

Sunday, July 3, 2016
7th Sunday after Pentecost



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

Mon. 4 July Feria, IV Class

7:00 am Van Nguyen Family
12:15 pm Monique Rance

Tues. 5 July St. Anthony Mary Zaccariah, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Gregory Nicholas
6:30 pm †Richard Corbin

Wed. 6 July St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr, IV Class

7:00 am Rose Wedinsky
12:15 pm Lendewig Family

Thurs. 7 July SS. Cyril & Methodius, Bishops & Confessors, III Class

7:00 am F.S.S.P.
6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality

Fri. 8 July St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Queen & Widow, III Class

7:00 am Vocations to the Priesthood
12:15 pm †Jerry Risse
6:30 pm †Jsus & Teresa Alatorre

Sat. 9 July Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class

7:00 am †Anne Cummings
9:00 am Married Couples

Sun. 10 July 8th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am †Gregory Nicholas
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm †Richard Corbin

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

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
Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party

Faith

“Without faith, it is impossible to please God” because faith is the foundation of all our relations with Him. For the man without faith, God has neither meaning, nor value, nor place in his life. On the other hand, the more lively our faith is, the more God enters into our life, until finally He becomes our all, the one great reality for which we live, and the One for whom we courageously face sorrow and death. It is only when faith has deeply penetrated a soul that it can exclaim with St. Paul, “For whether we live, we live unto the Lord, or whether we die, we die unto the Lord.” We do not lack faith, but it is not sufficiently alive and practical to make us see God in everything and over everything, thus giving us the sense of His essential, transcendent, and eternal reality, which infinitely surpasses all the immediate, contingent, and passing realities of this life. Faith does not depend upon data received through the senses, on what we can see and touch, nor is it but surpassing all this, it makes us share in God’s own knowledge, in His thoughts, in His understanding. Having raised us to the state of divine sonship, God has made us capable of sharing His intimate life, His life of knowledge and love. For this purpose He has given us the theological virtues together with grace. Faith allows us to share His life of knowledge, and charity, His life of love.

Faith enables us to know God as He knows Himself, although certainly not exhaustively. God knows Himself not only as the Creator, but also as the Trinity and as the Author of grace; it is under these aspects that faith presents Him to us. By faith we know creatures as He knows them, that is, in relation to Him and dependent upon Him. Our intellect can give us only natural light on God and creatures; faith, on the contrary, gives us the supernatural light that is a participation in the light of God, in the knowledge God has of Himself and of creatures.

“O faith of Christ, my Spouse, I turn to You who enclose and conceal within yourself the form and beauty of my Beloved. You are the clear, limpid fount, free from error, from which the waters of all spiritual good flow to the soul. Did You not assure the Samaritan woman, O Christ, that in those who believe in You would surge a fountain whose waters would spring up into everlasting life?”
(taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

Tomorrow, July 4, is Independence Day. Unfortunately, our independence, not to mention our freedom of religion, is fading fast. This time, however, it’s not some foreign power that we have to contend with; rather, it’s our own state and federal governments. One of the leading candidates for president of the United States this year – in regard to the widest possible access to abortion - is quoted as saying, “. . . deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed.” We can believe that this candidate will do everything in her power to make that change a reality if she gets elected. And not only as regards abortion, but every other liberal issue as well, from same sex marriage to assisted suicide. The goal of liberals is the complete secularization of our society; the suppression of religious expression in the public forum – at least, the suppression of the expression of traditional Judeo-Christian beliefs.

What can we do? Well, for starters, we can go to Mass tomorrow and pray for the conversion of our country. O Mary, Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States, pray for us!

Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat

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

Last opportunity to register!

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~

~ Fr. Perry & Fr. Akers would like to thank the many people who helped with the good-bye party and were so generous and kind to them. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their new apostolates.

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.

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Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

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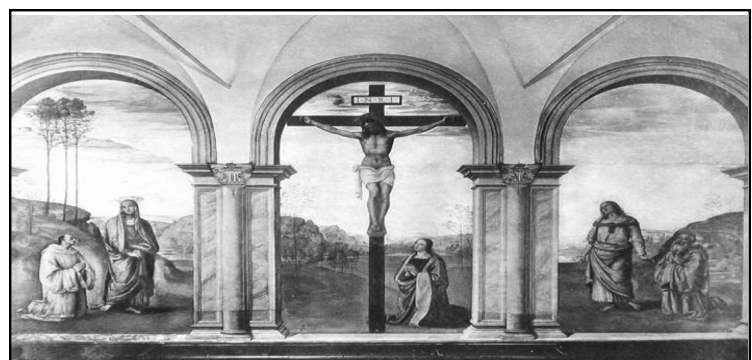



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*Mother of Perpetual Help! Thank you
for all the Blessings for our Family!*

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

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.

Parish Swap

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