

**Sunday, July 20, 2014**  
**6th Sunday after Pentecost**



**Sun. 20 July 6th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class**

8:30 am Gia Prigmore  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm George Harbaugh

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**Mon. 21 July St. Laurence of Brindisi, Confessor & Doctor, III Class**

7:00 am Teresita Harbaugh  
 12:15 pm Cassandra & John Brennan

**Tues. 22 July St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent, III Class**

7:00 am Dores Porone  
 6:30 pm Delia Guiffre

**Wed. 23 July St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr, III Class**

7:00 am †Richard Alfred Becker  
 12:15 pm Reparation for Abortion & Contraception

**Thurs. 24 July St. Christina, Virgin & Martyr, IV Class**

7:00 am Maria Angalo  
 6:30 pm FSSP

**Fri. 25 July St. James the Greater, Apostle, II Class**

7:00 am Special Intention  
 12:15 am †Dorothy Handy  
 6:30 pm †Philip & Joan Rutschow

**Sat. 26 July St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class**

7:00 am †John Mack Parlet  
 9:00 am Perez Family, Living & Deceased

**Sun. 27 July 7th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class**

8:30 am Tom & Monique Rance  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm Gomez Family

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.

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**...In Memoriam**

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

**Important Upcoming Dates**

July 22—Chesterton Society meeting, 7:30pm  
 August 3—Patronal Feast—Pig Roast & Square Dance  
 August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 August 23—English Martyrs Pilgrimage  
 September 6—Girls' Club resumes  
 October 18—26th Anniversary of the FSSP  
 October 31—All Saints Eve Party

**Infinite Wisdom**

God is infinite wisdom who knows Himself and all things perfectly. In God wisdom is not distinct from being as it is in us, but it is the very Being of God. Therefore, God's Being is supreme wisdom; it is a luminous, resplendent, eternally subsistent ray of intelligence which embraces and penetrates all the divine essence, and at the same time sees in it, as in their cause, all things which have existed or ever can exist. Divine wisdom, says Holy Scripture, "reacheth everywhere by reason of her purity...". She is a vapor of the power of God, and a certain pure emanation of the glory of the almighty God... She is the brightness of eternal light, the unspotted mirror of God's majesty, and the image of His goodness."

Divine wisdom is, before all, perfect knowledge of God. No creature, not even the angels or the blessed in heaven, can know God to the point of exhausting the depths of the infinite greatness of His Being: God alone knows Himself perfectly. Divine wisdom alone can exhaust the infinite profundity of His essence and of His mysteries. Although we are incapable of knowing God as He really is, it is an immense joy for us to contemplate the infinite wisdom which penetrates all the divine mysteries, and an immense comfort to invoke this infinite wisdom and entrust ourselves to it, that it may be our light and guide in the knowledge of God.

Divine wisdom is, therefore, a perfect knowledge of everything that exists; there can be no error in it, since it is eternal, immutable truth. Nothing is hidden from it nor can anything be a mystery to it: because it has created all things and it penetrates their inmost essence. There is nothing new which it can learn because from all eternity it sees everything in an eternal present; nothing, however minute, can escape its most brilliant light. "The very hairs of your head are numbered," Jesus has said. God knows us much better than we know ourselves; the most secret movements of our hearts, even those which escape our control, are perfectly manifest to Him. Let us ask Him for the grace to know ourselves in His light, in His eternal truth.

Divine wisdom knows all things in God, in reference to Him, who is their first cause. It sees all things as depending upon God and ordained by Him to His glory; therefore, it does not judge them according to their outward appearances, but solely according to the value, place, and meaning they have in God's eyes. Consequently, the judgments of divine wisdom are vastly different from our short human judgments which stop at the purely material aspect of things.

To know created things in their relation to God, and to esteem them according to the value they have in His eyes, is true wisdom, which we should try to acquire in the reflected light of eternal wisdom. How far we are from it when we judge creatures and events only from a human standpoint, basing our judgment solely on the joy or displeasure they give us. This is the wisdom of the world and it is "foolishness with God," precisely because it evaluates things according to their relation to man, and not to God, it judges them according to their appearances and not according to their reality. Only by accustoming ourselves to ignore our human view, which is too subjective and self-interested, will we be able to see beyond the appearances of things, to discover, in the light of faith, the significance and value they have in the eyes of God. Let us consider how wrong we are when we preoccupy ourselves more about our success in worldly affairs than about our progress in virtue.

