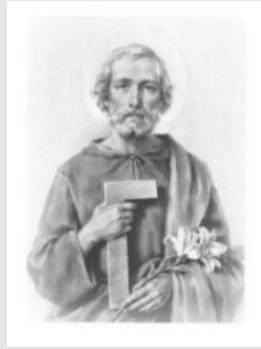


Sunday, April 28, 2013
4th Sunday after Easter



Sun. 28 April, 4th Sunday after Easter, II Class

8:30 am †Eloise Cervetti
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm Phancisco Savie Nguyen

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 29 April, St. Peter of Verona, Martyrs, III Class

7:00 am Anna Nguyen
12:15 pm Fr. McNeely

Tues. 30 April, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, III Class

7:00 am †Frank Cervetti
6:30 pm †Richard Alfred Becker

Wed. 1 May, St. Joseph the Worker, I Class

7:00 am Frank & Lorinda Chaves
12:15 pm †Angelo Lasagna

Thurs. 2 May, St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III Class

7:00 am †Carmela Pessino Grillo
6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality

Fri. 3 May, Feria in Paschaltide, IV Class (1st Friday)

7:00 am Sarah Vierra
12:15 pm Catherine Zuiker
6:30 pm †Fr. Miguel Alcantara

Sat. 4 May, St. Monica, Widow, III Class (1st Saturday)

7:00 am Drs. K & J Adubofour Family
10:30 Solemn High Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Sun. 5 May, 5th Sunday after Easter, II Class

8:30 am Mathew Zuiker
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm Nicholas Macabales
3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Sick Calls

If anyone is in need of the Sacrament (i.e. homebound) please call the parish office. If it is an **emergency**, outside of office hours, dial (916) 455-5114, then press 1, leave a message, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.

...In Memoriam

†Ray Keller, †Elin Frances Terra, †Martha Robison,
†Gabriel Vargas, †Olympia Gonzalez, †Forrest Long,
†Jenna Telles, †Bernard Beronio, †Georgia Munsill
†Patricia Greco

Important Upcoming Dates

May 4—May Procession
May 7—Rogation Mass & Blessing of the Fields
May 9—Ascension of Our Lord
May 11—First Holy Communion
June 1—Ordinations in Nebraska
June 16-22—Camp Sacred Heart
July 8—12 Annual Parish Retreat (Preached by Fr. Goodwin)
Aug. 4—Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen—Pig Roast & Square Dance

St. Joseph's Life of Faith

The fundamental disposition of St. Joseph's soul was one of complete confidence and abandonment to God, which had its source in his faith. St. Matthew called him "a just man;" now Sacred Scripture teaches that "the just man liveth by faith," and it can well be affirmed that no creature, after the Blessed Virgin, has lived as much by faith as St. Joseph. In fact, having spent his whole life within the orbit of the mystery of the Incarnation, he necessarily had to pass through all the obscurities which surrounded the accomplishment of the great mystery. So Joseph needed deep faith, a faith continually nourished by suffering and tempered through anguish. The perplexity aroused in his mind by Mary's mysterious maternity, the extreme poverty and anxieties connected with Bethlehem, the privations during the flight into Egypt, afflicted his sensitive soul to such an extent that in the most serious crises he needed the intervention of an angel, by whom he was sustained and introduced into the depths of the divine mystery unfolding before his eyes. Joseph allowed himself to be guided with the docility and blind confidence of a child. The Gospel relates four events which testify to this:

(1) An Angel put an end to his anguish by commanding him to take Mary as his Spouse, "for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." Joseph did not hesitate a moment and did "as the Angel of the Lord had commanded him." (2) An Angel warned him to "take the Child and His Mother and fly into Egypt." Without delay, in the middle of the night, the Saint arose and carried out the order. Objectively the flight presented overwhelming difficulties: the great inconvenience and dangers of the journey, extreme poverty, exile in a strange land. But the Angel spoke and Joseph obeyed. (3) After Herod's death, an Angel ordered him to return into the land of Israel. (4) An Angel warned him to withdraw into Galilee.

Here we have four acts of faith and blind obedience. Joseph neither hesitated nor reasoned; he made no objection; for he had complete trust in God; he believed in Him fully, in His Word, in His divine Providence.

St. Joseph's whole life may be summed up as a continual adherence to the divine plan, even in situations which were very obscure and mysterious to him.

