

Sunday, November 27, 2016  
1st Sunday of Advent



- Sun. 27 Nov. 1st Sunday of Advent, I Class**  
8:00 am †Florence Hummell  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:30 pm Mary Julian Parlett  
6:00 pm †Virginia Perkins
- Mon. 28 Nov. Feria of Advent, III Class**  
7:00 am Michael Salierno  
12:15 pm Dolores Villalpando
- Tues. 29 Nov. Feria of Advent, III Class**  
7:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Felix Reichmuth  
6:30 pm Andrew Philip Carey
- Wed. 30 Nov. St. Andrew, Apostle, II Class**  
7:00 am Suffering Souls in Purgatory  
12:15 pm Stephen Joseph Carey
- Thurs 1 Dec. Feria of Advent, III Class**  
7:00 am †Jack Bozzano  
9:00 am St. Monica Sodality
- Fri. 2 Dec. St. Vivian, Virgin & Martyr, III Class**  
7:00 am Mary-Alyce Gisla  
12:15 pm Benefactor—In Thanksgiving  
6:30 pm Colin McNamara & Catherine Dugyon
- Sat. 3 Dec. St. Francis Xavier, Confessor, III Class**  
7:00 am †Duong Van Ho  
9:00 am Holly Burns
- Sun. 4 Dec. 2nd Sunday of Advent, I Class**  
8:00 am †George Klopf  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:30 pm Carlos Cortez  
6:00 pm Anne & Spencer Roundtree

**...In Memoriam**

†Richard Corbin, †Mikyla Pina Mutuc,  
†Joseph Michael Jaeger †Jerry Risse, †Anne Cummings,  
†Joe S. Villegas, †Lena G. Villegas, †William Philkill,  
†Fr. Carota, †Linda Merino, †Kathy Solari,  
†Maria Lopresti, †George Klopf

**Important Upcoming Dates**

Dec. 1—Bible Study  
Dec. 10—Rorate Mass 5:30 am  
Dec. 12—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Jan. 5—Blessing of Epiphany Water  
Jan. 7—Christmas Party  
Jan. 21—West Coast Walk for Life  
Feb. 2—Feast of the Purification—Candlemas  
March 11—Confirmation  
April 23—Live Performance of “Faustina”  
May 6—First Holy Communion  
July 23—27—Annual Retreat

**Sanctity and My Duties**

Jesus has said, “If you love Me, keep My Commandments... If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; as I also have kept My Father’s commandments, and do abide in His love.”

The perfection of charity consists in the perfect conformity of our wills with the divine will; this divine will is expressed, first of all, in the commandments of God and the precepts of the Church. Moreover, it is expressed in a more concrete and detailed way in the duties of my state and the various circumstances of life. The *duties of my state* determine particularly how I must act in daily life, so as to be always in conformity with the divine will: if I am a religious, these duties are set forth in my Rule, the customs of my Institute, the commands of my superiors, and the tasks imposed by obedience. If I am a priest, my duty is the care of souls; if I am a lay person, my duties are those required by my family life, my profession or occupation, my social activities and by good citizenship.

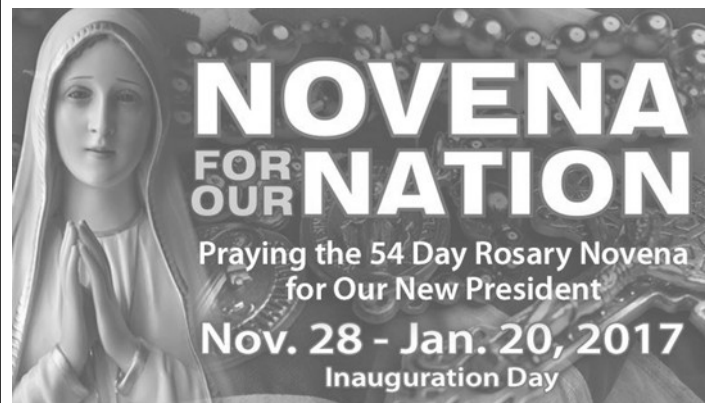
God’s will is also marked out for me by the *circumstances of my life*, whether important or not, down to the smallest detail, health or sickness, poverty or wealth, aridity or interior consolation, success or failure, misfortunes, losses and struggles. From time to time, God asks me to fulfill special tasks of charity, patience, activity or renouncement, detachment, submission, generosity, sacrifice. But everything is permitted by God, all is ordered by Him for my sanctification, “To them that love God, all things work together unto good; everything is a grace!”

