

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**  
**11th Sunday After Pentecost**



**Sun. 20 Aug. 11th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class**  
 8:00 am FSSP  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:30 pm †Norma Delos Santos  
 6:00 pm Ramon Daley

**Mon 21 Aug. St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Widow, III Class**  
 7:00 am Darryl Gallagher  
 12:15 pm Gregory McCluskey

**Tues. 22 Aug. Immaculate Heart of Mary, II Class**  
 7:00 am Marilyn Cozad  
 6:30 pm Confraternity of St. Peter

**Wed. 23 Aug. St. Phillip Benizi, Confessor, III Class**  
 7:00 am Vanessa Lopresti  
 12:15 pm Alexander McCluskey

**Thurs. 24 Aug St. Bartholomew, Apostle, II Class**  
 7:00 am Olapeju Adesanya  
 6:30 pm Devotee of Precious Blood of Our Lord

**Fri. 25 Aug St. Louis IX, King & Confessor, III Class**  
 7:00 am Amy Culbreath  
 12:15 pm Francis McDonough  
 6:30 pm †Mike McGrath

**Sat. 26 Aug Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class**  
 7:00 am †Sarah Vierra  
 9:00 am †Alfonsa Gonzales

**Sun. 27 Aug 12th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class**  
 8:00 am Michael Bohy  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:30 pm Yadao Family  
 6:00 pm Mendoza Family

**...In Memoriam**

†Maria Lopresti, †George Klopff, †Nell Keim, †John Reyes,  
 †Margaret Melusky, †Robert O'Kane, †Savino Salierno,  
 †Beverly Longtin, †Donald Strahota, †Ursula Uclaray,  
 †Marina Servande, †Rizal Robancho, †Mike McGrath,  
 †Sarah Vierra, †Mary Daley, †James Greenwell,  
 †Josef Schuchmann, †Paulette Brady, †Felipa Lopez,  
 †Jorge Munoz, †William J. Foy

**Important Upcoming Dates**

Sept. 2—Girls groups meet  
 Sept. 8—Youth Group resumes  
 Sept. 10—Confirmation classes begin  
 Sept. 13—Fatima Procession  
 Sept. 16—Altar Guild resumes  
 Oct. 18—29th Anniversary of Fraternity of St. Peter

**Charity Adapts Itself To Everyone**

Charity has no rigid requirements; it does not expect, and even less pretend, that others should adapt themselves to it, but it is always ready to accommodate itself to the neighbor. God adapted Himself to us when He became man; yet, we do not know how to come down from the little pedestal of our personality to adapt ourselves to the mentalities, preferences, and needs of our brethren. We excuse ourselves by saying, "They are wrong; they are rude and ungrateful, they do not understand my needs, my sensibilities...." How we deceive ourselves! How petty we are in our demands on others! Let us look at the Son of God, the eternal Word, who did not disdain to put Himself on our level, to the extent of taking on our mortal flesh and living a human life in the midst of us. During His earthly life, He did not choose for His companions intellectual men of refined education; He chose ignorant fishermen of rude mentality, men of simple tastes who knew very little about the refinements of life. He lived with them and adopted their ways quite naturally, without any singularity aside from His unlimited charity. Certainly, we cannot conform to the desires of our neighbor when there is question, however slight, of something in opposition to the honor of God and the observance of His law. To do so in such cases would be culpable weakness. But there are many other occasions when it is simply a matter of not insisting upon on personal feelings, our point of view, our own tastes, but of effacing ourselves, and considering the mentality and tastes of others. Then condescension is solid virtue, and far from being weakness, it is a beautiful proof of moral strength, of that strength which knows how to overcome self and sacrifice its ego for the love of God. Lasting charity and perfect harmony are not possible without this flexibility which makes us capable of adapting ourselves to others. When we have firmly resolved to overlook all differences of temperament, mentality, education and tastes, when we are determined to give up our own ideas to accommodate ourselves to the ideas and desires of others, then only can it be said that the goal of fraternal charity has been attained.

We find in the Gospel most beautiful examples of this condescension. "And if a man will contend with thee in judgment, and take away thy coat, let go thy cloak also unto him. And whosoever will force thee one mile, go with him the other two. Give to him that asketh of thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not away". The divine Master strongly exhorts us to patience, meekness, and the renouncement of our rights, so as to put ourselves humbly at the service of our neighbor, sacrificing ourselves generously for him, for his interests, and his joy. Instead of quarreling and arguing with a troublesome person, Jesus teaches us to yield always, even if that person's demands are unreasonable. If we frequently refuse to do what is asked of us, it is a sign that our charity is still very weak. (*Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD.)

