

**Sunday, October 27, 2013**  
**Feast of Christ the King**



**Sun. 27 Oct. Feast of Christ the King, I Class**

8:30 am Vischa Yo  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm Edward Joseph Pierini Sr.

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**Mon. 28 Oct. Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles, IV Class**

7:00 am †Fred Roxson  
 12:15 pm †Draga Kozina

**Tues. 29 Oct. Feria IV Class**

7:00 am †Patricia Eschiowu  
 6:30 pm Matthew & Jennifer Gallagher

**Wed. 30 Oct. Feria IV Class**

7:00 am †Georgia Munsill  
 12:15 pm †Mrs. Laverne LeMere

**Thurs. 31 Oct. Feria IV Class**

7:00 am †Michael Kelleher  
 4:00 pm Robert Oakley & Family

**Fri. 1 Nov. All Saints, I Class**

7:00 am †Patricia Eschiowu  
 12:15 pm †James Kavenaugh  
 7:00 pm Pro Populo

**Sat. 2 Nov. Commemoration of All Souls, I Class**

6:30 am All Souls Novena  
 7:05 am Holy Father's Intentions  
 7:45 am All the Faithful Departed  
 11:40 am All Souls Novena  
 12:15 am Holy Father's Novena  
 12:50 am All the Faithful Departed  
 5:15 pm All Souls Novena  
 5:55 pm Holy Father's Intentions  
 7:00 pm All the Faithful Departed

**Sun. 3 Nov. 4th Resumed Sunday After Epiphany I Class**

8:30 am All Souls Novena  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm †Peter Laubacher

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.

**Important Upcoming Dates**

Oct. 27—Ceremony for Confraternity of St. Peter Members  
 Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party  
 Nov. 1—All Saints Day  
 Nov. 2—All Souls Day  
 Nov. 3—Day Light Savings **ends**  
 Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Dec. 12—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 Jan. 25—Walk for Life  
 March 26—Confirmation

**Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

The liturgy today is truly a triumphant hymn celebrating the Kingship of Christ. From the First Vespers of the Feast, the figure of Jesus is majestically portrayed, seated on a royal throne and dominating the entire world; "His Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and all kings shall serve and obey Him...He shall sit and rule and shall speak peace unto the nations."

The Mass opens with the apocalyptic vision of this extraordinary King whose majesty is intimately linked to His immolation for the salvation of souls... "The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power and divinity and wisdom and strength and honor. To Him belong glory and power forever and ever."

In the Epistle St. Paul enumerates the titles which make Christ King of all kings: He is "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature; for in Him were all things created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible." These titles belong to Jesus Christ inasmuch as He is God, perfect image of the Father, exemplary cause of all earthly and heavenly creatures and, at the same time, Creator, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, of all that exists, for nothing has existence without Him, but "all things were created by Him and in Him...by Him all things consist."

Then come His titles to Kingship as Man: "He is the Head of the Mystical Body, the Church...Through Him [God]...reconciled all things unto Himself, making peace through the Blood of His Cross." He, who is already our King by reason of His divinity, is also King through His Incarnation, which has constituted Him the Head of all humanity, and through His Passion, by which at the price of His Blood He has regained our souls, which already belonged to Him as His creatures.

Jesus is our King in the full sense of the word: He has created us, redeemed us, vivified us by His grace, He nourishes us with His Flesh and Blood, He governs us with love, and by love He draws us to Himself. In the face of such considerations, the cry of St. Paul rises spontaneously from our heart: "Giving thanks to God the Father...who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption... The remission of sins."

We should go to meet this divine King with all the yearning of our soul. He presents Himself to us under an appearance so human, so loving, so welcoming, stretching out His arms on the Cross to invite all to come to Him, showing us the wound in His side as the symbol of His Love. Far from trying to escape His dominion, we should beseech Him to be the sole Ruler of our mind and heart, and the complete master of our will. We should submit ourselves and all that belongs to us to "His most gentle rule".

O divine King, most amiable Jesus, my Redeemer, my Savior, my Spouse, my Master and model, I renew today the total consecration of my being to You, begging You to take absolute dominion over me. Be my Sovereign, my Ruler, my Guide. Direct and govern me entirely, so that everything may turn to Your greater glory. Be King of my memory, of my intellect, of my will, of my emotions; I wish all to be completely subject to You to reign in me. Your kingdom is a kingdom of Truth, of Love, of Justice and of Peace.

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

**All Saints Eve—Donations and Help Needed**

Please help us to celebrate the Communion of Saints by making a donation of candy and cash. This is an evening for everyone—young and old alike.

Would you be interested in running a game or snack booth? What fun it is to give treats to miniature St. Therese or St. John Bosco!

Envelopes for donations and sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule.

**Confraternity of St. Peter News**

Many Confraternity members may be aware of a ceremony which will take place each year for new CSP members on the first Sunday after the FSSP anniversary. For this year only, all members of CSP may participate in the ceremony, as this is the first one. Because of the pilgrimage to Rome, we have been given permission to postpone the ceremony until today. It will take place just before Vespers.

