

**Sunday, June 8, 2014  
Pentecost Sunday**



<b>Sun. 8 June</b>	<b><u>Pentecost Sunday, I Class</u></b>
8:30 am	Donald Foy & Family
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:00 pm	Fr. O'Neill
3:00 pm	Vespers & Benediction
<b>Mon. 9 June</b>	<b><u>Pentecost Monday, I Class</u></b>
7:00 am	Gabrielle Aranas
12:15 pm	Christina Nicolini
<b>Tues. 10 June</b>	<b><u>Pentecost Tuesday, I Class</u></b>
7:00 am	Poor Souls Who Have No One to Pray for Them
6:30 pm	Ursula Uclaray
<b>Wed. 11 June</b>	<b><u>Ember Wednesday of Pentecost, I Class</u></b>
7:00 am	Wm. James Foy & Family
12:15 pm	Maria Vargas
<b>Thurs. 12 June</b>	<b><u>Pentecost Thursday, I Class</u></b>
7:00 am	†Bill Ynclan
6:30 pm	Rebecca Long
<b>Fri. 13 June</b>	<b><u>Ember Friday of Pentecost, I Class</u></b>
7:00 am	Zelerino Tovar
12:15 pm	McGrath Family
6:30 pm	Fatima Moitoso
<b>Sat. 14 June</b>	<b><u>Ember Saturday of Pentecost, I Class</u></b>
7:00 am	M/M James Vickerman & Family
9:00 am	Fr. Perry
<b>Sun. 15 June</b>	<b><u>Trinity Sunday, I Class</u></b>
8:30 am	M/M John Dunlap & Family
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:00 pm	Philip Rutschow
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, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.

**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.

**...In Memoriam**

†Charles Cantoni, †Manuel Nino, †Margaret Correa,  
†Cindy Yumoto, †Fr. Vladimir Kozina, †Philip Rutschow

**Important Upcoming Dates**

June 13—Fatima Procession  
June 14—Ordinations in Leesburg, Virginia  
June 17—Chesterton Society Meeting  
June 22-28—Camp Sacred Heart  
June 27—Sacred Heart of Jesus  
June 29—Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul  
July 13—17—Silent Retreat

**The Action of the Holy Spirit**

Just as the Holy Spirit dwelt in the most holy soul of Christ in order to bring it to God, so He abides in our souls for the same purpose. In Jesus He found a completely docile will, one that He could control perfectly, whereas in us He often meets resistance, the fruit of human weakness; therefore, He desists from the work of our sanctification because He will not do violence to our liberty. He, the Spirit of *love*, waits for us to cooperate *lovingly* in His work, yielding our soul to His sanctifying action freely and ardently. In order to become saints, we must concur in the work of the Holy Spirit; but since effective concurrence is impossible without an understanding of the promoter's actions, it is necessary for us to learn how the divine Paraclete, the promoter of our sanctification, works in us.

We must realize that the Holy Spirit is ever active in our souls, from the earliest stages of the spiritual life and even from its very beginning, although at that time in a more hidden and imperceptible way. However, His very precious action was there, and it consisted especially in the preparing and encouraging of our first attempts to acquire perfection. By giving us grace, without which we could have done nothing to attain sanctity, the Holy Spirit inaugurated His work in us: He elevated us to the supernatural state. Grace comes from God; it is a gift from all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity: a gift created by the Father, merited by the Son in consequence of His Incarnation, Passion, and death, and diffused in our souls by the Holy Spirit. But it is to the latter, to the Spirit of love, that the work of our sanctification is attributed in a very special manner. When we were baptized, we were justified "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;" nevertheless, Sacred Scripture particularly attributes this work of regeneration and divine filiation to the Holy Spirit. Jesus Himself pointed out to us that Baptism is a rebirth "of...the Holy Spirit," and St. Paul stated: "For in one Spirit were we all baptized" and "the Spirit Himself giveth testimony to our spirit, that we are the sons of God." Therefore, it is the Holy Spirit who has prepared and disposed our souls for the supernatural life by pouring forth grace in us.

Besides this, in order to enable us to perform supernatural acts, the Holy Spirit comes to strengthen our powers—the intellect and the will—by the infused virtues: charity, together with the other theological virtues of faith and hope, and the moral virtues. Thus, through His intervention, we become capable of performing supernatural acts. But the Holy Spirit does not stop there; like a good teacher, He continues to help us in our work, urging us to do good and sustaining our efforts. He invites us by His interior inspirations, as well as by exterior means, especially Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church. Sacred Scripture is the word of God, written by men under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is the divine Paraclete who speaks to us therein, enlightening our intellects with His light and spurring our wills by His motions; hence, meditation on the sacred texts is somewhat like "attending the school" of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, the Holy Spirit continually teaches us and stimulates us to do good by the living word of the Church, since all those in the Church who have the mission to teach are under His influence when they expound sacred doctrine to the faithful. If we listen to the inspirations of the divine Paraclete, and accept His invitations, He unites Himself to us, aiding us by actual graces, so that we are able to perform virtuous acts.

