

Sunday, May 29, 2016  
2nd Sunday after Pentecost



- Sun. 29 May** 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, II Class  
8:30 am †Gregory Nicholas  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:00 pm Stephen & Robin Roundtree & Family  
  
3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction
- Mon. 30 May** Feria, IV Class  
7:00 am Victor Ulises Garcia Miranda  
12:15 pm †Jim Casey
- Tues. 31 May** Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class  
7:00 am Brenda Phelan  
6:30 pm Sharon Siebal
- Wed. 1 June** St. Angela Merici, Virgin, III Class  
7:00 am Jeffrey & Elena Inferrera Family  
12:15 pm †Jerry Risse
- Thurs. 2 June** Feria, IV Class  
7:00 am Risse Family  
6:30 pm Saint Monica Sodality
- Fri. 3 June** Sacred Heart of Jesus, I Class  
7:00 am Souls in Purgatory  
12:15 pm Perez Family  
6:30 pm Lucy Mac Egan
- Sat. 4 June** St. Francis Caracciolo, Confessor, III Class  
7:00 am †Theodore Peter Egan Jr & Mildred Egan  
9:00 am Burns Family
- Sun. 5 June** 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, II Class  
8:30 am Bill Salierno  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:00 pm †Gerald Risse  
  
3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**...In Memoriam**

†Edward Coleman, †Marilyn Goyette, †Gilbert Perry  
†Ruth Rodgers, †Concepcion Cristi, †Mary Gilbert,  
†Mary Foose, †William Munsill, †Richard Corbin,  
†Mikyla Pina Mutuc, †Joseph Michael Jaeger  
†Jerry Risse, †Anne Cummings

**Important Upcoming Dates**

May 31—Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
June 3-5—“Relics of Mercy” at St. Stephens  
June 3—Sacred Heart of Jesus  
June 12—First Mass of Fr. Alex Estrella & 1st Blessings  
June 19-25—Camp Sacred Heart  
June 29—SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles  
July 10—14—Silent Retreat  
Aug. 7—Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen - Pig Roast & Square Dance  
Sept. 5-14—CSP Pilgrimage to Ireland

**Mystery of Hope**

Jesus said: “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever, and the bread that I will give is My Flesh, for the life of the world.” By nourishing us with Christ’s life, the Eucharist nourishes in us a life which has no end. By uniting us to Him who is Life, it frees us from death. In fact, Jesus has said, “He that eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood, hath everlasting life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” Notice that He said, “*hath* everlasting life,” not *will have*, because the Eucharist, by giving us an increase of grace—the seed of glory—becomes the pledge of eternal life for us, life not only for the soul but also for the body. “The sacred Host communicates the seed of future resurrection; Christ’s immortal Body plants within us the seed of immortality which will grow and some day bring forth fruit.” From this point of view, the Eucharist is truly the Sacrament of hope: hope of celestial glory, of the beatific vision, where our “communion” with Christ will have no end. Our eternal “communion” begins here on earth precisely in the Eucharistic communion which is its prelude, pledge, and even, in a slight degree, its foretaste. But the Blessed Sacrament is a source of great hope and confidence in our present life, too, especially in what concerns our spiritual progress; for, by increasing grace in us, it also increases our charity, and with the growth in charity, our passions are subdued. St. Augustine says, “The increase of charity is the decrease of passion, and the perfection of charity is the absence of passion.” If, then, the struggle against a certain fault or temptation sometimes becomes very violent and difficult; if in spite of all our efforts, we do not succeed in overcoming nature, let us have confidence in the Blessed Sacrament. When Jesus comes to us, He can calm any storm and give us strength to win any kind of battle. “The chaste Flesh of Jesus,” says St. Cyril of Alexandria, “checks the insubordination of ours; by dwelling in us, Christ effectively overcomes the law of the flesh which rages in our members.” The Eucharist, therefore, is our hope both for this life and for the life to come; it sustains us in adversity, fortifies us in the struggle for virtue, saves us for eternal life and brings us to heaven by providing us with the food necessary for our journey.

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

**Flower Arranging**

We are looking for ladies interested in arranging flowers for the altar approximately once a month, perhaps less, if we get enough people.

We have experienced arrangers who will be happy to show you the ropes!

Think of the graces you will receive for doing this for Our Lord!

If interested, please call the parish office at 916-455-5114.

**Church Doors Open**

The doors of the church are open at 7:30am on Sundays and 6:30am Monday—through Saturday.

**Saints of Mercy Relics Tour**

St. Stephen’s Church is hosting the “Saints of Mercy Relics” June 3rd — June 5th. Come and venerate the relics of 30 saints noted for living lives of faith-filled mercy through daily life and service.

**Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat**

Preached by Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP

July 10-14

**Retreat is over HALF full—sign up today!**

The retreat is open to men and women age 18 and over. For more information call: 916-223-3112

**Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations**

**Priest:** Let us pray for priestly and religious vocations.

**All:** O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless the Church with many priests, brothers, and sisters, who will love Thee with their whole hearts, be faithful to their vocations, and gladly spend their entire lives to teach Thy truths, serve Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved.

**Priest:** Bless our families, bless our children.

**All:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

**Priest:** O Mary, Queen of priestly and religious vocations:

**All:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us the grace of many more. Amen.

(Please offer your reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations)

**Prayer of Parents for Priestly and Religious Vocations**

O God, grant that at least one of our sons may become a priest or religious brother, and one of our daughters a religious sister. We ourselves want to live as good Christians, and to guide our children always to do what is right, so that we may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give Thee a holy priest, brother, or sister! Amen.

(Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

(based on a prayer recited by the parents of Lu Monferrato, Italy)

**~Around the Parish~**

~ **Congratulations** to Tina Lewis who was baptized, confirmed and received her first Holy Communion at St. Stephen’s on May 21st!

~ **Congratulations** to Anthony & Marisa Correa on the birth of their 7th child, Ambrose Raymond! Ambrose was baptized at St. Stephen’s on May 28th.

~ **Congratulations** to Philip von Erberich who was received into the Church at St. Stephen’s on May 28th!

~ **Congratulations** to the homeschooled high school graduating students who participated at a special Mass for them at St. Stephen’s on May 28th.

**Prayer to St. Joseph**

V. He made him lord of his house.  
R. And prince over all his possessions.

Let us pray:

O God, in Thy marvelous providence, Thou hast deigned to choose St. Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother. We ask Thee to grant that we may deserve to have him for our intercessor in heaven, whom on earth we venerate as our protector; who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

**~ Summer Dress Code ~**

Please recall that everyone is expected to dress with modesty and in a way befitting the house of God. Our choice of clothing is an expression of our worship; it may also affect the ability of others to worship. Dress should conceal rather than reveal. There is a sign in the vestibule that gives more details regarding proper dress. It is further expected that modesty in dress be maintained on the church grounds at all times.

We do request that the correction of visitors in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.

**A Confraternity of St. Peter pilgrimage to...  
Holy Ireland**

With Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP

For more information call:  
916-223-3112 or 1-800-334-5425  
Or visit: [www.syversentouring.com/confraternity](http://www.syversentouring.com/confraternity)

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

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath, Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar, Paulette Brady, James Reslock, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, Eleanor Roberts, Fr. Carota, Beverly Longtin, Mary Daley, Ramon Daley, John Newaz

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### 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.

### 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)