

**Sunday, January 17, 2016**  
**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**



Jesus changes the water into wine at the marriage feast of Cana

**Sun. 17 Jan. 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, II Class**

8:30 am †Hans-Wilfried Huch  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm †Peter Michael Rupport

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**Mon. 18 Jan. St. Prisca, Virgin & Martyr, IV Class**

7:00 am †Agustin & Anita Daos  
 12:15 am Tom & Katie Scarry

**Tues. 19 Jan. SS. Marius, Martha, Audifax & Abachum, Martyrs, IV Class**

7:00 am Kaleb Long  
 6:30 pm Fr. Novokowsky

**Wed. 20 Jan. SS. Fabian, Pope, & Sebastian, Martyrs, III Class**

7:00 am †Felipa Lopez Udade Ortez  
 12:15 pm †Peter Ruport

**Thurs. 21 Jan. St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr, III Class**

7:00 am †Mr. Jerry Sullivan  
 6:30 pm †Hans-Wilfred Hutch

**Fri. 22 Jan. Votive Mass for Peace, II Class**

7:00 am Jackie Smith  
 12:15 pm Dao Family  
 6:30 pm Barbara Ryan

**Sat. 23 Jan. St. Raymond of Peñafort, Confessor, III Class**

7:00 am †Connie Cristi  
 9:00 am Christi & Elizabeth

**Sun. 24 Jan. Septuagesima Sunday, II Class**

8:30 am Mirco & Karen Terenzoni  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm Patricia Becker

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**...In Memoriam**

†Joan Blackburn, †Thomas Joseph Greco, †Bruce Perry,  
 †Catherine Owen, †Gregory Nicholas,  
 †Jeannemarie Crabtree, †Dr. George Alexeff,  
 †Edward Coleman, †Marilyn Goyette, †Gilbert Perry,  
 †Ruth Rodgers, †Concepcion Cristi, †Mary Gilbert,  
 †Mary Foose, †William Munsill, †Richard Corbin

**Important Upcoming Dates**

Jan. 19—Chesterton Society meeting 7:30 pm  
 Jan. 21—CSP Evening of Recollection  
 Jan. 22—National Day of Penance  
 Jan. 23—West Coast Walk for Life  
 Feb. 2—Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Feb. 7—Baby Bottle Project begins  
 Feb. 10—Ash Wednesday  
 March 13—Confirmation  
 March 27—Easter Sunday  
 May 7—First Holy Communion  
 May 14—Procession to the Cathedral of the Bl. Sacrament

**Jesus Shows Us the Father**

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know Thee, the only true God,” Jesus tells us; and St. John the Evangelist says, “No man hath seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son who is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.” Only Jesus, the Son of God, can give us knowledge of the Father: He alone, as God’s Word, is by nature the Revealer of God.

Our words express our thoughts; likewise, the Word, the substantial utterance of the Father, expresses the Father and reveals the nature of God. When the Word was made flesh, He continued to be what He was, the Word, the Splendor of God, the Revealer of God. Becoming incarnate, He made Himself known to men, and accessible to our human capacity, but that implied no lessening of His divine nature.

Even when Jesus does not speak, His very Person and actions reveal God to us. He often remarked sadly, in the face of misunderstanding, “If you knew Me, you would know My Father also.” To Philip who, at the Last Supper, asked Him to show them the Father, He replied in a tone of gentle reproach, “Have I been so long a time with you, and have you not known Me? Philip, he that seeth Me seeth the Father also... Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?”

Jesus is “the image of the invisible God”: it is sufficient to look upon Him with faith and love in order to know God. From no other master, through no other way can we acquire such knowledge, indispensable for eternal life.

When by reason we trace creatures back to their first cause, we are able to know that God exists, that He is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. The knowledge obtained thus, however, is always mediate, indirect, and far from perfect. It is arrived at only with great difficulty and often after many errors.

There are other divine truths which cannot be reached by the human intellect alone, for example, the Trinity, the Incarnation, and the universal Fatherhood of God. We would never be able to arrive at these profound truths, which disclose so many things about God and His intimate life, and which at the same are concerned with our supreme destiny, if Jesus had not come to reveal them to us. (taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

**PRO-LIFE**

**Bishop Jaime Soto** invites all Catholics in the Diocese of Sacramento, along with people of good will, to join together to observe **Diocesan Day of Reparation** with fasting, prayer, penance and works of charity on **Friday, Jan. 22**, in reparation for the sinful, national scourge of abortion. The day marks the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion.

