

Sunday, August 30, 2015
14th Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 30 Aug. 14th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

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

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 31 Aug. St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Suffering Souls in Purgatory
 12:15 pm Zepata Family

Tues. 1 Sept. Feria, IV Class

7:00 am Colleen Holbrook
 6:30 pm Francis Dugyon

Wed. 2 Sept. St. Stephen of Hungary, King & Confessor, IV Class

7:00 am Paulo Dichosa
 12:15 pm †Jeanne Marie Crabtree

Thurs. 3 Sept. St. Pius X, Pope & Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Joseph Magobo
 6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality

Fri. 4 Sept. Sacred Heart of Jesus (1st Friday), III Class

7:00 am †Greg Nicholas
 12:15 pm †Elisa D. Cuanan
 6:30 pm Brendan McDonough

Sat. 5 Sept. St. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop & Confessor, III Class

7:00 am FSSP Priests
 9:00 am Bennett Family, living & deceased

Sun. 6 Sept. 15th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

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

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,
 Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar

...In Memoriam

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

Important Upcoming Dates

Sept. 5—Sodality, Rosa Mystica & Little Flowers
 Sept. 10—Children's Music Classes begin
 Sept. 13—Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession
 Sept. 14-24—Historic Spain FSSP Pilgrimage
 Sept. 15—Chesterton Society Meeting
 Sept. 17—Conference on the Holy Mass
 Oct. 3—G.K.Chesterton: Live w/Dale Ahlquist & Chuck Chalberg
 Oct. 18—27th Anniversary of FSSP
 Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party
 March 13—Confirmation

He is Mine, I am His

To possess Jesus and be possessed by Him, that is love in its highest manifestation; that is the life of union between the soul and Jesus, which is nourished reciprocally by the gift of each one to the other. The Beloved in the Blessed Sacrament belongs wholly to me by the entire and perfect, personal and perpetual gift of Himself. I must belong to Him in the same manner.

In all the other mysteries, by all His graces, Jesus gives us something: His grace, His merits, His example. In Holy Communion He gives Himself entire. He gives Himself in His two natures together with the graces and merits of all the states through which He has passed. What a gift! "He gives all who keeps nothing for Himself." Is not this the Eucharistic gift? Whence could the thought have come to our Lord to give Himself thus but from His Heart, burning with a boundless love for man? O Heart of Jesus, infinitely generous Heart, be Thou praised and blessed forever!

Jesus, Who loves each one of us in particular, gives Himself to each one. Love that is general little moves us. But we can not resist a love that is shown to us personally. That God loved the world is very beautiful; but that He loves me, myself, tells me so, and, to convince me, gives Himself to me, that is the triumph of His love. For Jesus comes for me; I might say He comes for me alone. I am the object of this mystery of infinite power and love which is being enacted on the holy altar; for it aims at me, is perfected in me. O love, what shall I give in return? That I, poor creature that I am, should occupy thus the thought of Jesus Christ! That I should be the goal of His love! Oh, live and reign in me, my God! I will not that Thou shouldst have loved me in vain!

This magnificent gift is not subject to recall but is ours forever. Happiness that must some day come to an end is shadowed always by fear or sorrow. Heaven, if it were not everlasting, would no longer be heaven. Its happiness would no more be unalloyed. But the Eucharist is a perpetual gift which will last as long as the love that inspired it. I have a definite promise of that. Whatever vicissitudes occur, Jesus Hostia will close the procession of the centuries and be with His Church until the end of the world.

What happiness is mine to have Jesus in my company, in my possession and ownership! No one can take Him from me. I find Him everywhere; like the sun, He gives light and life to all. Companion in my exile, Bread of my pilgrimage, He will go with me and sustain me till I reach the haven of salvation. Oh, sweet exile! Happy journey made with Jesus to accompany me!

(Taken from *Holy Communion* by St. Peter Julian Eymard)

Pasties on Sale Today!
Chesterton Society

Once again, our team of "seasoned" cooks from The Sacramento Chesterton Society has been at work making fresh Cornish Pasties this week. They will be on sale after all the Masses today. Pick up a dozen for your freezer as well! We also have hot Peet's Coffee for sale.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes begin 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.

Confirmation will take place on March 13, 2016.

