

Sunday, March 19, 2017
3rd Sunday in Lent



Sun. 19 Mar. 3rd Sunday of Lent, I Class

8:00 am †Basilio Uclaray
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm †Ursula Uclaray
 6:00 pm Special Intention

Mon. 20 Mar. St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I Class

7:00 am †James Hjelmstad
 12:15 pm Richard Gubera
 6:30 pm Special Intention

Tues. 21 Mar. Feria of Lent, III Class

7:00 am Debbie Rovenstine
 6:30 pm Hans Wilfried Huch

Wed. 22 Mar. Feria of Lent, III Class

7:00 am Michael Pilenza
 12:15 pm Emilie Gross Hanten
 6:30 pm Special Intention

Thurs 23 Mar. Feria of Lent, III Class

7:00 am Fr. John Lyons, FSSP
 6:30 pm Margarette Kubis

Fri. 24 Mar. Feria of Lent, I Class

7:00 am Fr. J. Curtis, FSSP
 12:15 pm Fr. D. Savoie, FSSP
 6:30 pm Tish Gallagher

Sat. 25 Mar. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I Class

7:00 am Gertrude Huch
 9:00 am Julius & Zenaida Cozzatti

Sun. 26 Mar. 3rd Sunday of Lent, I Class

8:00 am Sean Kinsella
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. John Dunlap
 6:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Christenson

...In Memoriam

†Maria Lopresti, †George Klopff, †Nell Keim, †John Reyes,
 †Margaret Melusky, †Robert O'Kane, †Savino Salierno,
 †Beverly Longtin, †Donald Strahota, †Ursula Uclaray,
 †Marina Servande, †Rizal Robancho

Important Upcoming Dates

March 20—Feast of St. Joseph (*transferred*)
 March 20—24 - Lenten Mission—Fr. Buckley, FSSP
 March 24—Stations of the Cross after 12:15 & 6:30 pm Masses
 March 25—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 April 9—Palm Sunday
 April 13—Holy Thursday
 April 16—Easter Sunday
 April 23—Live Performance of “Faustina”
 May 6—First Holy Communion
 May 25—Ascension of Our Lord
 June 18—24 Camp Sacred Heart
 July 23—27—Annual Retreat

To Be Hidden From Myself

In order to enter the fullness of the hidden life, it is not enough to hide oneself from the attention of others; we must also hide from ourselves, that is, forget ourselves, avoiding all excessive concerns about ourselves. We can be preoccupied with self not only from a material point of view, but also from a spiritual point of view. To be overly concerned about one's spiritual progress, about the consolations which God gives or does not give, about the state of aridity in which one may be—all this is often the sign of a subtle spiritual egoism, a sign that the soul is more occupied with itself than with God. We must learn to forget ourselves, to hide from ourselves, by refusing to examine too minutely what is happening within our soul, and by not attaching too much importance to it, renouncing even the satisfaction of wanting to know the exact condition of our own spiritual life. It is well to understand that God often permits painful, obscure states just because He wants the soul to live hidden from itself. This was the aim of St. Teresa Margaret's program of self-effacement; she intended not only “to live, as it were, hidden and unnoticed” among her sisters, but “to be, in a certain manner, hidden and unknown to herself, to die to herself without knowing it and without feeling any pleasure in this mystical spiritual death, burying in Christ, in a very subtle way, every thought and personal reflection, even in the spiritual and eternal order.” This is what complete forgetfulness of self explicitly proposes to one who renounces even the spiritual satisfaction of recognizing his own immolation. But in order to avoid turning ones thoughts inward, the soul must focus its aspirations elsewhere; hence the *negative* exercise of not thinking of itself must accompany the *positive* exercise of fixing its center in Christ, of “burying in Christ” every thought, every preoccupation with self, even in the spiritual order. No one can succeed in turning away from himself unless he concentrates all his attention of the object of his love. St. Teresa Margaret completely forgot herself; her thoughts were absorbed “in Christ,” her one Well-Beloved.

(*Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD.)

Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy season of Lent. By the good works you inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing.

By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance.

Keep me from sin and help me live by Your commandment of love.

God of love, bring me back to You.

Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me your forgiveness, open my heart to your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Lord, during this Lenten season, nourish me with Your word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep my faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by your sacraments, especially the Mass. Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy and grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace.

Prepare me for the glory of Your kingdom.

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Feast of the Annunciation

Solemn Mass will be offered this Saturday at 9 am, for the Feast of the Annunciation.

Lenten Mission

We will be holding our Lenten Mission this week: Monday through Friday. Fr. James Buckley, FSSP, will be preaching the mission. There will be a 6:30 pm Mass each day of the mission. Fr. Buckley will be available to hear confessions during Mass, and will return to the confessional after his talk. Father's conferences will immediately follow the Mass.

40 Days for Life * March 1—April 9

Please help us save lives by prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils. Vigil hours are 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday.

Abortion site location: 1442 Ethan Way, Sacramento.

Friday Evening Soup Suppers

Friday soup suppers during Lent follow evening Mass & Stations. For more information call: 916-335-4553 or 916-204-9125

St. Joseph's Table

You are invited to join us today, in the parish hall, after the 8:00, 10:30, and 1:30 Masses for a traditional **St. Joseph's Table, “La Tavola di San Giuseppe.”** St. Joseph's Table is an age-old Italian tradition giving thanks to and honoring St. Joseph, protector of the family.

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)

Camp Sacred Heart 2017

Camp Sacred Heart will be held June 18—24 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. You may stop by the parish office or bookstore for registration forms.

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!

Confraternity of St. Peter 2017 Pilgrimage to Italy & Slovenia

With Fr. James Fryar, FSSP—CSP Chaplain
 Sept. 9—18, 2017

For more info—brochures available in the bookstore or call 800-334-5425

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike McGrath, Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Paulette Brady, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Marne Merino, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Sandra De Monaco, Mary & Ramon Daley, Mitzi Vandenburg, Gerald Foy, Pamela Lewis, Strahota Family, Helen DeCarlo



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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

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.

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

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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www.sacfssp.com

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