

**Sunday, January 3, 2016**  
**Holy Name of Jesus**



- Sun. 3 Jan. Holy Name of Jesus, II Class**  
 8:30 am †Edward Coleman  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm Janice Aranas  
 3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction
- Mon. 4 Dec. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Widow, III Class**  
 7:00 am †Robert Seifert  
 12:15 am †Thin Do
- Tues. 5 Dec. St. Telesphorus, Pope & Martyr, IV Class**  
 7:00 am Neal Manning  
 6:30 pm †Rosa Bautista Azevedo
- Wed. 6 Dec. Epiphany of the Lord, I Class**  
 7:00 am Suffering Souls in Purgatory  
 12:15 pm †Larry Vanderhoef  
 7:00 pm Courtney & Kaile Brake
- Thurs. 7 Jan. Jesus Christ the High Priest, III Class**  
 7:00 am †Vincent Grammatice  
 6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality
- Fri. 8 Jan. Feria after Epiphany, IV Class**  
 8:30 am Suffering Souls in Purgatory  
 12:15 pm The Brake Family  
 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Safe Birth of Genevieve Marie Munsill
- Sat. 9 Jan. Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class**  
 7:00 am Mariela Claudio & Zuli  
 9:00 am †Marilyn Goyette
- Sun. 10 Jan. The Holy Family, II Class**  
 8:30 am Kathleen Barrett  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm †Marilyn Goyette  
 3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**...In Memoriam**

- †Joan Blackburn, †Thomas Joseph Greco, †Bruce Perry,  
 †Catherine Owen, †Gregory Nicholas,  
 †Jeannemarie Crabtree, †Dr. George Alexeff,  
 †Edward Coleman, †Marilyn Goyette, †Gilbert Perry,  
 †Ruth Rodgers, †Concepcion Cristi, †Mary Gilbert,  
 †Mary Foose, †William Munsill

**Important Upcoming Dates**

- Jan. 5—Blessing of Epiphany Water after 6:30 pm Mass  
 Jan. 6—Epiphany  
 Jan. 8—No High School Youth Group  
 Jan. 9—First Communion Classes begin  
 Jan. 9—Girls Clubs meet  
 Jan. 23—West Coast Walk for Life  
 Feb. 2—Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 March 13—Confirmation  
 May 7—First Holy Communion

**Jesus Our Mediator**

During the Christmas days our thoughts, centered on Jesus, have revealed to us a little of the great “mystery which hath been hidden from eternity in God,” the mystery we now wish to consider in synthesis, in order to arouse in ourselves greater admiration for its “unfathomable riches.”

The infinite distance between God and man, the impassable abyss, the breaking of every bond of friendship—all this was the tremendous consequence of sin. Then between God and man appeared the sweet Babe of Bethlehem; suddenly and completely the whole situation changes: distance is overcome, and across the abyss a wonderful bridge is erected which unites earth with heaven and re-establishes relations of intimacy between God and men. This bridge is Jesus, the “only Mediator between God and man,” who “joins earth to heaven in a truly remarkable manner.” In His office as Mediator, Jesus is really “at the center”: He is the point of union between divinity and humanity. His mediation has all the qualifications necessary for perfectly pleasing God, since He Himself is true God; at the same time, because He is true man and, as such, represents the whole human race, Jesus can make worthy satisfaction to God for the entire debt of sinful mankind.

The divinity possessed by Jesus as the Word is united in His Person with the humanity He possesses as man. These two natures are not merely in juxtaposition, but they embrace each other; even more, they are united in one Person, the Person of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. In Him and through Him, all mankind is readmitted to friendship with the heavenly Father. In Him all can find again the way to reach union with the Trinity.

The eternal Father deigned to reveal this wonderful mystery to St. Catherine of Siena: “It is My wish that you consider the bridge I have built in the Person of my only begotten Son, and that you notice that it reaches from earth to heaven, because in Him the majesty of the divinity is united with the lowliness of your human nature. It was necessary to construct this bridge in order to repair the road which had become impassable and to open a passage across the trials of this world to eternal life.”

