

**Sunday, July 10, 2016**  
**8th Sunday after Pentecost**



**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

**Mon. 11 July FERIA, IV Class**

7:00 am In Thanksgiving for my benefactor  
 12:15 pm Fr. John Lyons, FSSP

**Tues. 12 July St. John Gualbert, Abbot, III Class**

7:00 am Carolyn Perez  
 6:30 pm Sebastian Perez

**Wed. 13 July FERIA, IV Class**

7:00 am Holy Souls  
 12:15 pm Madilyn Kelly  
 6:30 pm †George Alexeeff

**Thurs. 14 July St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor, III Class**

7:00 am †Anne Cummings  
 6:30 pm †Ruthy Estrella

**Fri. 15 July St. Henry the Emperor, Confessor, III Class**

7:00 am †Gerald Risse  
 12:15 pm Satoru Tamura  
 6:30 pm †Gerald Risse

**Sat. 16 July Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, IV Class**

7:00 am FSSP  
 9:00 am †Anne Cummings

**Sun. 17 July 9th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class**

8:30 am †George Marshall  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm Laura McGrath

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 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  
 Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Sept. 5-14—CSP Pilgrimage to Ireland  
 Oct. 18—28th Anniversary of the FSSP  
 Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party

**Boundless Hope**

St. Thomas teaches us that “man can never love God as much as He should be loved; neither can he believe and hope in Him as much as he ought.” That is why we can say that the measure of hope in God is to hope without measure. Our hope, our confidence in God can never be excessive or exaggerated, because it is founded on God’s mercy which has no limits. If we sincerely try to do everything we can to please God, we need not fear that our hope in Him can be too great. His helpful power and His desire for our good, for our sanctification, infinitely exceed our most ardent hopes. This blind, unlimited hope is so pleasing to God that the more hope we have, the more He overwhelms us with favors. St. Therese of the Child Jesus, making this thought her own said: “We can never have too much confidence in the good God who is so powerful and so merciful. We obtain from Him as much as we hope for.

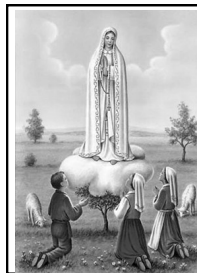
The more wretched, weak, and powerless we find ourselves, the more we should hope in God. If we cannot, and should not, expect to reach sanctity by our own power, we should hope to reach it through the strength of Him who is omnipotent, through the infinite mercy of Him who loves to bend over souls aware of their frailty, who loves, as our Blessed Lady said, “to exalt the humble and to fill the hungry with good things.” The knowledge of our weakness ought to make us keenly aware of our need for God; indeed, our weakness itself ought to be an incessant cry, begging with complete confidence for His all-powerful aid. The more our soul expands with hope and trust in God, the wider it will open to His sanctifying action. God’s mercy is waiting to come to us, to purify and sanctify us, but it will not come until we open the doors of our heart by an act of complete confidence.

A soul that endeavors to apply itself with all the strength of its will to the practice of the virtues and the fulfillment of every duty, a soul that is determined to refuse nothing to Our Lord, should strive to maintain itself in an attitude of total trust in Him, in spite of inevitable falls. Yes, we should have complete confidence that God will come to sanctify us, regardless of our past faults, our present miseries, the aridity of our soul, the repugnance's of nature or the state of weariness and depression in which we may find ourselves. Christian hope calls for the greatest diligence in doing good and fleeing from evil; but then it carries us far beyond our poor works into the arms of God and His infinite mercy. (taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

**From the Pastor**

Beginning **Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**, the Sunday schedule of Masses will be slightly different. Masses will be at **8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m.** The main reason for this change is to allow a little more time for the parking lot to clear between Masses. Hopefully, this will alleviate, to some extent, our parking problem. Thank you for your patience if this change should cause you any inconvenience.

**Fatima Procession**



There will be a 6:30 pm Mass on Wednesday, July 13, the Fatima procession will follow.

**Missionary Cooperative Appeal**

The Missionary Cooperative Appeal is an annual program in which missionaries from around the world speak at each parish. The goal of this appeal is to increase awareness of missionary work and to raise funds to help missionary organizations continue their evangelization efforts. In the Diocese of Sacramento, 48 different missions were selected this year to each speak at two parishes.

Next Sunday, our parish will be visited by Fr. Jojo Mrippattu, a Vincentian Missionary. He will share with us their courageous evangelization efforts on behalf of the Catholic Church and give us an opportunity to support their work in the field. A second collection will be taken up following his presentation. Special envelopes will be provided for your convenience. Donations made by check should be made payable to St. Stephens. All funds collected throughout the Diocese will be equally divided among the 48 missionary organizations visiting the Diocese of Sacramento this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**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 38 retreatants, most of whom are from our parish, who will begin their retreat today

**The Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen**  
**Our Annual Pig Roast & Square Dance**

Tickets are on sale for our Annual Pig Roast & Square Dance, beginning July 17th; \$25.00 for families and \$10.00 for singles. First to buy tickets — first called to eat!

**We also need lots of help!**

Contact person this year is Judy Kasak, 916-989-1086 or judikasak@gmail.com

**Reminder— Chesterton Society Meeting:**  
**July 19th at 7:30pm**

We are continuing with the book: *The Everlasting Man* Chapter 6 “*The Demons and the Philosophers*”

Also: Fr. Brown: “*The Green Man*”

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

For online book and Fr. Brown stories

All are welcome!

**~ 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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 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,  
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**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.

**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](http://www.sacfssp.com)

**St. Bernadette Fund**—to aid parishioners in need! Donations may be made on-line.

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