

Sunday, October 12, 2014
18th Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 12 Oct. 18th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am Father Joseph Terra
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Father Joseph Terra

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 13 Oct. St. Edward the Confessor, King, III Class

7:00 am †Isabela Toledo
 12:15 pm Ann Jensen

Tues. 14 Oct. St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am †Father Kozina
 6:30 pm Father Daniel Nolan

Wed. 15 Oct. St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin, III Class

7:00 am Rachel Marie Miller
 12:15 pm Father John Lyons

Thurs. 16 Oct. St. Hedwig, Widow, III Class

7:00 am James Raasch
 6:30 pm †Louise Revolta

Fri. 17 Oct. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin, III Class

7:00 am †Father K. Walker
 12:15 pm †Francis J. Covy
 6:30 pm Katie McClosky

Sat. 18 Oct. St. Luke, Evangelist, II Class

7:00 am Travis Raasch
 9:00 am Jordan Aranas

Sun. 19 Oct. 19th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am Christopher & Nweni Magabo
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm †Gabriel Vargas

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.

Important Upcoming Dates

October 13—Fatima Procession
 October 16—CSP Evening of Recollection
 October 19—CSP New Member Ceremony
 October 21—Chesterton Society Meeting
 October 31—All Saints Eve Party
 January 24—11th Annual Walk For Life
 April 13—Confirmation at 6:30 pm
 May 30—FSSP Priestly Ordinations

The Soul of the Apostolate

Unless our life is one of intimacy with God and His Son Jesus, we cannot be His collaborators, docile instruments in His hands; unless we have an intense interior life, we cannot have the mind of Christ and be associated with His love and His work for the salvation of souls.

By means of prayer and the struggle against sin, by self-renunciation, and the practice of the virtues, the interior life progressively rids the soul of all that is defective, thus favoring in it the growth of grace and love, that is to say it vivifies the soul with divine life, since grace and love are a participation in the very life of God. It follows, therefore, that the more a soul cultivates the interior life, the nearer it will come to God, and having become like Him by grace and love, will be able to live in intimacy with Him, enjoy His friendship, penetrate His mysteries and participate in them. Who, then, will be better able to understand the great mystery of the Redemption and contribute his share to it, than one who by means of a fervent interior life, lives in intimate friendship with God?

The first degree of friendship with God, which consists in the absence of serious sin, does not suffice to fulfill the purposes of the apostolate. A deeper friendship is required, one which creates such uniformity of will, desire and affection that the apostle is enabled to act according to God's Heart; he is moved not by his own impulses, but by the impulse of grace, by God's will, and the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. It is a very significant fact that Jesus made His apostles live for three years in intimacy with Him, treating them like dear friends, before sending them out to convert the world: "I will not now call you servants...but I have called you friends." Friends, not only because He shared the treasures of His divine life with them, but also because He wanted them to be the collaborators, and in a certain sense, the successors of His mission as Redeemer.

Only if we are friends of God can we be apostles; God Himself invites us to this friendship, but we must correspond with God ever more intimate and richer in love.

Only friendship with God, and the charity which unites us to Him, can produce that supernatural strength which makes any form of the apostolate effective. The more a soul is united to God, the more it shares in the power of God Himself; and hence, its prayers, sacrifices, and works undertaken for the salvation of souls, are efficacious and attain their end. But where will an apostle obtain this love which, uniting him to God, gives him such power? Undoubtedly from God Himself: "The charity of God is poured forth in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, who is given to us." In a single moment, the moment of our justification, God infused charity into us without any cooperation on our part, but He does not preserve this gift, much less increase it, unless we remain united to Him by living an interior life. The purpose of the struggle against our passions, the practice of the virtues, recollection, prayer, the practice of the presence of God, and frequent reception of the Sacraments, is to foster union with God and the growth of charity. The interior life is a secret hearth where a soul in contact with God is inflamed with His love, and precisely because it is inflamed and forged by love, it becomes a docile instrument which God can use to diffuse love into the hearts of others. Therefore, it is very important to recall frequently this great principle: *the interior life is the soul of the apostolate*. A deep interior life will generate intense love and intimate union with God, and, therefore, from it will spring a fruitful apostolate, a true sharing in Christ's work of saving souls.

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

Confraternity of St. Peter

On October 19th, after the 10:30 Mass, there will be a ceremony for Confraternity members who have joined since last October. If you are a new Confraternity member please let us know, by e-mail or by coming into the office or bookstore.

