

Sunday, June 26, 2016
6th Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 26 June 6th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am Fr. Lyons
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Kathleen Pauls

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 27 June Our Lady of Perpetual Help, IV Class

7:00 am †Linda Richey
 12:15 pm †Bruce Perry

Tues. 28 June Vigil of SS. Peter & Paul, II Class

7:00 am Fr. Perry
 6:30 pm FSSP

Wed. 29 June SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles, III Class

7:00 am Fr. Akers
 12:15 pm Fr. Lyons
 6:30 pm Marie Gregory

Thurs. 30 June Commemoration of St. Paul, Apostle, III Class

7:00 am Fr. Perry
 6:30 pm Amy Rutschow

Fri. 1 July The Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I Class

7:00 am †Darryl Tormanen
 12:15 pm Barbara Cogan
 6:30 pm Fr. Akers

Sat. 2 July Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class

7:00 am Fr. Lyons
 9:00 am †Charlie Burns

Sun. 3 July 7th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am Sam Roundtree
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm To Honor God the Father

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, †Joe S. Villegas,
 †Lena G. Villegas, †William Philkill

Important Upcoming Dates

June 29—SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles: 6:30pm High Mass
 July 1—Most Precious Blood of Our Lord
 July 2—Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 July 10—14—Silent Retreat
 July 13—Fatima Procession
 July 16—Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Aug. 7—Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen - Pig Roast & Square Dance
 Sept. 5-14—CSP Pilgrimage to Ireland

Infinite Love

God “first loved us,” exclaims St. John the Apostle; and, in fact, He has loved us from all eternity. Even when we were not yet in existence, we were already in the mind of God, and seeing us, He loved us and willed to call us into existence in preference to innumerable other beings. “I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore, have I drawn thee, taking pity on thee.” This is how God reveals to us the story of our life, which is simply the story of His love for us. This story, once begun, never ends, because God’s love has no end; sin alone has the sad possibility of interrupting it, but even then God never ceases to love us with an infinite, eternal, immutable, most faithful love. He loves us when He consoles us, but He loves us too when He sends us trials and leaves us in distress; He loves us when He gives us joy in abundance, as well as when He afflicts us with sorrow. His consolations are love; so too are His chastisements and trials. In all the circumstances of our life, even the saddest and most painful, we are always encompassed by His love. God’s love can will nothing but good; even when He leads us by the harsh rough road of suffering, He is infallibly willing our good. God “makes us die and makes us live.... He scourges us and He saves us,” always because of His love. Thus it is not rare that He strikes hardest those whom He loves most, for, as the Holy Spirit says, “...acceptable men [are tried] in the furnace of humiliation.” St. Teresa of Jesus says: This suffering “is what the Father gave to Him whom He loved most of all [Jesus].... These, then, are His gifts in this world. He gives them in proportion to the love He bears us. He gives more to those He loves most and less to those He loves least.”

To believe in God’s love, to believe in it strongly even when He strikes us in what we hold most dear: such is the program of the soul who wishes to entrust itself blindly to infinite love!

“O my God and my infinite Wisdom, without measure and without bounds, high above all the understanding both of angels and of men! O Love, You who love me more than I can love myself or conceive of love! What amazes and bewilders me, considering what we are, is the love You had for us and still have. I am so astounded that I am beside myself.” (St. Teresa of Jesus) (taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

On behalf of our entire parish, I would like to sincerely thank **Fr. Lee Perry** and **Fr. Zachary Akers, FSSP** for all of their hard work during their time here at St. Stephen’s - Masses, confessions, baptisms, sermons, conferences, classes, home visits, hospital visits, instructions, counseling and much more. We will miss them. We wish them the very best in their new apostolates, and promise to remember them in prayer.

Let us welcome the two new priests who will be replacing those who are leaving: **Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP**, a classmate of Fr. Akers, and **Fr. Dominic Savoie, FSSP**, newly ordained. We are happy to have them assigned here. Let us remember them in prayer, as well, during this time of transition.

Going Away Party for Fr. Perry and Fr. Akers

A going away party for Fr. Perry and Fr. Akers will be held today, **at 4 p.m.** Hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream will be provided. The contact person is Judy Kasak at 916-989-1086, or judikasak@gmail.com Hope to see you there!

Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat

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

Retreat is 3/4 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~

~ **Thank you** to our visiting seminarians, Mr. Nick Eichman, Mr. Daniel Powers, and Mr. Joel Chute who helped run Camp Sacred Heart! There were 75 young men who had a wonderful week of hiking, sports and catechism.

Healing After Abortion Retreat

July 8—10

Do you know someone who is carrying the secret burden of shame, anger, grief and the inability to forgive themselves and others because of a past abortion(s)? In this Year of Mercy, we invite you to consider participating in the Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat weekend sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento, July 8—10th. Come experience this unique and effective healing retreat that presents the mercy, compassion and healing of God. Open to anyone touched by abortion. Cost is \$175. per person, financial assistance is available. For more information visit our website: www.scddec.org/post-abortion-care or contact Paul Segno at 916-733-0161 or e-mail projectrachel@scd.org All inquires and participation are strictly confidential.

~ 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

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 ...

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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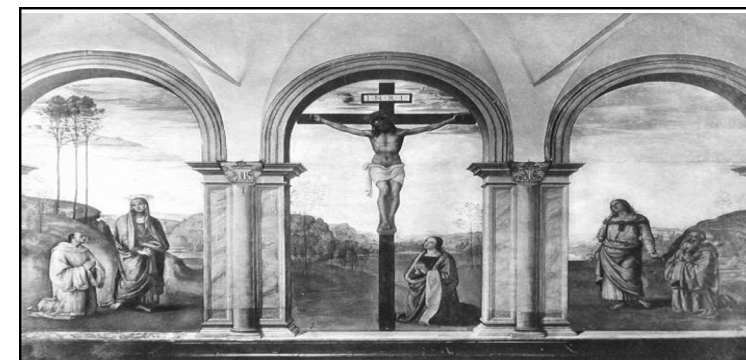
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Devotions

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.