“O Christ, O God, sweet Lover of mankind, I implore You to be my Way, to let me reach You, and rest in You, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, without whom no one reaches the Father.”  
 (taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

**From the Pastor**

Fr. Perry, Fr. Akers, and I would like to thank the many people in the parish who gave us cards and gifts for Christmas, and offered prayers for us. We are very grateful. We wish to assure you that you are all remembered in our daily prayers, as well.  
 Speaking of prayer – hopefully, we’re all doing it on a regular basis. It does take time and effort to pray, and we often don’t see immediate results. However, we want to be convinced of the fact that our lives will be very different over time depending on whether or not we pray. And not just our lives here on earth will be different; our eternity will be different as well.  
 True Christians pray always, in good times and in bad. The more difficulties they encounter, the more they pray, and they always find help. Maybe not the help they’re asking for, but the help that they most need – which may be the grace of perseverance in difficulties; or, the grace to be able to accept some cross. And by means of these trials, the Lord will purify them, and make them saints.  
 “Pray always, and do not lose heart!” (Lk 18,1)

**Epiphany Chalk Blessing**

*The lintel of the main door of the house is marked with the blessed chalk by the father of the household in the following manner:*

20+C+M+B+16 while saying the following prayer:

- The Three Wise Men
- C Caspar
- M Melchior
- B & Balthasar, followed the star of God’s Son who became Man
- 20 Two-thousand
- 16 and sixteen years ago
- + May Christ
- + Bless our home
- + and remain with us
- + through the new year.

Almighty God, incline Thine ear. Bless us and all who are gathered here. Send Thy holy angel who will defend us, and fill with grace all who dwell here. Amen.

**Blessing of Epiphany Water**

This beautiful ceremony will take place after the 6:30 pm Mass on Tuesday Jan.5th. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

If you would like to leave water to be blessed, please do not leave small containers—gallon size minimum. Smaller containers may be filled up from the containers in the vestibule after the blessing. Also, make sure your container is well marked with your name—on the bottle, not on the lid.

**The Holy Name of Jesus & St. Peter**

The Prince of the Apostles began his glorious career preaching the love of Jesus to the Jews in the streets, in the Temple, in their synagogues. His first striking miracle occurred on the first Pentecost Sunday when he was going into the Temple with St. John. A lame man, well known to the Jews, who frequented the Temple, stretched out his hand expecting to receive an alms. St. Peter said to him: “Silver and gold I have none; but what I have, I give thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise, and walk.” Instantly the lame man bounded to his feet and leaped for joy.

The Jews were astonished, but the great Apostle said to them: why your wonder and surprise, as if we made this man sound by our own power? No, it is by the power of Jesus that this man walks.

Innumerable times since the days of the Apostle has the Name of Jesus been glorified.

*The Wonders of the Holy Name* by Fr. Paul O’Sullivan, O.P

**Saint Francis Xavier Mission Trips 2016**

The FSSP is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the following four trips:

1. **Guadalajara, Mexico** March 19—April 1. Cost \$750 plus airfare. Families or ages 16 and up.
2. **Guadalajara, Mexico** August 6—19. Cost \$1,100 plus airfare. Ages 16—Adult.
3. **Piura, Peru** July 28—August 11 Cost \$2,350 travel included. Ages 16—21.
4. **Piura, Peru** December 27-January 7, 2017. Cost \$2,350 travel included. Ages 16—Adult.

For more information, or to apply, visit:

**SFXMISSION.COM**

All mission trips include the Traditional Mass offered daily by chaplains from the FSSP.

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**2016 Offering Envelopes**

Please pick up your offering envelopes in the vestibule today. If you are not registered, forms are available in the bookstore, along with envelopes.

**Please Keep in Your Prayers ...**

- Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath,  
 Barbara Graichen, Richard Corbin, Renee Burns,  
 Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, Sandy Sneary,  
 Di Giovanni Family, John Reyes, Patricia Becker,  
 Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar, Paulette Brady,  
 Joseph Michael Jaeger, Norman Sayles,  
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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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