

Sunday, September 27, 2015
18th Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 27 Sept. 18th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am †Gregory Nicholas
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Jason Turner

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 28 Sept. St. Wenceslaus, Duke & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am †Ignacio Costales
 12:15 pm Hagen Lendewig & Emily Desrochers

Tues. 29 Sept. Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel, I Class

7:00 am Ms. Katy Jackson & Family
 7:00 pm Brendan McDonough

Wed. 30 Sept. St. Jerome, Priest, Confessor & Doctor, III Class

7:00 am †Gregory Nicholas
 12:15 pm Mrs. Rise Brennan & Family

Thurs. 1 Oct. Feria, IV Class

7:00 am †Trespolo Paranaque
 6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality

Fri. 2 Oct. Holy Guardian Angels, III Class

7:00 am Emiline Johnson
 12:15 pm †Jesus & Teresa Alatorre
 6:30 pm Mike Solton

Sat. 3 Oct. St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus, Virgin, III Class

7:00 am †Julia Costales
 9:00 am Meauze Family Living & Deceased

Sun. 4 Oct. 19th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am †Gregory Nicholas
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Rose Wedinsky

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

...In Memoriam

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

Important Upcoming Dates

Sept. 29—Feast of St. Michael Archangel
 Oct. 3—G.K.Chesterton: Live w/Dale Ahlquist & Chuck Chalberg
 Oct. 13—Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession
 Oct. 18—27th Anniversary of FSSP
 Oct. 25—Christ the King
 Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party
 Nov. 26—Thanksgiving
 Jan. 23—West Coast Walk for Life
 March 13—Confirmation
 May 7—First Holy Communion

Our Meeting With the Holy Spirit

Considering the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the beatitudes which are their fruits, we arrive at a better understanding of the marvelous riches God has bestowed upon us. Every Christian possesses these gifts from the day of his Baptism; hence, there is no temerity in the desire that they attain their full maturity in us, so that our soul may be completely invaded by the action of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, by this desire, we respond to a like desire on the part of God, who has given us these gifts that we may be moved and directed by His Spirit, “for whosoever are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” And if we desire to be true children of God, does not our heavenly Father, who for this very purpose created us and raised us to the state of grace, desire it infinitely more?

Let us, then, nourish great desires in our souls. It is not too much, it is not rash, it is not presumptuous: God wills it. This is the will of God, your sanctification! If, however, our desires are to be effective, we must apply ourselves with ever-increasing generosity to dispose our soul for the action of the Holy Spirit. Let us be persuaded that before we can *experience* God and His divine union, the divine Paraclete must accomplish in us a work of thorough purification, for, as the green wood cannot be penetrated by the fire unless it is first dried and freed of all moisture, neither can our soul be invaded and transformed by the fire of divine love if it is not first purified of all its imperfections. Let us then prepare ourselves to undergo this indispensable purification courageously; or rather, let us try ourselves to anticipate it by mercilessly cutting all the ties which still bind us to earth, especially those which attach us to our self-love, our pride. “O humility, humility!...” exclaims St. Teresa of Jesus, “it is the lack of this...which prevents us from making progress, for the foundation of the whole [spiritual] edifice is humility, and, if you have not true humility, the Lord will not raise it very high for it lacks solidity.”

Generosity, detachment, and humility, must be united to fervent prayer to implore the action of the Holy Spirit. Let us send our supplications up to Him in the words of the Church: *Veni Creator Spiritus . . . Come, Creator Spirit.*

(taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

This week we celebrate both the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, as well as the feast of the Guardian Angels. In Old Testament times, St. Michael was the special protector of Israel, God’s chosen people. He’s still the protector of God’s chosen people today; but now, the chosen people are all those who are members of the Church. Hopefully, we call upon him often to protect us and Holy Mother Church from the assaults of the devil. **This Tuesday, Sept. 29th, is the feast of St. Michael. We will celebrate it with a Solemn Mass at 7 p.m.**

This Friday (the first of the month), Oct. 2nd, is the feast of the Guardian Angels. We all have a Guardian Angel who loves us dearly. He is our constant companion in this life, and we hope to enjoy his company in the life to come. He helps us both spiritually and materially. He would help us even more if we were more attentive to him. Hopefully, we have the habit of praying often to him throughout our day.