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

**Mary Magdalen**  
**in the Visions of Anne Catherine Emmerich**

Jesus had an interview with the women in a chamber fronting on the road that led to Jerusalem, and which had formerly been occupied by Magdalen. In obedience to Jesus' direction, Lazarus brought his silent sister, Mary, and left her alone with the Lord, the other women retiring in the meantime to the antechamber.

Silent Mary...cast herself down before Him and kissed His feet. Jesus made no attempt to prevent her, and raised her up by the hand. With her eyes turned heavenward, she uttered the most sublime and wonderful things, though in the most simple and natural manner. She spoke of God, of His Son, and of His Kingdom just as a peasant girl might talk of the father of the village lord and his inheritance. Her words were a prophecy, and the things of which she spoke she saw before her. She recounted the grave faults and bad management of the wicked servants of the household. The Father had sent His Son to arrange affairs and pay off all debts, but they would receive Him badly. He would have to die in great suffering, redeem His Kingdom with His own Blood, and efface the crimes of the servants, that they might again become the children of His Father. She carried out the allegory in most beautiful language, and yet in as natural a manner as if she were recounting a scene enacted in her presence. At times she was gay, at others sorrowful, calling herself a useless servant and grieving over the painful labors of the Son of the merciful Lord and Father.

Another cause of sorrow to her was that the servants would not rightly understand the parable, although so simple and so true. She spoke of the Resurrection. The Son, she said, would go to the servants in the subterranean prisons also. He would console them and set them free because He had purchased their Redemption. He would return with them to His Father. But at His second advent, when He would come again to judge all those that had abused the satisfaction He had made and who would not turn from their evil ways, should be cast into the fire.

She then spoke of Lazarus' death and resurrection: "He goes forth from this world," she said, "and gazes upon the things of the other life. His friends weep around him as if he were never to return. But the Son calls him back to earth, and he labors in the vineyard." Of Magdalen, too, she spoke: "The maiden is in the frightful desert where once were the children of Israel. She wanders in accursed places where all is dark, where never human foot has trod. But she will come forth, and in another desert make amends for the past."  
 (*Mary Magdalen in the Visions of Anne Catherine Emmerich*, arranged and edited by the Very Rev. Carl E. Schmogger, CSSR)

**My Other Self**

Are you humble? Let us see. Do you delight in talking about yourself either in self-praise or self-blame? Are you a "show-off," a monopolizer of conversation? Are you argumentative, easily angered, sarcastic, given to ridicule? Do you brood over your humiliations and refuse to take correction, excusing yourself and blaming others when things go wrong? Do you complain about the way people treat you, sulk when you lose at games, disparage others when they win favors? Do you find it hard to obey your superiors? Do you refuse to obey your equals or inferiors?

Having some of these defects does not mean necessarily that you are proud. They may stem from a childish desire to be one of the crowd or from feelings of inferiority. Nevertheless, they are danger signs.

Pray for humility and I will take you at your word. You will begin to find yourself being misunderstood, passed over, rebuked, perhaps ridiculed. When this happens try to remember to thank me for giving you these precious opportunities to practice meekness, to choke back harsh and indignant words, to refrain from expressing unnecessarily your own opinions or to challenge the opinions others advance.

(*My Other Self* by Clarence J. Enzler)

**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)

Reminder— Chesterton Society meeting

**July 22th at 7:30pm**

We will be reading :

**Manalive &**

**Fr. Brown - The Fairy Tale**

All are welcome!

**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.**

**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 hal- lowed 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! There are still a few seats available for the August 23—September 1, 2014 trip. For more information call Tish at 916-223-3112 or visit the website [www.syversentouring.com/confraternity](http://www.syversentouring.com/confraternity).

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**~ 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.

**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 & Cesar Morales, Richard Corbin, Robert Nunez, Renee Burns, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, John Patrick Corr, Norman Sayles