“Sanctity properly consists only in conformity to God’s will, expressed in a constant and exact fulfillment of the duties of our state in life.” This statement confirms my knowledge that sanctity does not consist in doing extraordinary things, but is *essentially* reduced to the *fulfillment of duty*; therefore, it is possible for me.

This untiring, generous fidelity will not always be easy; however, I must not become discouraged by my failures, but begin again every day, fully confident that some day, God will make my poor efforts fruitful.

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

**From the Pastor**



Now is no time to rest on our laurels! Little good the election results will do us if hoped for changes fail to materialize. We can believe it was the power of prayer – especially the praying of the Rosary – that saved our nation from total disaster on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. This success should convince us of the power of the Rosary, and motivate us to continue to pray it now. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the 54 day Rosary novena for our new president beginning tomorrow, Nov. 28. The novena consists of praying the Rosary for 54 consecutive days – the first 27 days it is offered in petition, and for the following 27 days it is offered in thanksgiving. If you already pray the Rosary daily, you can simply make the novena your special intention. You’re always free, of course, to pray an extra Rosary! If you would like more information about the origin of the novena, or about the 54 day novena itself, simple google **54 Day Rosary Novena**.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

**First Friday & First Saturday**

This coming Friday and Saturday, December 2nd and 3rd, are the First of the month. As usual, the 12:15 Mass on First Friday will be a Sung Mass.

**Bible Study**

Fr Savoie’s Bible Study will continue on Thursday, Dec. 1 immediately following the 6:30 pm Mass. The Second Series: Genesis Chapters 4-11 “*The Descent and Wandering of Man: Moral Disorder in an Ordered Creation*”

(Mature content will be present in this series, regarding the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> commandments)

**Around the Parish**

~ **Congratulations** to Juan & Maria Franco on the birth of their 2nd son, Samuel Abraham! Samuel was baptized at St. Stephen’s on November 21st.

**Saint Francis Xavier Mission Trips 2017**

Become a missionary!  
Now taking applications through January 15, 2017  
Can't go? Donors and prayer warriors are valuable partners in this mission work.

**Guadalajara, Mexico**

~April 7-19 (Holy Week and Easter Week)  
~July 19-August 1  
Cost: \$950 (does not include airfare)  
For Families and individuals 16 and up. Cost slightly less for children.

**Piura, Peru**

~July 21-August 3  
~August 5-18  
Cost: \$2350 (includes airfare from Miami)  
For Youth 16-21

For details or more information, contact Anne Roundtree, SFX Mission Secretary (530)417-1671 Or go to our website [www.sfxmission.com](http://www.sfxmission.com).

**Mission Trip Presentation**

Anne Roundtree will give a presentation in one of the classrooms after the 8:00 am, 10:30 am, and 1:30 pm Masses on Sunday, December 4th, for all who are interested in learning more about the St. Francis Xavier Mission Trips, for all those interested in becoming missionaries, as well as for anyone curious about what the FSSP is doing in South America.

**Registration Open for 1st Communion Classes**

Parents of children who will be 7 by May 1st of 2017 may register their child for class. Classes will begin January 14, 2017. Baptismal certificates are needed at the time of registration, unless your child was baptized at St. Stephen’s.

**Please Keep in Your Prayers ...**

Mike Hayes, Mike McGrath, Renee Burns,,  
Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson,  
John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Paulette Brady, James Reslock,  
Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, Beverly Longtin,  
Mary Daley, Ramon Daley, John Newaz, Marne Merino,  
Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Margaret Melusky,  
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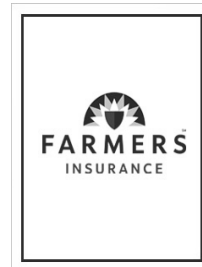
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*St. Joseph, powerful patron, thank you for  
favours granted!*



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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  
6:00 p.m. Low Mass
- 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

**Men's Holy League:** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy  
Hour 7pm—8 pm

**NEW TO ST. STEPHEN'S?**

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or  
Bookstore.

**ENVELOPES AND ON-LINE GIVING**

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