

Sunday, October 18, 2015
21st Sunday after Pentecost



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

Mon. 19 Oct. St. Peter of Alcantara, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Stella Kathleen Dodson
 12:15 pm Christopher & Nivewi Mazabo

Tues. 20 Oct. St. John Cantius, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Bernadette Heath
 6:30 pm Samuel Perez

Wed. 21 Oct. St. Hilarion, Abbot, IV Class

7:00 am Matthew Gallagher
 12:15 pm †Clark Baccay

Thurs. 22 Oct. Feria, IV Class

7:00 am Gregory Patch
 6:30 pm †Delia Vilalpando

Fri. 23 Oct. St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop & Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Gerald Graichen
 12:15 pm Jeremey Westmark
 6:30 pm Efrain Hernandez

Sat. 24 Oct. St. Raphael the Archangel, III Class

7:00 am Elizabeth Pierini
 9:00 am Grechen Haun

Sun. 25 Oct. Christ the King, I Class

8:30 am †Gregory Nicholas
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Fatima M.

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, †Marilyn Goyette

Important Upcoming Dates

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. 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

Progress in the Apostolate

“Unite me to You, O Lord, and may the power of Your charity enkindle in my heart true apostolic fire.”

St. Thomas teaches that love is like fire. It produces a flame, and the flame of love is zeal. If the fire burns intensely, then the flame will also be intense and devouring. True apostolic zeal is the spontaneous result, the normal fruit of intimate contact of the soul with God through love. The more a soul is united to God by love, the more it becomes enveloped in the flame of His charity, participating in His infinite love for men, in His eternal zeal for their salvation; thus it *necessarily* becomes *apostolic*.

It would be an exaggeration to say that one could not be an apostle before being thus intimately enraptured by divine love, but it is evident that the fullness of the apostolate, and therefore of apostolic fecundity, will not be attained without this interior flame which is born of union with God. Until we attain this, we must consider ourselves beginners in the apostolate, like apprentices who apply themselves to an art, led by personal inspiration. Beginners must act as such, that is, with caution, giving themselves to the apostolate with prudence and measure, because not having attained that spiritual maturity in which the flame of zeal burns spontaneously within them, they have not as yet those reserves of grace which serve to defend the soul from the dangers of a too intense external activity, and which, at the same time, have the power to make all their labor fruitful. St. Teresa asserts that “as yet the soul is not even weaned, but is like a child beginning to suck the breast. If it be taken from its mother, what can it be expected to do but die? That, I am very much afraid will be the lot of anyone to whom God has granted this favor, if he gives up prayer; unless he does so for some every exceptional reason, or unless he returns to it quickly, he will go from bad to worse.” Let us remark that the Saint is not speaking of souls who are taking the first steps in the interior life, but of those who have attained to the prayer of quiet and could well be called proficient; yet it is no exaggeration to say that, in respect to the apostolate, they are still beginners.

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

†Marilyn Goyette : 10/13

Please pray for the repose of the soul of long time parishioner Marilyn Goyette, who passed away last Tuesday. A requiem Mass will be offered for her here on Saturday, Oct. 24th at 12:30 pm.

From the Pastor

On Monday, Oct. 5, Democrat Governor Jerry Brown signed a physician assisted suicide bill into law. Doctors in California may now prescribe a lethal dose of drugs to assist terminally ill patients in the taking of their own lives.

As Christians we are obliged to respond to the sick, suffering, and dying with compassion. We should do our best to alleviate their suffering. However, we cannot kill them, or help them to kill themselves, in order to achieve that goal. Human life belongs to God; it is ours to care for and protect. It is not ours to take in such cases.

“Assisted suicide” – which is actually a combination of murder and suicide – is forbidden by the fifth commandment: “Thou shall not kill.” This commandment not only prohibits the taking of all innocent human life, but it also requires that that same life be respected. A human being is worthy of respect simply because he is a human being. His dignity stems from the fact that he is made in the image and likeness of God. “Usefulness” to society doesn’t make one any more or less human. A child in the womb is no less human than a doctor; an elderly person suffering from Alzheimer’s is no less human than a college professor.

Although the Christian reverences life, he is aware that the obligation to preserve life has limits. He is bound to use ordinary means to preserve life, but he is not necessarily obliged to use extraordinary means. He is able to accept death when it finally comes, but he does not deliberately hasten it. Suffering and death are not the worst thing for the Christian, sin is. His hope is to die a holy death.

Let us entrust to Mary, the Mother of Life, our cause: the triumph of the culture of life in our state, in our country, and throughout the world!

Knights of Columbus

Mark your calendars! Monday, October 19 @ 6:30 pm at St Stephens. Knights of Columbus will be holding a 1st Degree Exemplification for Catholic Gentlemen who wish to become members of the Knights at our newly forming council at St. Stephens. All Catholic men 18 and over are eligible to join. Please arrive by 6:30 pm. For more information contact Greg Bronson (530) 503-7473 or greg.bronson@kofc.org

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

St. Anthony Mary Claret

Claretian archbishop and founder. Anthony Claret, was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807, the son of a weaver. He took up weaving but then studied for the priesthood, desiring to be a Jesuit. Ill health prevented his entering the Order, and he served as a secular priest. In 1849, he founded the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, known today as the Claretians, and the Apostolic Training Institute of the Immaculate Conception, Claretian nuns. From 1850 to 1857, Anthony served as the archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. He returned to the court of Queen Isabella II as confessor, and went into exile with her in 1868. In 1869 and 1870, Anthony participated in the First Vatican Council. He died in the Cistercian monastery of Fontfroide in southern France on October 24, 1870. Anthony Mary Claret had the gift of prophecy and performed many miracles. He was opposed by the liberal forces of Spain and Cuba and endured many trials.

All Saints Eve—Donations and Help Needed
Saturday, October 31st - 5:00 PM

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

If you interested in running a game or snack booth, or need more information, please call Marisol at **916-717-8908** ASAP. All hands on deck for this event!!

Confraternity of St. Peter Ceremony

All members who have joined the Confraternity of St. Peter this past year are invited to a special ceremony today 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.

Walk for Life 2016 Ticket Sale & Fundraiser

Bus Tickets, Baked Goods and Sandwiches for Sale in gym after all October, Sunday Masses.

Monies used to help cover or defray cost of the bus. To purchase a ticket and/or sponsor a rider, please contact Make 916-335-4553 or Kathleen 916-204-9125 or come to the gym after Sunday Mass.

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath,
 Barbara Graichen, Richard Corbin, Renee Burns,
 Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, Sandy Sney,
 Di Giovanni Family, John Reyes, Patricia Becker,
 Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar, Paulette Brady,
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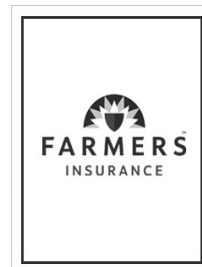
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Devotions

- 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