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

**The Holy Spirit Within**

I have been reflecting that since the Holy Spirit came to those who crucified Christ, He will come now to those who call on Him with piety. It is indeed amazing to see the gentleness and love with which He taught the apostles to preach and pray. St. Peter says: "Brethren, you have sinned, know your sins and do penance for them, for the Lord will pardon you and send you a gift. Get ready your hearts to receive it." May God reveal your hearts to you, your inward disposition so that you may recognize your sins! May you hear of that voice which is louder than an organ—may you be aware of that perfume which is stronger than civet—may your conscience reveal your sins to you and make you weep for them! With your whole heart call on Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and if you do this the Holy Spirit will come to you. Do you want the Holy Spirit to come to you? Call Him in the name of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit has so much love for Jesus Christ that if you call Him in His name, He will come.

"He is pure: how could He come to me who am unclean?" That is the question. Why has the Holy Spirit so much love for Jesus Christ? Because Jesus Christ placed Himself willingly on the Cross, in obedience to the Eternal Father and the Holy Spirit; which is why the Holy Spirit will come to you in Christ's name, and will not be repelled by your wretchedness. He will not fail to come; He will not show contempt for you. Who would ever think of mixing gold with mire, purity with refuse, the valuable with the worthless, the lofty with the despicable, such great goodness with such frailty and such insignificance? You see it is quite true that man is not a suitable dwelling for the Holy Spirit, just as the Cross was not the place for our Redeemer, Jesus Christ; but through this union with the Cross, has come about the union of the Holy Spirit with man. The Holy Spirit advised and inspired Jesus Christ to put Himself in that mean and repellent place—the Cross; and because He did so, the Holy Spirit will come to that other mean, repellent place—the heart of man. Beseech Him to do so, entreat Him! Call Him in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, because He will most certainly come and give Himself to you, and present you with all His gifts. He will enlighten your understanding, He will make you burn with love for Him, and will give you grace and glory.  
(*The Holy Spirit Within* by St. John of Avila)

**What Are the Gifts of the Holy Ghost?**

According to the Prophet Isaias they are seven: 1. The gift of wisdom, which enables us to know God, to esteem spiritual more than temporal advantages, and to delight only in divine things. 2. The gift of understanding, by which we know and understand that which our faith proposes to our belief; children and adults should pray fervently for this gift, especially before sermons and instructions in the catechism. 3. The gift of counsel, which gives us the knowledge necessary to direct ourselves and others when in doubt, a gift particularly necessary for superiors, for those who are choosing their state of life, and for married people who live unhappily, and do not know how to help themselves. 5. The gift of knowledge, by which we know ourselves, our duties, and how to discharge them in a manner pleasing to God. 6. The gift of piety, which induces us to have God in view in all our actions, and infuses love in our hearts for His service. 7. The gift of the fear of the Lord, by which we not only fear the just punishment, but even His displeasure at every sin, more than all other things in the world.  
(*The Church's Year* by Rev. Fr. Leonard Goffine)

**Spiritual Adoption Progress Report—Month 6**

Please check out the new Spiritual Adoption poster in the vestibule to see the development of our parish's spiritually adopted babies! He is now six months old in utero. Your spiritually adopted baby is growing quite beautifully now. His weight is approaching 2 pounds. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Keep praying!

**Confraternity of St. Peter 2014 Pilgrimage**

***English Martyrs***

"Our Lady's Dowry" a glorious title that England was commonly known by in the Middle Ages. Visit the shrines and sites hallowed by the saints and martyrs of England's past and be a part of the closing events of the largest Traditional pilgrimage in the UK, to witness the ancient Faith anew! Join Fr. James Fryar, FSSP, Chaplain of the Confraternity of St. Peter on August 23—September 1, 2014. For more information call Tish at 916-223-3112 or visit the website [www.syversentouring.com/confraternity](http://www.syversentouring.com/confraternity).

**Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Rosa Mystica & Little Flowers**

Registration is now open for Rosa Mystica (ages 9-14) & Little Flowers (ages 5-8). Forms are available at the Parish Office, bookstore, or by e-mail. The **deadline** for registration is August 1st and **space is limited**. Registration forms are also available for the Sodality of Our Lady, (ages 14 & up)

**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.**

**Correction!**

The collection for the for the Fraternity's Colombian Mission was \$3,399.00 and not \$8,940.00 as previously reported.

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

**"Christian Perfection & Love for the Cross of Christ"**

Sunday, July 13—Thursday, July 17

Space is still available for our annual silent retreat. So far 26 people have signed up. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enrich your spiritual life.

Fr. Chrysostom Baer, O. Praem. will preach our 2014 Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center. This silent retreat is open to all adult men and women. Each retreatant will have a private room/bath and all meals will be provided.

Daily Latin Mass, opportunity for Confession & Spiritual direction

More information is available at the parish office or bookstore. 916-455-5114 - [stephenproto@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenproto@yahoo.com)

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

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Kaehler Family, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen, Munsill Family, Sister Marie Jeanne, Mitzi Vandenburg, John Reyes, Dr. Gerald Foy, Carlos Aldana, Liliana, Luz & Ceasar Morales, Richard Corbin, Robert Nunez, Renee Burns, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, John Patrick Corr, Baby James Reslock