

Sunday, November 20, 2016
24th & Last Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 20 Nov. 24th & Last Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:00 am Fr. Jeremy Leatherby
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm Francis & Agnes Dugyon & Family
6:00 pm Dan D'amico

Mon. 21 Nov. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, III Class

7:00 am Evan Lewis
12:15 pm John Ruby

Tues. 22 Nov. St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am John Mack Parlett
6:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. Jon Daly & Family

Wed. 23 Nov. St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am Dorothy Vasquez
12:15 pm Mr. & Mrs. Bob Becker & Family

Thurs 24 Nov. St. John of the Cross, Confessor & Doctor, III Class

7:00 am †Linda Merino
9:00 am Tamara Greco's God-Children

Fri. 25 Nov. St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am For the Mentally Ill
12:15 pm Heidi Rutschow
6:30 pm Tom Schneider

Sat. 26 Nov. St. Sylvester, Abbot, III Class

7:00 am Adeline Elizabeth Egan
9:00 am Suffering Souls in Purgatory

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

...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

Nov. 24—Thanksgiving—**7am & 9am Masses only**
Dec. 1—Bible Study
Dec. 10—Rorate Mass 5:30 am
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

Courageous & Impatient Love

Although the soul subjected to interior purifications by the Holy Spirit is profoundly conscious of its own misery and unworthiness, it is nevertheless sufficiently bold and daring to journey toward union with God." Whence comes such audacity? From the love which is ever growing within it; indeed, "the property of love is to desire to be united, joined, and made equal and like to the object of its love." Therefore, the more love increases in the soul, the greater is the longing for union with God. Even if its love is still imperfect—since it has not yet brought the soul to union—nevertheless, it is sincere and thanks to "the strength set by love in the will," the soul experiences "hunger and thirst for that which it lacks, which is the union" to which love tends. Besides, how could the soul which has grasped something of the infinite beauty and immense love of God not aspire to unite itself to Him? That same divine light which reveals to it the abyss of its own nothingness and that of creatures, enlightens it, by contrast, as to the infinite transcendence of God, so that the soul remains seized and captivated, while God Himself, in the measure that He purifies it, draws it to Himself by infusing new love in it.

Humbled by the knowledge of its own unworthiness, but emboldened by the love which is growing within, and by the invitation which God Himself addresses to it, drawing it secretly to Himself, the soul dares to aspire to this supreme good which is divine union. It is humble in its audacious desire, because it knows that it does not merit such a gift; but it is also daring, because it feels that God Himself wills to give this union, and because its hunger and thirst for God are so great that it cannot live apart from Him. "Why should not the confiding soul venture toward that One whose noble image and glorious likeness it is conscious of bearing within itself?" exclaims St. Bernard. God's love has gone before it willing to render it like unto Himself by creation and by grace. This divine resemblance, natural and supernatural, best expresses the desire of God to unite the soul to Himself and, at that same time, constitutes the basis of such union. God who has established this basis, certainly wills to bring His work to completion; and to do it He only waits for the soul to concur with His action, letting itself be purified, despoiled of self, and clothed completely with divine Life.

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

From the Pastor

This Thursday, November 24, is Thanksgiving. The Mass schedule will be the same as that of Saturday – 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. There's no better way to give thanks to God than by coming to Mass. If you don't come to Mass on that day, when you can, one would have to wonder how sincere your thanksgiving is. We'll expect both Masses to be full!

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, led by John Felix, for the many ways in which they have made themselves available to help out in the parish. Most recently they arranged for and served both breakfast and lunch at the women's retreat.

There are many others deserving of special thanks. At this time, I would just like to single out the small group of people who have been cleaning the church faithfully, every week, for many years now. May the Good Lord reward them as only He can.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Annual Catholic Appeal

If you participated in the Annual Catholic appeal, we want to say, "Thank you!"

Your generosity enabled Catholic charitable organizations and parish ministries assist thousands of people, many in your own neighborhood. You helped more than 200,000 men, women and children— sometimes entire families, receive material and financial assistance.

We invite you to view the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal "Report of Gratitude" online at The Catholic Foundation (tcfac.org). Learn more about how you have helped others encounter Christ.

In the Peace of Christ,
+Myron J. Cotta
Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Sacramento

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 6th and 9th commandments)

Around the Parish

~ *Women's Retreat* was a great success! Over 150 women were in attendance.

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.

Sunday Mass Schedule

We have decided to extend the trial period for the 6 pm Mass until the beginning of Lent. Many people still do not know that it is being offered. If you know of someone who may be able to benefit from this time for Mass on Sunday, please let him know.

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. Stephens.

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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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.

For on-line giving go to the parish website:
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