Those who wish to participate, please let us know, there is a sign up sheet in the bookstore. Remember to bring your certificate of membership which you received when you were enrolled.

For more information call 916-455-5114.

**Feast of All Saints  
November 1st**

**Why has the Church instituted this festival?**

To give praise to God in His saints, and to pay to the saints themselves the honor which they merit for having made it the work of their earthly life to promote the honor of God.

To impress vividly upon our minds that we are members of that holy Catholic Church which believes in the communion of saints, that is, in the communion of all true Christians, who belong to the Church triumphant in heaven, to the Church suffering in purgatory, or to the Church militant upon earth; but, more particularly, to cause us earnestly to consider the communion of the saints in heaven with us, who are yet battling on earth.

To exhort us to raise our eyes and hearts, especially on this day, to heaven, where before the throne of God is gathered the innumerable multitude of saints of all countries, times, nationalities and ranks of life, who have faithfully followed Christ and left us glorious examples of virtues, which we ought to imitate. This we can do, for the saints, too, were weak men, who fought and conquered only by the grace of God, which will not be denied to us.

To honor those saints, for whom during the year there is no special festival appointed by the Church. Finally, that in consideration of so many intercessors God may grant us perfect reconciliation, may permit us to share in their merits, and may grant us the grace to enjoy with them, one day, the bliss of heaven.

Pope Boniface IV first suggested the celebration of this festival, when in 610 he ordered that the Pantheon, a pagan temple at Rome, dedicated to all the gods, should be converted into a Christian church, and the relics of the saints, dispersed through the different Roman cemeteries, taken up and placed therein. He then dedicated the Church to the honor of the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs, and thus for the first time celebrated the Festival of All Saints, directing that it should be observed in Rome every year. Pope Gregory IV extended this feast to the whole Catholic Church, and appointed the 1st of November as the day of its celebration.

(taken from "The Church's Year" by Fr. Leonard Goffine)

**All Souls Novena of Masses**

Envelopes are available in the vestibule for the **All Souls Novena of Masses**. Please turn in by November 1st.

**Purgatory**

**The Nature of It's Joys and Sorrows**

St. Catherine of Genoa, shortly before the Reformation which rejected the belief in purgatory with scorn, wrote on purgatory the most sublime treatise we possess. In this treatise she wrote:

"Apart from the happiness of the saints in heaven, I think there is no joy comparable to that of the souls in purgatory. An incessant communication with God renders their happiness daily more intense, and this union with God grows more and more intimate, according as the impediments to that union, which exist in the soul, are consumed. These obstacles are the rust and the remains, as it were, of sin; and the fire continues to consume them, and thus the soul gradually expands under the divine influence. Thus, according as the rust diminishes and the soul is laid bare to the divine rays, happiness is augmented. The one grows and the other wanes until the time of trial is elapsed. Yet the pain is not lessened, it is only the time of suffering which decreases. With regard to the will of these souls, they can never say that these pains are pains, so great is their contentment with the ordinance of God, with which their wills are united in perfect charity."

So far St. Catherine. Her words need but little explanation. The state of the Holy Souls can be summed up in the words: and intense unsatisfied desire to see God. Now all desire, while it remains unsatisfied, constitutes pain of some kind and brings some sort of sadness. Desire with certainty of never being satisfied is intense torture. Its pain is in proportion to the realization of the greatness of the good ultimately lost and our responsibility in having lost it.

Desire without certainty of ever being satisfied is pain mixed with the sweetness of hope.

Desire with the absolute certainty of being satisfied is both joy and pain. Both pain and joy increase equally in proportion to the realization of the good to be attained and of our own responsibility in having merited both its ultimate attainment and its present delay.

The Holy Souls are inexpressibly happy and inexpressibly sad. They are happy because by God's grace and their own free will they have secured the certainty of seeing and enjoying Him, whom they supremely love. They are sad because through their own fault they are deprived of the blissful vision of His glory. (taken from "Purgatory and Heaven" by J.P. Arendzen, D.D.)

**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.

**Save the Date!**

Save the date—**Saturday, January 25, 2014**. Tenth Annual Walk for Life. Bus tickets on sale in gym after all Sunday Masses in October.

You can also contact **Mike (916) 335-4553 or Kathleen (916) 204-9125** to make reservations.

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

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Kaehler Family, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen, Munsill Family, Sister Marie Jeanne, Charles Cantoni, Mitzi Vandenburg, John Reyes, Dr. Gerald Foy, Cindy Yumoto, Carlos Aldana, Liliana, Luz & Cesar Morales

**...In Memoriam**

†Ray Keller, †Elin Frances Terra, †Martha Robison, †Gabriel Vargas, †Olympia Gonzalez, †Forrest Long, †Jenna Telles, †Bernard Beronio, †Georgia Munsill, †Patricia Greco, †Draga Kozina, †Doug McNeely, †Louis Soltan, †Rhoda Bowen