

Sunday, January 29, 2017
4th Sunday after Epiphany



Sun. 29 Jan. 4th Sunday after Epiphany, II Class

8:00 am †Luz Moreno
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm †Maria Lopresti
 6:00 pm Intentions of Indre McCluskey

Mon. 30 Jan. St. Martina, Virgin & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am †Paul Hammons
 12:15 pm †Linda Solop

Tues. 31 Jan. St. John Bosco, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Angelina Vera
 6:30 pm †Herman Schuchmann

Wed. 1 Feb. St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am †John
 12:15 pm †Lucina Mascarinas

Thurs 2 Feb. Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class

7:00 am †Maria Lopresti
 6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality

Fri. 3 Feb. St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, IV Class

7:00 am Alison & Penny Parker
 12:15 pm Diana & Marcelino Zapata
 6:30 pm Martin McFadden Jr. & His Children

Sat. 4 Feb. St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop & Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Marcos Antonio Flores & Rafael Bernard Flores
 9:00 am Ana Padilla, Geana Flores & Ginger Flores

Sun. 5 Feb. 5th Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 am Maria Long
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm †Maria Lopresti
 6:00 pm Intentions of Indre McCluskey

...In Memoriam

†Maria Lopresti, †George Klopff, †Nell Keim, †John Reyes,
 †Margaret Melusky, †Robert O'Kane, †Savino Salierno,
 †Beverly Longtin

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 2—Feast of the Purification—Candlemas
 Feb. 22—Feast of the Chair of St. Peter
 March 1—Ash Wednesday
 March 11—Confirmation
 April 23—Live Performance of “Faustina”
 May 6—First Holy Communion
 June 18—24 Camp Sacred Heart
 July 23—27—Annual Retreat

The Church

Jesus loves us so much that He wills to remain with us until the end of time. Therefore, He abides with us in the Blessed Sacrament as the Companion of our earthly pilgrimage, as the Food of our souls, but He also remains with us in the Church as our Guide, our Shepherd, and our Teacher. Jesus formed the first nucleus of the Church by His preaching, by choosing and instructing the Apostles; He gave His life to her by dying on the Cross. “The Church,” as the Holy Father notes, “came forth from the side of our Savior on the Cross like a new Eve, Mother of all the living.” Jesus sanctified her by shedding His Blood for her. He gave her His power; He made her His spouse and collaborator, continuing through her His work of sanctifying and directing souls. Today Jesus no longer dwells among us as He did nineteen hundred years ago; His *Physical Body* is gloriously enthroned in Heaven at the right hand of the Father. But He does abide with us in His *Mystical Body*, the Church, His Spouse and our Mother. Jesus is the living Head of the Church; it is always He who rules her invisibly by His Spirit, the Holy Spirit. He sustains and vivifies her unceasingly, gives her life, and distributes graces to each of her members “according to the measure of His giving. The Church lives by Christ alone; she is holy with His holiness; she is the Mother of souls through her union with Him. This union of Christ with the Church is so intimate and vital that the Church can be regarded as a prolongation of Christ. Indeed, Pope Pius XII teaches that “Christ sustains the Church in a divine manner; He lives in her to such a degree that she is, as it were, another Christ.” Even as it is through the Eucharist that we unite ourselves to Jesus and are nourished with His immaculate Flesh, so it is through His Church that guided and ruled by Him, we are vivified by His grace and nourished by His doctrine. And as we cannot become more one with Christ in this life than by uniting ourselves to Him in the Eucharist, so we can have no greater assurance of living according to His Spirit, of being directed and taught by Him, than by uniting ourselves to the Church and following her directives.

To be a “Child of the Church” is the most glorious title for a Christian and second only to that of “Child of God.” These two titles can never be separated—one depends upon the other; for, as St. Cyprian has said, “He who does not have the Church for a Mother, cannot have God for a Father.”

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

From the Pastor

It’s interesting to note that during this year that we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s appearance at Fatima, other notable anniversaries are being celebrated. These include the 500th anniversary of Protestantism, the 300th anniversary of freemasonry, and the 100th anniversary of the communist revolution in Russia. These movements have done untold damage to the Church and the world at large in the past. In one way or another they continue to do harm – especially to souls. We need the powerful intercession of Our Blessed Mother to help protect us from them, and convert those who are involved in them. Hopefully, during this anniversary year of Our Lady of Fatima, many more will become familiar with the message of Fatima, and put it into practice, i.e., stop offending God, pray the Rosary, honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary alongside the Sacred Heart of Jesus. . . Are you familiar with Our Lady’s message? Are you putting it into practice? If you are, you are part of the solution; if you are not, you are part of the problem.

“Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world . . .” (Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 1917)

Men’s Retreat

All men (18 years of age and older) are invited to participate in a men’s retreat here at St. Stephen’s on Saturday, February 25th. Registration forms may be found in the church vestibule.

Blessing of Throats

Friday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. There will be the blessing of throats after all the Masses.

**Chesterton Society Meeting:
 Feb. 14th at 7:30pm**

We are continuing with the book: *The Everlasting Man Chapter 5 of Part II, “The Escape from Paganism”*. Also: Fr. Brown: “*The Donnington Affair*”
 Go to: <http://www.sacfssp.com/>
 For online book and Fr. Brown stories

All Are Welcome!

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.

Around the Parish

~ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Beverly Longtin, long time parishioner of St. Stephen’s Parish. Beverly passed away on January 24th. Her funeral will be at St. Stephen’s this Monday, January 30th. The Rosary will be prayed at 10:00 am, and the Mass will begin at 10:30.

The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, February 2nd is the Feast of the Purification. The blessing of candles will take place at 6:30 pm, followed by a procession into the church for Holy Mass. You will be able to pick up the candles you ordered, after the Mass, in the bookstore.

2016 Tax Letters

Your 2016 tax letter of donations is ready to be picked up. You will find them in the vestibule of the church.

If you do not have envelopes, please stop by the bookstore and arrange for a box. Envelopes make our bookkeeping much easier. Also, please remember to put the amount of your donation on the front of the envelopes to ensure proper credit.

St. Francis Xavier Mission

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. (530)417-1671 Or go to our website www.sfxmission.com.

Brown Bag Lunch Program

Please don’t forget that the “Brown Bag Lunch Program” is an on-going apostolate of St. Stephens Parish. The list of items which are needed is posted in the vestibule. A monetary gift to purchase food may also be given. Your donations are very much appreciated!

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Mike McGrath, Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, Patricia Becker, Paulette Brady, James Reslock, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Marne Merino, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, FSSP, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Mary & Ramon Daley, Sandra De Monaco



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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.

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.