

Sunday, October 4, 2015
19th Sunday after Pentecost



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

Mon. 5 Oct. St. Placid & Companions, Martyrs, IV Class

7:00 am Joseph Bogaczyk
 12:15 pm Susan Bruns & Family

Tues. 6 Oct. St. Bruno, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Narceso Costales
 6:30 pm Mike Solton

Wed. 7 Oct. Our Lady of the Rosary, II Class

7:00 am Janet Glazer
 12:15 pm Raymond Alatorre & Family

Thurs. 8 Oct. St. Bridget of Sweden, Widow, III Class

7:00 am †Facundo Gonzalez
 6:30 pm †Martha Pentland

Fri. 9 Oct. St. John Leonardi, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Mark Gallagher
 12:15 pm †John Pentland
 6:30 pm †Ida Mae Ball

Sat. 10 Oct. St. Francis Borgia, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Margaret Ball
 9:00 am Brendan McDonough

Sun. 11 Oct. 20th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

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

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

Oct. 10—Explorer Kick Off Meeting
 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. 1—All Saints Day
 Nov. 2—All Souls Day
 Nov. 26—Thanksgiving
 Jan. 23—West Coast Walk for Life
 March 13—Confirmation
 May 7—First Holy Communion

Apostolic Prayer

If God has willed the distribution of grace in the world to depend upon the prayers of men, and if people today pray so little—many indeed, and perhaps most of them, not at all—it is extremely necessary to have in the Church souls who are totally consecrated to prayer. By their lives of continual prayer, adoration and unceasing praise to the Most High, these souls supply for the negligence and carelessness of many, and thus they re-establish in the world the balance between God’s rights and man’s duty, between action and contemplation. Praying and supplicating for all, they are in Christ’s Mystical Body the hidden but precious organs whose task is to make the sap of divine grace flow to each of its members. In the Church they are “powerhouses” of supernatural energy, energy derived from and accumulated by prayer, and diffused by it to the utmost bounds of the earth. The prayer of contemplatives is the secret and guarantee of victory for those who struggle in the world, even as the prayer of Moses was the secret and guarantee of victory for Israel. “My brothers labor in my stead,” wrote St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, “while I...stay close to the Throne, and love Thee for all those who are in the strife”; I love, that is, I pray, suffer and sacrifice for them.

The prayer which contemplatives unceasingly send up to God in the name of all Christians does not dispense the rest of the faithful from this great duty. Above all, those who dedicate themselves to the external apostolate should give sufficient place in their lives to prayer. But, unfortunately we often put more trust in our work, our diligence, our technique, than in our prayer; we have not enough faith in its efficacy, in the help which God will surely give those who invoke Him from their heart, and as a result, we consider wasted the time we give to prayer. This basic error springs from a lack of faith and humility; it is an error which explains the sterility of so many works. “Let those, then, who are great actives,” admonishes St. John of the Cross, “that think to girdle the world with their outward works and their preachings, take note here that they would bring far more profit to the Church, and be far more pleasing to God (apart from the good example they would give) if they spent even half of this time with God in prayer.” (taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

The feast of the Holy Rosary (this Wednesday, Oct. 7), as well as the last apparition of Our Lady at Fatima (Oct. 13), remind us of the importance of praying the Rosary. It would be of the greatest benefit to our parish – individually, and as a whole – if every member, from First Communion age on up, would pray the Rosary every day. The praying of the Rosary has won great battles, secured peace, and obtained countless individual graces. The Church has repeatedly promoted the praying of the Rosary – the most popular of all Marian devotions. Heaven itself has asked us to pray it. When? Most recently at Fatima - every time Our Lady appeared. I cannot emphasize the importance of the praying of the Rosary enough. It’s hard to imagine that there is someone who is so busy that he doesn’t have time during the day to pray a Rosary (and if he really is that busy, all the more reason to take the time to pray so he can complete all of his work). What prevents us? Spiritual laziness. If you do not now pray the Rosary daily, make an extra effort to do so during this month of October. Ask Our Blessed Mother to grant you the grace to pray the Rosary daily. Join us in helping to save our families, our country, and our world by praying the Rosary every day!

PRAY THE ROSARY!!!!

Knights of Columbus

We’re hoping to start a Knights of Columbus Council—a Catholic men’s fraternal service organization—here at St. Stephen’s. If interested in joining or obtaining more information, please contact Greg Bronson: greg.bronson@kofc.org

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.

West Coast Walk for Life

Save the Date, January 23, 2016, 12th Annual Walk for Life West Coast.
 Mike & Kathleen are selling Bus Tickets for the 12th Annual Walk for Life, before and after each Mass in October. Avoid the last minute rush and purchase your seats early!
 Mike & Kathleen DeSantis 916-204-9125 or 916-335-4553

Explorer Registration 2015—2016

We are looking for a few good young people, ages 8—adults to join the brotherhood of the Knights and Ladies of St. Jean de Brebeuf a.k.a. the Explorer/Guide Program. Prospective members will be asked to commit to a program that will help them develop into men and women of character, virtue, service, leadership and spiritual strength.

They will learn new skills and experience outdoor activities. Training starts this fall and last a lifetime. Of course, not all are called to make the promise of an Explorer or Guide, however it could be for you, your son or daughter.

Application for membership will be accepted on our Kick Off Meeting on Saturday, October 10th, 2015.

Forms are available at our registration website: explorersregistration.wordpress.com

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.

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 Snear, Di Giovanni Family, John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Marilyn Goyette, Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar, Paulette Brady, Joseph Michael Jaeger, Norman Sayles, Mary Foose, Fr. Peter Carota, James Reslock & Family

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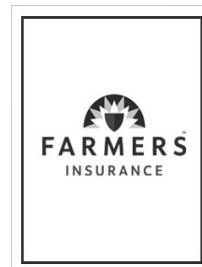
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Devotions

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