In our life, too, there is always some mystery, either because God is pleased to work in a hidden, secret manner or because His action is always incomprehensible to our poor human intelligence. Therefore, we need that glance of faith, that complete confidence which, relying on the infinite goodness of God, convinces us that He always and in all circumstances wills our good and disposes everything to that end. Only this loving trust will permit us, like Joseph, always to say our *yes* to every manifestation of the divine will, a humble, prompt, trustful *yes*, in spite of the obscurities, the difficulties, the mystery. . . . God make use of the angels to make His will known to Joseph; to manifest it to us He makes use of our superiors who, like the angels, are His messengers and envoys. Let us obey with the simplicity of St. Joseph, understanding that God can employ any person or circumstance to make us know and execute His divine will, just as He used Caesar's edict to bring Joseph to Bethlehem, where Jesus was to be born. The Roman Emperor had far different intentions, but God utilized this political act to carry out the plan of the Incarnation. God always governs and directs all things toward the fulfillment of His will.

("Divine Intimacy" by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD)



The Primitive Church
The Church in the Days of the Apostles
By Rev. D.I. Lanslots, O.S.B.

How did the Catholic Church get started? Here is recorded the exciting history of the Catholic Church, beginning with the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday and continuing through the death of St. John the Evangelist at the end of the first century. The author relates all the principal events in the dramatic founding of the Catholic Church:

The conversion of 3,000 when the Apostles first left the Cenacle, the stoning of St. Stephen (the first martyr), the miraculous conversion of St. Paul, his extraordinary missionary journeys, the conversion of Cornelius (the first gentile Christian), the Council of Jerusalem, the martyrdom of St. James, how the Apostles propagated the new religion, Sts. Peter and Paul in Rome, their martyrdom, the early persecutions, the destruction of Jerusalem, the writing of the New Testament, the early popes and martyrs, and the death of St. John. This book will show that the Apostles and their disciples were on fire with Christ, literally consumed themselves spreading Christianity, and testified to its truth with their blood.

Glorious May Procession - Saturday, May 4, 2013!

- 8 am – Procession begins, East Lawn Cemetery in Sacramento. 3-mile pilgrimage; streets closed by police
- 10:30 am – Solemn Latin Mass, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament,
- Followed by May Crowning

Visit the website – www.BringMary.com
Come join the crowds at the 5th Annual Great West Coast Marian Procession!

First Holy Communion—May 11th

HELP NEEDED

Help is needed for the First Communion reception. Please sign up in the vestibule. This is a great opportunity to serve your parish and get to know some of your fellow parishioners.

Wedding Banns

Please pray for the following couples who are preparing for the sacrament of Holy Matrimony:

Mark Kwasny & Danetta Souza (1)
Karen Reali & Mirco Terenzoni (1)
Anthony Jorin & Mariah Soto (1)

Wedding banns are published to provide notification of a couple's intent to marry. Any person who may know of an impediment or other reason why a particular couple should not be married has an opportunity to inform the Pastor.

New to St. Stephen's?

Please stop by the office or bookstore and pick up a registration form. It is very helpful for us to have contact information for your family, even if you cannot come to St. Stephen's every week. If you do not have envelopes and would like them you can pick up a box in the bookstore. The use of envelopes is very helpful for our bookkeeping system.

Reminder for the May Chesterton Society meeting:
May 21st at 7:30pm.

The reading for the May meeting will be:
From Tremendous Trifles:
"The Lion"
"Humanity: an Interlude"
"The Little Birds Who Won't Sing"

The Father Brown Story will be "The Eye of Apollo"
All are welcome to attend!

Camp Sacred Heart 2013

Sponsors needed for Camp

If you are able to help sponsor a boy for camp, please seriously consider doing so, there is a great need, especially among large families. Your help is very much appreciated!

Confraternity of St. Peter FSSP Anniversary Pilgrimage
25 Years

Travel to Rome, Italy to attend a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at the Fraternity of St. Peter's Rome Parish on the 25th anniversary of the order's founding. See all the highlights by visiting the website below.

For more information call 916-223-3112 or visit the website www.syversentouring.com/confraternity

"Holy Mass - Gate to Heaven"
2013 Annual Retreat—July 8—12

About 10 more spaces available—sign-up today!

Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP will be preaching our retreat this year. It will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center. This is a silent retreat, each retreatant will have a private room/bath. If you would like to hold a space call the parish office or stop in the bookstore. Space is limited. For more information call 916-455-5114.

"In the fever and agitation of modern life, the need of meditation and spiritual repose impresses itself on Christian souls who desire to reflect on their eternal destiny, and direct their life in this world towards God."

~ 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 strangers in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Kaehler Family, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen, Patricia Becker, Munsill Family, Michael Gould; Sister Marie Jeanne, Elizabeth Pierini; Charles Cantoni, Hayden Garcia, Mitzi Vandenburg, John Reyes; Lori Bates; Ken Taylor, Peter Van Steyn, Elizabeth Van Steyn, Dr. Gerald Foy, Fr. Vladimir Kozina,