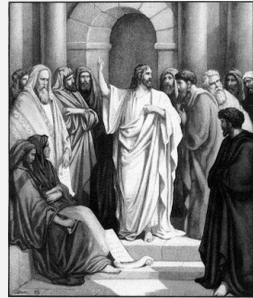


Sunday, April 17, 2016
Third Sunday after Easter



Sun. 17 Apr. Third Sunday after Easter, II Class

8:30 am Tamara Greco's Children
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Mike McGrath

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 18 Apr. Feria, IV Class

7:00 am †Mary Foose
 12:15 pm Mike McGrath, Jr.

Tues. 19 Apr. Feria, IV Class

7:00 am Mary Ann Hartzell
 6:30 pm Sierra Butcher

Wed. 20 Apr. Feria, IV Class

7:00 am Laura McGrath
 12:15 pm Ann Ball

Thurs. 21 Apr. St. Anselm, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III Class

7:00 am Jeffery & Elena Inferrera Family
 6:30 pm Bodey Ihrig

Fri. 22 Apr. SS. Soter & Caius, Popes & Martyrs, III Class

7:00 am Barbara Jeong
 12:15 pm Robert Ball
 6:30 pm Robert Nguyen Family

Sat. 23 Apr. St. George, Martyr, IV Class

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 am †Mercedes Baccay

Sun. 24 Apr. Fourth Sunday after Easter, II Class

8:30 am Jonathan Munsill
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm †Joseph Michael Jaeger

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

April 19—Chesterton Society Meeting
 April 21—CSP Evening of Recollection
 May 5—Ascension of Our Lord
 May 7—First Holy Communion
 May 14—May Procession & Solemn Mass
 May 28—FSSP Priestly Ordinations
 May 28—Graduation Mass 1:30 pm
 June 19-25—Camp Sacred Heart
 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

Practice of the Presence of God

The life of continual prayer becomes easier as the soul succeeds in preserving within itself, throughout the day, the awareness of the presence of God. We already know that God is always present within us, that we live, move, and have our being in Him; but while we try during the time of prayer to become more and more aware of this great truth, our consciousness of it gradually fades away in the course of our daily occupations, and we are often surprised to find ourselves acting as if God were no longer present within us.

The practice of the presence of God really consists in making strong efforts to keep God always present in our mind and heart, even when we are engaged in our daily tasks. We can do this in various ways: we can use external objects, such as an image or a crucifix which we wear or put on our worktable, the sight of which will often remind us of God; we also can use our imagination to picture "interiorly" the Lord near us. For, if the humanity of Jesus is not physically present, it is nevertheless always exercising an influence over us—even a physical one—in the communication of grace; hence we can truly "represent to ourselves" this action of Jesus within us. We can also keep a very vivid remembrance of God by using some truth of faith. For example, I can cultivate the thought of the continual presence of the Trinity within me, and try to perform all my actions in honor of my divine Guests; or else I can consider my duties as so many manifestations of the will of God, and so unite myself to this divine will as I perform them. Further, I can make it a practice to view all the circumstances of my life in the light of faith, and therefore, arranged by divine Providence for my good. This will incline me to accept them and to repeat continually to my heavenly Father: "I am content with everything You do."

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

Catholic Home Missions

Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests to serve their parishes. These diocese are known as *home missions*. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next weekend in the second collection. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to strengthen the Church at home. A portion of the collection will also support the effort by the Church for Black and Native American Indians.

Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy

"Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy invites you to a wine tasting event hosting Dale Ahlquist, co-founder of Chesterton Academy. Valley of the Sacred Heart is engaged in the process of approval to open a Chesterton Academy High school in Dixon in 2017.

Join us April 30th at 5:00 pm at Old Vets Hall in Dixon, 231 North First St. Dixon, CA. Tickets \$40.00 per person, \$70.00 per couple. Call Angela Patch @ 972-757-6900 for more information.

Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat

Preached by Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP
 July 10-14

Retreat is over HALF full—sign up today!

Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center. Each retreatant will have a private room and bath. Space is limited, so hold your place as soon as possible with a deposit. Forms are now available in the office or bookstore. The retreat is open to men and women age 18 and over. For more information call: 916-223-3112

Camp Sacred Heart 2016

Camp Sacred Heart will be held June 19—25 this year. Registration is open to boys age 9—18, boys unknown to the chaplain must get a letter of recommendation from a priest.

For more information call the parish office or 916-223-3112. Forms may be obtained by e-mail @ stephenproto@yahoo.com
 You may also stop by the parish office or bookstore.

Sponsors needed for Camp

If you are able to help sponsor a boy for camp, there is a great need, especially for large families. Your help is very much appreciated!

Brown Bag Lunch Program

Please remember to put something in your cart for the homeless and drop it off in the vestibule as often as possible.

Remember, all food must be non-perishable and in easy to open packages, jars, or flip-top cans.

We are particularly in need of individual meat products in easy open cans or packages.

Reminder— Chesterton Society Meeting:

April 19 at 7:30pm

We are continuing with the book: *The Everlasting Man* Chapter 3 "The Antiquity of Civilization"
 Also: Fr. Brown: "The Scandal of Fr. Brown"

Go to: <http://www.sacfssp.com/>

For online book and Fr. Brown stories

All are welcome!



**Evening of Recollection
 Confraternity of St. Peter
 April 21, 2016**

Don't miss out on the spiritual benefits of our CSP Evening of Recollection on Thursday, April 21, beginning with Holy Mass at 6:30 pm. Each month we are given a wonderful sermon and conference along with Holy Mass and CSP prayers.

The Confraternity of St. Peter is a group of lay men and women united to the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.
 For more information visit www.confraternityofstpeter.com or call the parish office 916-455-5114.

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

*With Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP
 Sept. 5—14, 2016*

Discover the land that St. Patrick converted to Christianity in the 5th century; a magnificent land whose spectacular scenery hints of Heaven's beauty!

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

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

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 John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar, Paulette Brady, James Reslock, Sandy Sneary,
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*Mother of Perpetual Help! Thank you
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Help Needed

Norman Sayles needs a ride to St. Stephen's on Sundays for any Mass. He lives in Lodi and will offer \$20.00 each week to help with gas. Please call him at 209-365-1661



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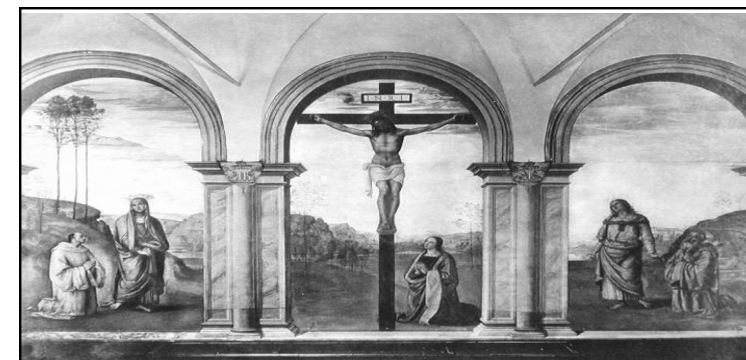
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Devotions

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

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

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.