**From the Vicar**

Dear parishioners,

As you know, in today's world it continues to be increasingly difficult to screen movies for content incompatible with the life of virtue. All Catholics, however, are bound to observe due diligence in this regard, and this duty is especially incumbent upon those with children in the house. I want to share with you a few tools that many people have found helpful.

The first is [www.kids-in-mind.org](http://www.kids-in-mind.org). This website is kept very current and has been very reliable. It rates movies based on three categories - purity, violence, and language - issuing a score from 0 to 10 for each. Below the movie summary and the score, the website lists details and explanations about each category. Here I would caution against reading the details for offenses against purity, unless you are certain this will not be a near occasion of sin for you. Instead it is probably better to simply look up a few movies you are familiar with and see what they are scored for purity, in order to get a proper sense of the number value given and what it means. On the other hand, the details for violence and language can be very helpful.

If for some reason the prior website doesn't list a particular movie, sometimes it can be useful to consult the "Parents guide" linked to each movie overview in [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com). However, the above caveat regarding descriptions of impurity are still germane here. Finally, the website [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org) can also be quite useful, and has the additional advantage of including information for television and other digital media, such as video games.

The final tool I suggest you look into, which was recommended to me by another priest, is [www.vidangel.com](http://www.vidangel.com). This is a filtering service for streaming content. If you are familiar with the older ClearPlay DVD player, VidAngel is very similar, except that it works with streaming over the internet instead of with a physical disk. Unfortunately VidAngel is currently embroiled in a difficult legal battle with several studios that sued them for violating their artistic license and copyrights, but after many months of being essentially offline, VidAngel has finally returned under a new business model. It now operates as a subscription service, charging \$8 per month. It claims to be able to intercept Amazon Video and Netflix already, with other streaming services such as Vudu being added soon. I haven't seen this newer model in operation, but a filtering service like this can be very useful for those that want to relax with their families without being troubled by inappropriate content. I encourage you to try it and let the priests know if it is helpful for you and your family.

God bless you,  
 Fr. Curtis

**Around the Parish**

~ **Congratulations** to Greg & Sarina Bronson on the birth of their 5th child, Martha Clare! Martha was baptized at St. Stephen's on August 8th.  
 ~ **Thank you** Benjamin Kasak for your long time service at the altar at St. Stephen's! Prayers for a successful year at St. Thomas Aquinas College!

**Youth Group**

The youth group will begin meeting again at St. Stephen's on September 8, 2017, at 7:30 pm in Classroom 2. Those attending are highly encouraged to attend Mass beforehand. Teenagers aged 14 to 18 are welcome (13 year olds can begin attending the academic semester in which they turn 14)

The group begins with a short meal followed by a talk given by one of the priests. These talks are intended to further the religious formation of the youth and to help prepare them to enter the world as faithful Catholics. After the talk, the evening concludes with a game or activity. Parents are asked to pick up their children no later than 10:15pm.

**Altar Guild Registration**

Altar Guild registration will be held after the 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 1:30 pm Mass.  
 All boys who currently serve Mass in any capacity must report to the registration table and complete a registration form.

**Registration for Confirmation Classes**

Registration is now open for children aged 12 by June 1, 2018. Confirmation class will begin on September 10th. In order to register, you must have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate. Please pick up forms in the bookstore.

~ **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 ...**

Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Sandra De Monaco, Mitzi Vandenberg, Gerald Foy, Pamela Lewis, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, Julie Jeong, William (Pat) Cummings, Patricia Becker



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**MASS SCHEDULE  
 TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE**

- Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
 10:30 a.m. High Mass  
 1:30 p.m. Low Mass  
 6:00 p.m. Low Mass
- Monday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
- Tuesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
- Thursday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Friday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday:** 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- Holy Days:** Please call the office or consult the bulletin or website

**CONFESSION**

- One half hour before all Masses
- Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION  
 THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

- Thursday:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
- Friday:** After 6:30 p.m. Mass
- Saturday:** After 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.  
 (Holy Hour for Vocations)
- First Friday:** Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass

**SICK CALLS**

If anyone is in need of the Sacraments (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.

**DEVOTIONS**

- Rosary:**
- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass
  - Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays
- Holy Face Novena:** 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday
- St. Monica Novena:** First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday
- Fatima Procession:** 13th of every month- May to October - following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on weekdays, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays, and the 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays
- Men's Holy League:** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm

**NEW TO ST. STEPHEN'S?**

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

**ENVELOPES AND ON-LINE GIVING**

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