

Sunday, October 23, 2016
23rd Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 23 Oct. 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:00 am Fr. John Lyons, FSSP
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm Jeremy Westmark
6:00 pm Rex & Serena Mohun

Mon. 24 Oct. St. Raphael the Archangel, III Class
7:00 am †Richard Spencer
12:15 pm Graham Haun

Tues. 25 Oct. St. Isidore the Farmer, III Class
7:00 am Jeff Porter
6:30 pm Juhi Sho

Wed. 26 Oct. Feria, IV Class
7:00 am Jonathan Munsill
12:15 pm †Paul Laubacher, Sr.

Thurs. 27 Oct. Feria, IV Class
7:00 am †Sarah Nduta
6:30 pm Lisa & Daniel

Fri. 28 Oct. SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles, II Class
7:00 am Immaculate Heart Radio Staff
12:15 pm Mercedes Bogaczyk & Jacob Avila
6:30 pm Joseph Bogazyk

Sat. 29 Oct. Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class
7:00 am Holy Souls
9:00 am Mike & Catherine McGrath

Sun. 30 Oct. Feast of Christ the King, I Class
8:00 am Meta Lightfoot & Veronica Desepte
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm Brian & Teresa Boyd
6:00 pm Bill Sneeringer

...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 Klopff

Important Upcoming Dates

Oct. 30—Feast of Christ the King
Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party
Nov. 12—Women’s Retreat
Nov. 24—Thanksgiving
Dec. 12—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Jan. 21—West Coast Walk for Life
March 11—Confirmation
April 23—Live Performance of “Faustina”
July 23—27—Annual Retreat

Designs of Peace and Love

In spite of our sublime ideal, our ardent desire for sanctity, we always find ourselves full of miseries, always indebted to God. Our souls often tremble with fear in His presence, and we ask ourselves: How will He receive me? Will He turn me away? But the answer is quite different from what we would expect: “The Lord saith: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You shall call upon Me and I will hear you, and I will bring back your captivity from all places.” These consoling words, which we read in the Introit of today’s Mass, open our hearts to the sweetest hopes. God loves us in spite of all. He is always and everywhere our Father, and He desires to free us from the servitude of our passions and from our weaknesses. Then spontaneously the humble invocation of the Collect rises to our lips: “Grant, O Lord, that by Your goodness we may be delivered from the bonds of sin which by our frailty we have committed.” Humility and the sincere acknowledgment of our wrongdoing is always the starting point for conversion.

In the Epistle St. Paul speaks to us of conversion: “For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you weeping, that they are enemies of the Cross of Christ. . .who mind only the things of earth.” Every time that we shun a sacrifice, that we protest against suffering, that we seek selfish pleasures, we behave, in practice, like enemies of the Cross of Christ. Thus our lives become too earthly, too much attached to creatures, too heavily burdened to rise toward heaven. We must be converted, we must practice detachment, and remember that “our conversation is in heaven”; to this end, we must willingly embrace the hardships of the return journey to our heavenly homeland. As an encouragement, St. Paul places before our eyes the glory of our eternal life; “Jesus Christ will reform the body of our lowliness, made like to the body of His glory.” These are the “thoughts of peace,” the great designs of love which our heavenly Father outlines for us; to free us from the bondage of sin, and conform us to His own Son, making us sharers in His glorious resurrection. They are marvelous designs but they will be realized only with our cooperation. “Therefore,” the Apostle beseeches us, “my dearly beloved brethren, and most desired, my joy and my crown; so stand fast in the Lord.” Stand fast, that is, persevere in your conversion, strong in humility, confidence, and love of the Cross. (taken from *Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

**From the Pastor
Divorce and Remarriage**

Jesus said, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if the wife divorces her husband, and marries another, she commits adultery (Mk 10, 11).”

The Catholic Church teaches that there is no power on earth that can dissolve a valid, sacramental, consummated marriage. Unfortunately, it does sometimes happen that for very serious reasons a married couple is no longer able to live together. It may even be necessary for them to obtain a civil divorce in order to protect their rights and those of their children. However, in the eyes of the Church they remain married. Although now living apart they must still comport themselves as befitting any other married person. That means it would be a serious sin for them to begin dating someone else.

Contrary to what some think, divorce per se is **not** necessarily an impediment to receiving the sacraments. Just like anyone else, the divorced individual must be in a state of grace in order to receive Holy Communion. If he was primarily responsible for the divorce he must try to reconcile with his spouse and make restitution – in as much as it is possible - for the harm he has done. The worthy reception of the sacraments on the part of the divorced will obtain for them the grace to better carry their cross in life.

If the divorced person should remarry outside of the Church, his marriage is considered invalid. Such a situation constitutes a moral disorder; objectively he is living in a state of sin. For that reason he cannot receive the sacraments – neither Holy Communion nor confession. Although such situations are a source of suffering for the Church, she does not abandon these people. She encourages them to go to Mass, to pray, do penance, and to practice charity in order to obtain from God the grace to eventually rectify their situation. In *Familiaris Consortio* #84, Pope John Paul II states that if such couples have a serious reason for remaining together (for example, the raising of their children), and they are able to live in a “brother-sister” relationship (i.e., not engaging in acts proper to married people), then they might receive the sacraments. There is one other stipulation: they must avoid giving scandal - which might occur if they were to receive Holy Communion in a church where their living situation were known to others. They would be obliged to receive Holy Communion in a church where their living situation is unknown to others. All such couples should speak to a priest.

1 A non-valid marriage as well as a non-consummated one can be annulled; a non-sacramental marriage can be dissolved in certain situations

Around the Parish

~ **Congratulation** to Philip & Ashley Figueroa on the birth of their 5th child, Maximilian Xavier! Maximilian was baptized at St. Stephen’s on October 16th.

Women’s Retreat

The priests of St. Stephen’s are offering a one day retreat for the women of the parish (women from outside the parish are invited to participate, as well). It will be held on Saturday, November 12th. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost, but we do ask you to fill out a registration form (available in the vestibule) so that we can plan accordingly. Hope you can make it!

Holy Souls Novena of Masses

There will be a Novena of Masses offered for the Holy Souls beginning on All Souls Day, November 2nd. You can include the names of your loved ones by using the envelopes provided and placing them in the collection basket or turning them in to the office or bookstore before November 2nd.

2016 All Saints' Eve Party

Monday, October 31st

5:00 - 5:30 Litany of Saints
5:30 - 6:30 Parade of Saints (signups required)
6:30 - 8:00 Food & Games
8:00 - 8:30 Campfire stories
8:30 - 9:00 Clean-up
Enjoy an evening celebrating the Saints and Friends of the Church!
Food - Games - Candy - Petting Zoo - Pumpkins!
Cost is free but families are asked to contribute two bags of candy prior to the event.
Candy and cash donations accepted in the bookstore.
For more information, contact Judy Kasak
916-989-1086 judikasak@gmail.com.

Brown Bag Lunch Program

Thank you to all for your continued support of the Brown Bag Lunch Program! The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is very grateful. Items most needed for next month are: easy- to-open meats, bottled water, and fruit cups.

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, MaryDaley,
Ramon Daley, John Newaz, Marne Merino, Jim Carlson,
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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

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

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.

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.

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