

**Sunday, October 11, 2015**  
**20th Sunday after Pentecost**



**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

**Mon. 12 Oct. Feria, IV Class**

7:00 am Mary Heney  
 12:15 pm Bernadette Heath

**Tues. 13 Oct. St. Edward the Confessor, King, III Class**

7:00 am Holy Souls  
 6:30 pm Bill & Angela Wimsatt

**Wed. 14 Oct. St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr, III Class**

7:00 am FSSP  
 12:15 pm Luisa Hernandez

**Thurs. 15 Oct. St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin, III Class**

7:00 am †Stella Kathleen Dodson  
 6:30 pm Mike Solton

**Fri. 16 Oct. St. Hedwig, Widow, III Class**

7:00 am †Elevterio Hernandez  
 12:15 pm Jared Aranas  
 6:30 pm Gregory Patch

**Sat. 17 Oct. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin, III Class**

7:00 am Holy Souls  
 9:00 am Bernadette Heath

**Sun. 18 Oct. 21st Sunday after Pentecost, II Class**

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

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. 13—Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession  
 Oct. 15—CSP Evening of Reflection  
 Oct. 18—27th Anniversary of FSSP  
 Oct. 20—Chesterton Society Meeting  
 Oct. 23—High School Youth Group  
 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

**Humility in the Apostolate**

“Without Me you can do nothing.” How many ambitions and points of honor, how much vain self-complacency, how many desires for applause and for advancement in recognition of our personal worth are broken, like waves on the rocks, by these words! Jesus does not tell us that “without Him we can do little,” but, *nothing*, absolutely *nothing*, and if in appearance the works flourish, admirers increase, churches and halls are filled, in reality not the least atom of grace can descend into hearts if God does not intervene.

Poor apostle, at times so satisfied, so inflated by success! Despite your abilities, your talent, your brilliant style, your attractive conversation, your titles, your successes—in relation to the apostolate, you are smaller and more powerless than an ant before a very high mountain. Recognize your nothingness, take refuge in God, keep yourself closely united to Him, for only from Him will you draw the fruitfulness of your works.

Charged with the education of the novices, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus exclaimed: “You see, Lord, that I am too small to feed Your little ones, but if through me You wish to give to each what is suitable, then fill my hands, and without leaving the shelter of Your arms, or even turning my head, I will distribute Your treasures to the souls who come to me asking for food.” Such should be the attitude of every apostle; and what is more, the higher his mission, the more important and delicate it is, the more necessary is this humble consciousness of his personal misery, this confident recourse to God, this constant union with Him. If God does not use us to accomplish great works, is it because, being insufficiently convinced of our nothingness, we would take to ourselves the glory due to Him alone, attributing our success to our own merits: If our apostolic activity produces few fruits, is it because, relying too much on ourselves, we do not constantly strive to keep close to God by means of humility and prayer?

“Abide in Me,” Jesus repeats to us. “As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abide in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me.”  
 (taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

**From the Pastor**

Recently, a couple of people (quite independently of each other) have told me how much they liked the following prayer. It’s a prayer I’ve included in my night prayers since I first came across it many years ago. According to the story that accompanied it at that time, a nun who had passed away appeared to a favored soul and revealed that by saying this prayer daily she had made up for all the temporal punishment due to her sins, and, therefore, had been able to go straight to heaven. For those who may be interested, here it is:

**Eternal Father, I offer You the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all of It’s love, sufferings, and merits.**

**First to expiate for all the sins I’ve committed this day and during all of my life.** (A ‘Glory be’ is then prayed)

**Second, to purify the good I’ve done poorly this day and during all of my life.** (Glory be)

**Third, to supply for the good I ought to have done, and that I have neglected this day and during all of my life.** (Glory be)

**Thank You!**

The Chesterton Society would like to thank everyone who had a hand in making our first event a success. From Cornish pasties to sound system, from spotlight rental to set up and cleanup, then cooking and serving a gourmet meal for our guest speakers, every precious person who helped ~ we couldn't have done this without you! Thank you!

**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.

**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! 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.

**Fatima Rosary Procession**

Tuesday, Oct. 13th will be our final Fatima Rosary Procession of the year. It will take place following the 6:30 pm Mass. Please come and participate!



**An Explanation of the Mass**  
**October 15, 2015**

This evening is the fifth in a series of talks explaining the Holy Mass. Don’t miss out on the spiritual benefits of our Evening of Recollection on Thursday, October 15, beginning with Holy Mass at 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the Confraternity of St. Peter. Everyone is welcome!

**Novena of Masses for All Souls**

Envelopes available in the vestibule. Please turn in by November 1st.

**Reminder— Chesterton Society Meeting:**  
**October 20 at 7:30pm**

We are continuing with the book: *Heretics*  
 Read Chapters 15 & 16  
 Also: Fr. Brown: "The Actor and the Alibi"  
 Go to: <http://www.sacfssp.com/>  
 For online book and Fr. Brown stories  
 All are welcome!

**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

**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, Norman Sayles, Mary Foose, Fr. Peter Carota, James Reslock & Family

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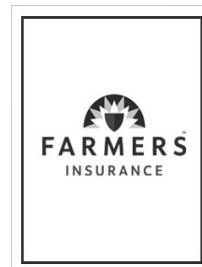
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**Devotions**

- 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](http://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](mailto:ParishSwap@gmail.com)  
View available items by clicking on the "links" button on the front page of [www.sacfssp.com](http://www.sacfssp.com)