CSP members who have belonged longer than a year are invited to join in saying the CSP Prayer on that day.

God Arranges Everything For Our Good

All this is loving God truly, and with our whole heart. And this is what Jesus Christ meant when He said, "He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it in eternal life." Whoever loves God in this manner is quite certain — and certain with an infallible certainty — that everything that God wills or permits with regard to him will be for his good, and even for his greatest good. He will not see it at the moment, because it is essential that he should not see it, and the sacrifices he has to make would not be accomplished if he did see it, but he will see it at the proper time. He will admire the wisdom and the infinite goodness of God in the wonderful way in which He leads the souls who belong to Him entirely. And he will see with astonishment that the very things that he feared would be for his hopeless ruin are those that have made his salvation assured.

It is not difficult to understand on what foundation St. Paul based his maxim.

God alone has the right idea of what sanctity is; He alone knows, and He alone has at His disposal, the means that can lead us to it. He alone also knows what is in the secret depths of our souls, our sentiments, our natural character, and the obstacles that are to be found there against our sanctity. He alone knows what secret motives will move us and how to bring us to the end that He intends for our sanctification without in any way constraining our free will. He knows what effect such and such an event, such and such a temptation, or such and such a trial will produce on us; and on His part, all is prepared so that it may have good success.

God has loved us from all eternity. He loved us first, before we could love Him, and there is nothing in us that is good, either in the order of nature or of grace, that He has not given to us. He loves us with a love that is infinitely wise, infinitely enlightened. He loves us not so much with regard to this present life, which is only passing away, only a time of trial, but with regard to the future life, which is our destination and our final end.

If, then, it is true that everything that happens here to the servants of God is overruled and arranged by infinite Love and Wisdom for their eternal happiness, it can be only through their own fault if the designs of God are not fulfilled. And if a single event happens that does not conduce to their spiritual advantage, it is most certainly through their want of love and trust, and their failing in conformity to the will of God. For, as long as they love God with a real, effective, and practical love, it is impossible for anything in the world to keep them back; on the contrary, everything will help to their advancement in perfection and will contribute to it.

(The Spiritual Life by Father Jean Nicolas Grou)

Reminder— Chesterton Society meeting:

October 21st at 7:30pm

We will be discussing :

The first half of

"What's Wrong With the World"

All are welcome!

...In Memoriam

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

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.

For more information or to help please call Marisol at 916-717-8908.

Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament—Altar Society

Are you interested in ironing, making or mending sacred linens for use at the altar? Would you enjoy arranging flowers for our altar? We need you! There are many other opportunities as well to serve the church by being a part of our altar society. Stop by the parish office or bookstore or call and leave your name. No previous experience is necessary—we will teach you!

October 16, 2014

Evening of Recollection Confraternity of St. Peter

Don't miss out on the spiritual benefits of our CSP Evening of Recollection on Thursday, October 16, beginning with Holy Mass at 6:30 pm. Each month we are given a wonderful sermon and conference along with Holy Mass and CSP prayers.

The Confraternity of St. Peter is a group of lay men and women united to the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

- Conforming our lives in the Spirituality of the Holy Mass
- Praying for the priests and seminarians of the Fraternity of St. Peter
- Praying for more vocations to the Holy Priesthood

For more information visit www.confraternityofstpeter.com or call the parish office 916-455-5114.

11th Annual Walk for Life—Save the Date!

Saturday, January 24, 2015

Bus tickets will be on sale in the gym after all Masses in October. For earlier tickets or additional information contact Mike at 916-335-4553 or Kathleen at 916-204-9125.

World Mission Sunday Collection

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. The needs of the Catholic Church's Missions are growing as new dioceses are formed, new seminaries are opened, and as areas devastated by war, natural disaster, or political suppression are rebuilt. Approximately 1,150 mission dioceses receive regular annual assistance from funds collected through this special appeal. Special envelopes are available for your use.

Retrouvaille—Marriage Recovery

Is your marriage in trouble—miserable—dead? Would you like it to come alive? Retrouvaille can give you the communication skills you need to relate to one another in a better more respectful and emotionally mature way. The next weekend is in Sacramento, Oct. 24—26th. For more information call (800) 470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.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, Ron Carlon, Michael Cuellar, Heather Cuellar, Msgr. Kavanaugh, Anaidel Perez Aravelo