We hope that many will come to Mass on these two days to honor St. Michael and the Guardian Angels, and to thank God for having given us such powerful protectors.

West Coast Walk for Life

Save the Date, January 23, 2016, 12th Annual Walk for Life West Coast. Bus seat ticket information, call Mike & Kathleen DeSantis 916-204-9125 or 916-335-4553

Self—Defense Class

Mr. Frank Mudd is offering a class in self-defense on Tuesdays from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. The class is held in the parish gym. All boys from the 7th to the 12th grades are invited to attend.

For more information call Mrs. Liz Hernandez at 916-362-5285

40 Days For Life

September 23-November 1

All are asked to be generous with their time, and to come spend just one hour as often as you like! Your presence at an abortion site speaks powerfully of your commitment to the unborn. By God’s grace and through the power of prayer 10,331 babies have been saved from abortion, 118 abortion workers have experienced conversion of heart and quit their jobs, and 60 abortion centers have closed down for good!

This life-saving, peaceful, prayerful apostolate will be at 1442 Ethan Way, Sacramento (across the street from Cal Expo), Monday through Friday 7 am—7 pm. We offer women help, compassionate support, and encouragement so that they are better able to choose life for their babies.

G.K. Chesterton—A Saint for Our Times?
October 3rd—St. Stephen’s Gym—6:00 pm

Dale Ahlquist, president of the American Chesterton Society, and America’s foremost expert on all things Chesterton, will give a talk on GK Chesterton and the cause for his canonization.

Dr. John “Chuck” Chalberg will be giving a dramatization of GK Chesterton. We will have a taste of these two men, live, as seen on EWTN’s “The Apostle of Common Sense.” This is a very special opportunity that you do not want to miss!

The Sacramento Chesterton Society will provide light refreshments afterwards, during a Q & A session with Dale and Chuck.

Admission—Free-will offerings gratefully accepted at the door to defer costs!

All Saints Eve—Donations and Help Needed
Saturday, October 31st

Please help us to celebrate the Communion of Saints by making a **donation of candy and cash.** This is an evening for everyone—young and old alike.

Would you be interested in running a game or snack booth? What fun it is to give treats to miniature St. Therese or St. John Bosco!

Envelopes for **donations** and sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule.

For more information or to help please call Marisol at 916-717-8908.

Rosary For World Peace

Every Monday at 7 pm at St. Stephen First Martyr Please join at <http://www.meetup.com/Rosary-For-World-Peace>. You don’t have to come every Monday to join!

Confraternity of St. Peter Ceremony

All members who have joined the Confraternity of St. Peter this past year are invited to a special ceremony on Sunday October 18th after the 10:30 am Mass. New members will recite the Confraternity prayer and receive a blessing at the Communion rail. All other members are encouraged to come and recite the prayer with the new members.

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, Paulette Brady, Joseph Michael Jaeger

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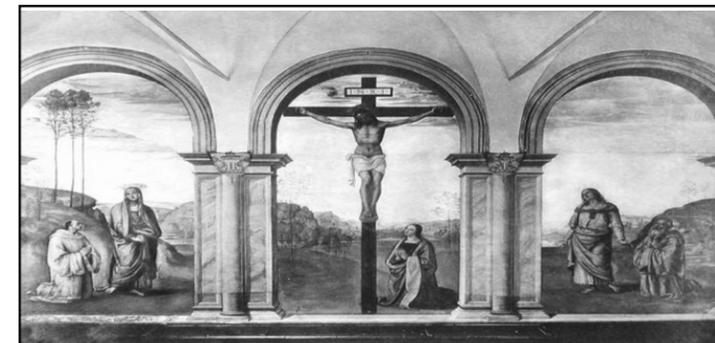
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for all the Blessings for our Family!*

*"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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Devotions

Rosary: Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., after the 1p.m. Mass 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
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