spiritual benefits of our Evening of Recollection on Thursday, August 20, beginning with Holy Mass at 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the Confraternity of St. Peter. Everyone is welcome!

Girls' Groups Sign-Up

It's time to sign your daughters up for Sodality, Rosa Mystica or Little Flowers. Registration forms are available in the office or bookstore. Please get them in right away as supplies need to be ordered.

Space is limited, so please get your registration forms in as soon as possible.

Confraternity Prayer for Priests

V. Remember, O Lord, Thy congregation.
 R. Which Thou hast possessed from the beginning.
 Let us pray.
 O Lord Jesus, born to give testimony to the Truth, Thou who lovest unto the end those whom Thou hast chosen, kindly hear our prayers for our pastors. Thou who knowest all things, knowest that they love Thee and can do all things in Thee who strengthens them. Sanctify them in Truth. Pour into them, we beseech Thee, the Spirit whom Thou didst give to Thy apostles, who would make them, in all things, like unto Thee. Receive the homage of love which they offer up to Thee, who hast graciously received the threefold confession of Peter. And so that a pure oblation may everywhere be offered without ceasing unto the Most Holy Trinity, graciously enrich their number and keep them in Thy love, who art one with the Father and the Holy Ghost, to whom be glory and honor forever. Amen.

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~ 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

Ask about Placing your advertisement, or personal anniversary, birthday, or other message here.

916-455-5114

Confraternity of St. Peter 2015 Pilgrimage

Historic pilgrimage to Spain & the Rock of Gibraltar, in the quincentenary year of St. Teresa of Avila's birth! By traveling back to the days of the great Spanish mystics—Sts. Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross, Catholic monarchs—King St. Fernando III & Queen Isabella (Servant of God), and the wondrous events of the consecration of Europe to Our Lady on the Rock of Gibraltar. Join Fr. James Fryar, FSSP, Chaplain of the Confraternity of St. Peter on September 14—September 24, 2015. For more information call Tish at 916-223-3112 or visit the website www.syversentouring.com/confraternity.

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

"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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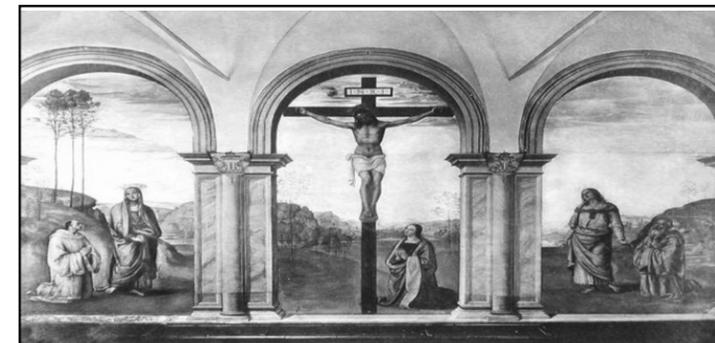


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Devotions

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

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.

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

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
View available items by clicking on the "links" button on the front page of www.sacfssp.com