

**Sunday, November 13, 2016  
Resumed 6th Sunday after Epiphany**



**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

**Mon. 14 Nov. St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr, III Class**

7:00 am Adeline Elizabeth Egan  
12:15 pm Tamara Greco's Children

**Tues. 15 Nov. St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III Class**

7:00 am †Ruby Chong  
6:30 pm Confraternity of St. Peter

**Wed. 16 Nov. St. Gertrude the Great, Virgin, III Class**

7:00 am Erlinda & Romulo Baccay  
12:15 pm †Sharon Baierlein

**Thurs 17 Nov. St. Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop & Confessor, III Class**

7:00 am Deacon Dave & Jennifer Leatherby  
6:30 pm Francis & Agnes Dugyon & Family

**Fri. 18 Nov. Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter & Paul, III Class**

7:00 am Megan Linenhan & Family  
12:15 pm †Edwardine Robison  
6:30 pm Dr. Gerald Foy

**Sat. 19 Nov. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow, III Class**

7:00 am †Sunny Cosico  
9:00 am Angelica Aranas

**Sun. 20 Nov. 24th & Last Sunday after Pentecost, II Class**

8:00 am Fr. Jeremy Leatherby  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:30 pm Francis & Agnes Dugyon & Family  
6:00 pm Dan D'amico

**...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. 16—Men's  
Nov. 17—Bible Study  
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

**Martha & Mary**

There are two great attractions in a soul which has given itself seriously to God; the attraction to solitary, silent prayer where, immersed in God, the soul listens to His voice, penetrates His mysteries, and above all unites itself more intimately with Him; and correspondingly, the attraction to the apostolate, to active, generous sacrifice for the salvation of souls. To recollect itself in God "the soul would like to flee from other people, and greatly envies those who live, or have lived, in deserts. On the other hand, it would like to plunge right into the heart of the world, to see if by doing this it could help one soul to praise God more." Such is the double movement of charity which, fusing the love of God and the love of neighbor into one and the same love, urges the soul equally to union with God and to the service of its neighbor. If one of these movements is lacking, charity will not be complete. The development of the interior life requires this double attraction which is both a sign and a means of progress; it is at the same time, a torment for the soul that has not yet found the just mean between the two tendencies. To which of the two will it give the preference? To action or to contemplation? In practice, the problem must be solved on the basis of the requirements and the duties of one's state in life, the directions of obedience, and the particular circumstances permitted by God. A desire for contemplative prayer which distracts, or withdraws the soul from the fulfillment of duty would not be in conformity with the will of God; God has every right to ask us to renounce such a desire, that He may send us to serve our neighbor. Magdalen rejoiced when she finally found Jesus, her Risen Lord; she longed to remain at His feet, but He commanded her; "Go to My brethren"; and she, with docility, left Him to announce His Resurrection. On the other hand, the contrary is also true. Jesus said to His Apostles on their return from preaching; "Come apart into a desert place and rest a little," thereby inviting them to suspend their apostolic activity and to reinvigorate their spirit in silence and in prayer, along with Him. The best way, which steers a middle course deviating neither to right nor left, is always the way of duty, of the will of God, of interior inspiration, under the guidance of one who has the authority to direct the soul.

(taken from *Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

**From the Pastor**

Many prayers have been offered in the last several months for our country and a successful outcome to the national elections. Those prayers have not been in vain. We want to give public thanks to the Lord for at least affording us hope that our country's moral descent into total depravity will be stopped, and the work of rebuilding a nation built on Christian principles will begin. This means that we still have a lot more praying to do; a lot more Rosaries to pray. As regards the efficacy of the Rosary, read what Sr. Lucia had to say about it in her last public interview given to Father Augustin Fuentes in 1957:

*"Prayers and sacrifice are the two means to save the world. As for the Holy Rosary, Father, in these last times in which we are living, the Blessed Virgin has given a new efficacy to the praying of the Holy Rosary. This in such a way that there is no problem that cannot be resolved by praying the Rosary, no matter how difficult it is—be it temporal or above all spiritual—in the spiritual life of each of us or the lives of our families, be they our families in the world or Religious Communities, or even in the lives of peoples and nations.*

*"I repeat, there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary we will save ourselves, sanctify ourselves, console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls.*

*"Then, there is devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Most Holy Mother, holding her as the seat of mercy, goodness and pardon and the sure door to enter Heaven."*

**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!

**Sunday Mass Schedule**

We have decided to extend the trial period for the 6 pm Mass until the beginning of Lent. Many people still do not know that it is being offered. If you know of someone who may be able to benefit from this time for Mass on Sunday, please let him know.

**Archdiocese for the Military Services**

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). The guiding mission of the AMS is to provide the sacraments—and the re-affirming Word of Christ—to the men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA Medical Centers, civilians working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. To provide these services they need your help—the AMS receives no federal funding.

**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's Bible Study will continue on Thursday, Nov. 17 immediately following the 6:30 pm Mass. The Second Series: Genesis Chapters 4-11 "The Descent and Wandering of Man: Moral Disorder in an Ordered Creation"

(Mature content will be present in this series, regarding the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> commandments)

**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.

**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,  
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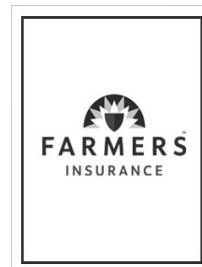
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### MASS SCHEDULE TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE

- 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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