We encourage all those who are able to participate in the **West Coast Walk for Life: Saturday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The rally and walk take place at Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

**From the Pastor**

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins tomorrow, Jan. 18 and concludes on Jan 25 – eight days. According to Wikipedia the dates of the week were proposed by Father **Paul Wattson**, cofounder of the **Graymoor** Franciscan Friars. He conceived of the week beginning on the ancient Feast of the **Chair of Saint Peter**, on Jan. 18, and concluding with the **Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul** on Jan. 25. Pope **St. Pius X** officially blessed the concept, and Pope **Benedict XV** encouraged its observance throughout the entire Roman Catholic Church.

When we pray for Christian unity, what is it exactly that we are praying for? We are praying that all Christians be once again united under the leadership of the Pope in the Catholic Church. We are praying that all Christians fully embrace the Catholic faith (that includes many dissident Catholics). Let us be sure to include this important intention in our daily praying of the Rosary during this octave.\*

\*Footnote: Not only should we pray for the conversion of non-Catholic Christians, we should pray for the conversion of everyone: Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses, New Agers, Agnostics, Atheists and anyone else who is not Catholic. Since the Catholic Church is the one, true Church founded by God Himself for the salvation of mankind; in charity, we are obliged to pray for them.

**Reminder— Chesterton Society Meeting: January 19 at 7:30pm**

We are beginning with the book: *The Everlasting Man*  
 Read *The Introduction*  
 Also: **Fr. Brown— “The Red Moon of Meru”**

Go to: <http://www.sacfsp.com/>  
 For online book and Fr. Brown stories  
 All are welcome!

**~Around the Parish~**

~ **Congratulations** to Oscar & Claudia Nuno on the birth of their first child, Matias! Matias was baptized at St. Stephens on January 10th.

**Baby Bottle Project**

This Lent our parish will participate in the Sacramento Life Center’s Baby Bottle Project. Between Masses on Sunday, February 7, the Rosa Mystica Girls’ Society will be distributing baby bottles for the purpose of collecting funds throughout the Lenten season of almsgiving. This is a wonderful way children can give back to their community and help others in need. Families are asked to fill the baby bottles with paper money, checks or coins throughout the first 5 weeks of Lent. Please return all baby bottles at the end of the fundraiser, *including any empty bottles*. Participating family’s are eligible to enter drawings for prizes. This fundraiser supports the mission of the Sacramento Life Center, which is to offer compassion, support and free medical services to women and men facing unplanned or unsupported pregnancies in the greater Sacramento area. Go to [www.saclife.org](http://www.saclife.org) or call Lynne at (916) 451-4357 for more information.

**SPRING “40 DAYS FOR LIFE”**

When: Ash Wednesday, February 10th through March 20th  
 Where: 1442 Ethan Way, Sacramento (park at Theatre on Arden or on Hallmark Drive)  
 What time: 7am to 7pm, Monday thru Friday (Sat. optional)

Sign up for hours at:  
<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/sacramento/>  
 Questions? Call Susan at 530-320-1614  
 Or email at: [susanalive@gmail.com](mailto:susanalive@gmail.com)  
 Come and help women who are dealing with a crisis pregnancy And HELP SAVE THE LIVES OF BABIES! LET US SUCCESSFULLY LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL OF LIFE!

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

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath,  
 Barbara Graichen, Renee Burns,  
 Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, Sandy Sneary,  
 Di Giovanni Family, John Reyes, Patricia Becker,  
 Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar, Paulette Brady,  
 Joseph Michael Jaeger, Norman Sayles,  
 Fr. Peter Carota, Beverly Longtin,  
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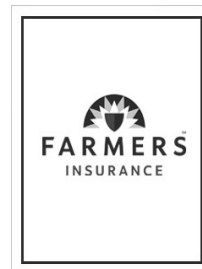
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### Devotions

**Rosary:** Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., after the 1p.m. Mass and five minutes after many weekday Masses

**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

### 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)

### 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.