Courage

The more a soul loves God, the more courageous it will be in undertaking any work, no matter how laborious, for love of Him. Fear of fatigue, of suffering, and of danger, is the greatest enemy of fortitude; it paralyzes the soul and makes it recoil before duty. Courage, on the contrary, is invigorating; it enables us to confront anything in order to be faithful to God. Courage, therefore, incites us to embrace death itself, if necessary, rather than be unfaithful to duty. Martyrdom is the supreme act of Christian fortitude, an act which is not asked of all, yet one which it is well not to ignore as a possibility. Every Christian is, so to speak, a potential martyr, in the sense that the virtue of fortitude, infused into him at Baptism and Confirmation, makes him capable, if necessity requires it, of sacrificing even his life for the love of God. And if all Christians are not actually called upon to render to the Lord this supreme testimony of love, all should, nevertheless, live like courageous soldiers, accustoming themselves never to desert any duty, little or great, through fear of sacrifice.

It is true that the virtue of fortitude does not exempt us from the fear and alarm which invade our nature when faced with sacrifice, danger, or above all, the imminent danger of death. But fortitude, like all the other virtues, is exercised by the will; hence, it is possible to perform courageous acts in spite of our fear. In these cases, courage has a twofold function: it conquers fear and faces the difficult task. Such was the supreme act of fortitude Jesus made in the Garden of Olives when He accepted to drink the bitter chalice of His Passion, in spite of the repugnance of His human nature. It is by uniting ourselves to this act of our Savior that we shall find strength to embrace all that is painful in our lives.

(Taken from *Divine Intimacy*)

~Around the Parish~

~ **MUSIC CLASS FOR AGES 4-7.** Mr. Keven Smith, our parish choir director, will be offering an introductory music class this school year for ages 4-7. Each lesson will use fun songs, stories, and movements to help spark children's confidence with, and love for, music. The class will meet on Thursday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:00. To learn more or sign up, please email Keven at ksmith_writer@yahoo.com.

~**Congratulations** to Joe & Marissa Cristi on the birth of their second child, Willow Magdalene. Willow was baptized at St. Stephens on August 23rd.

~**Congratulation** to George & Chrissie Wing on the birth of their second child, Bridget Marie. Bridget was baptized at St. Stephens on August 29th.

First Friday and First Saturday

We encourage everyone in the parish who has made his First Communion to also make the First Friday and First Saturday devotions. The First Friday devotion consists in receiving Holy Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The First Saturday devotion consists of going to Confession, receiving Holy Communion, praying a Rosary, spending 15 minutes in meditation on one or more of the mysteries of the Rosary, and doing all of this in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the first Saturday of five consecutive months. In return, all graces necessary for salvation will be granted to those who complete one or the other.

Is not the promise of eternal life worth such relatively little effort? What Catholic parent who loves his children would not want to help them to obtain such a great grace?

If the same grace of salvation can be obtained by performing one of the devotions, why perform both? First of all, those who love both Jesus and Mary want to make reparation to both. Secondly, many other graces are obtained by performing these devotions—graces that extend to the whole world. The performance of the First Saturday devotion, for example, together with the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart, is necessary to bring about the conversion of that nation and the era of peace.

Some people try to fulfill Our Lord's and Our Lady's requests on every First Friday and First Saturday. By so doing, not only do they make reparation for their own sins, but for the sins of many others. In this way they help to obtain the conversion of sinners—people who would otherwise be lost.

Friday and Saturday of this week (Sept. 4 and 5) are the first of the month. If you haven't yet completed these devotions, begin now to obtain these valuable graces for yourself, your family and the entire world.

The Pastor

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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.

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

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!



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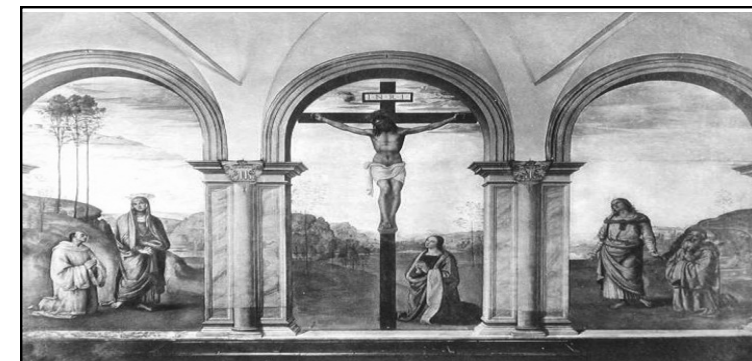
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Mass Schedule
Traditional Roman Rite

- 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

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