

**Sunday, November 6, 2016
Resumed 5th Sunday after Epiphany**



Sun. 6 Nov. Resumed 5th Sunday after Epiphany, II Class

8:00 am †Mrs. Maria Van der Putten
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm Jason Szabo
6:00 pm †Kathy Solari

Mon. 7 Nov. Feria, IV Class

7:00 am All Souls Novena
12:15 pm All Souls Novena

Tues. 8 Nov. Feria, IV Class

7:00 am Deceased Members of FSSP & CSP
6:30 pm Anton & Katherine Mueller

Wed. 9 Nov. Dedication of the Archbasilica of Our Holy Savior, II Class

7:00 am Paul & Elizabeth Kaiser
12:15 pm Linda Zeitz

Thurs. 10 Nov. St. Andrew Avelino, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Sarah Nduta
6:30 pm Sarah Vierra

Fri. 11 Nov. St. Martin of Tours, Bishop & Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Steve McCarthy & Family
12:15 pm Mr. & Mrs. Eric Swanson & Family
6:30 pm †Jesus & Teresa Alatorre

Sat. 12 Nov. St. Martin I, III Class

7:00 am †Manuel Olivares
9:00 am Rose Wedinsky

Sun. 13 Nov. Resumed 6th Sunday after Epiphany, II Class

8:00 am Suffering Souls in Purgatory
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm †Tony Marquez
6:00 pm †Virginia Ferron

...In Memoriam

†Richard Corbin, †Mikyla Pina Mutuc,
†Joseph Michael Jaeger †Jerry Risse, †Anne Cummings,
†Joe S. Villegas, †Lena G. Villegas, †William Philkill,
†Fr. Carota, †Linda Merino, †Kathy Solari,
†Maria Lopresti, †George Klopff

Important Upcoming Dates

Nov. 12—Women's Retreat
Nov. 24—Thanksgiving
Dec. 10—Rorate Mass 5:30 am
Dec. 12—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Jan. 21—West Coast Walk for Life
March 11—Confirmation
April 23—Live Performance of "Faustina"
July 23—27—Annual Retreat

Spiritual Paternity and Maternity

God has bestowed on man the great honor of willing that he be His collaborator in a work which is proper to Himself, as God, which belongs essentially to Him alone, that is, the communication of life, and not only of natural life but of supernatural life also. On the natural level, which we may call the plan of creation, the fathers and mothers of families are His collaborators, having been entrusted with the high mission of communicating life to new human beings, of rearing and educating them for the glory of God. On the supernatural level, that of Redemption, God's collaborators are all those who, by dedicating themselves to the apostolate, have an even more noble and vast mission, that of communicating to men the life of grace, without which they are unhappy creatures, and in a certain sense, are unable to attain eternal life. In his Encyclical *Menti Nostrae*, Pope Pius XII declares, "The priest is . . . the organ of the communication and increase of life in the Mystical Body of Christ. Far from losing the gift and the office of paternity because of his celibacy, the priest increases them immeasurably, since if he does not beget children for this passing life on earth, he begets them for that life which is heavenly and eternal." In due proportion, the same can be said of every apostle; for the final end of the apostolate is precisely to engender souls to the supernatural life.

"My little children, of whom I am in labor again, until Christ be formed in you," exclaimed St. Paul in a letter to the Galatians. Every apostle has an equal right to feel himself both father and mother of the souls for whom he sacrifices himself entirely—a paternity and a maternity which are a reflection of, or rather, a sharing in the paternity of God. In the natural order, God has arranged that fecundity, the source of life, should be the result of the union of two creatures. In the supernatural order also, fecundity is born of union, but of an immensely superior and wholly spiritual union; the union of the soul with God. The more a soul is united to God by love, the greater is its participation in His inexhaustible fecundity, which has for its end the communication of the divine life to men. Therefore, consecrated souls, who have renounced natural fecundity, have not impoverished and stifled their lives, condemning them to sterility; through their union with God, these souls have been raised to a paternity, to a maternity, of a far superior nature. (taken from *Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

From time to time we make mention from the pulpit of the possibility of gaining a **plenary indulgence** on a particular day or particular occasion. Some may not know, however, that a plenary indulgence can be gained on every day of the year. Four of the most common ways in which plenary indulgences are gained (having fulfilled the usual conditions) are the following:

- 1) Praying five decades of the rosary in church or with one's family, or
- 2) Adoring the Blessed Eucharist for half an hour, or
- 3) Making the Stations of the Cross, or
- 4) Reading Sacred Scripture for half an hour.

Besides plenary indulgences, there exist **partial indulgences**. As the name implies, such indulgences remit part of the penalty due to sins already forgiven. The amount of penalty remitted will depend upon the disposition of the one seeking the indulgence. Unlike plenary indulgences which can be gained only once a day (twice on the day you die), there is no limit to the number of partial indulgences that may be gained in a day. Besides many indulgenced prayers, novenas, etc. there are three ways in which a partial indulgence may always be acquired:

In the midst of one's duties to raise one's mind to God and add a pious invocation, e.g., "My God, I love You!"
In a spirit of penance to freely abstain from something.
To perform a charitable deed or the giving of alms.

Not only does the Church hope that many indulgences will be gained, she also hopes that the constant attempt to acquire them will make us grow in holiness. It's easy to imagine that anyone who strives to gain a plenary indulgence every day will make great strides along the road of sanctity. The Church – good Mother that she is – has placed a vast treasury of merits at our disposal in order to free us and the souls in purgatory from the enormous penalty due to our sins. This is one treasure that must not be kept hidden.

1 To gain a plenary indulgence - besides the performance of the indulgenced act itself - one must go to confession at least 20 days before or 20 days after the act is performed, Holy Communion must be received (several days before or after, but most fittingly on the day the indulgenced act is completed), prayers must be said for the intentions of the Pope (an Our Father and Hail Mary suffice), all attachment to sin must be absent.

Date Change— Chesterton Society Meeting:

Nov. 8th at 7:30pm

Please note: We now meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month

We are continuing with the book: *The Everlasting Man*
Chapter 2 Part 2 "*The Riddles of the Gospel*"
Also: Fr. Brown: "*The Insoluble Problem*"
Go to: <http://www.sacfssp.com/>
For online book and Fr. Brown stories
All Are Welcome!

Women's Retreat

The priests of St. Stephen's are offering a one day retreat for the women of the parish (women from outside the parish are invited to participate, as well). It will be held on Saturday, November 12th. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost, but we do ask you to fill out a registration form (available in the vestibule) so that we can plan accordingly. Hope you can make it!

Registration Open for 1st Communion Classes

Parents of children who will be 7 by May 1st of 2017 may register their child for class. Classes will begin January 14, 2017. Baptismal certificates are needed at the time of registration, unless your child was baptized at St. Stephens.

Bible Study

Fr. Savoie is presenting a series on the "Continuation of the Fall of Man" Chapter 4 of the Book of Genesis. This series will be presented line by line from Scripture. The first class will be Nov. 10th at 7:00 pm.

Plenary Indulgence Available

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. On all the days from Nov. 1st to Nov. 8th inclusive, a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed (under the usual conditions). Partial indulgences are granted to those who recite Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead, and to those who recite the prayer "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace." *The Holy Souls cannot help themselves, but they can pray for us because they do love God intensely! They will not forget our generosity to them!*

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,
John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Paulette Brady, James Reslock,
Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, Beverly Longtin,
Mary Daley, Ramon Daley, John Newaz, Marne Merino,
Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Margaret Melusky,
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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.

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