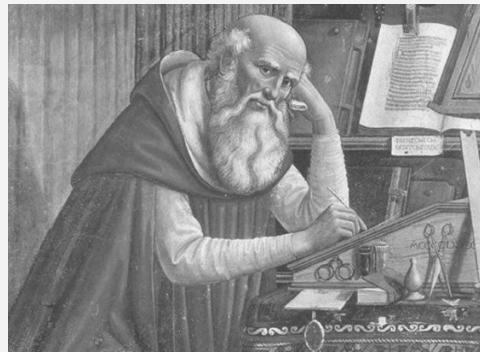


Sunday, August 27, 2017
12th Sunday After Pentecost



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

Mon 28 Aug. St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor, III Class

7:00 am Holy Souls
 12:15 pm Augustine Magabo

Tues. 29 Aug. Beheading of St. John the Baptist, III Class

7:00 am Holy Souls
 6:30 pm †Kathy Solari

Wed. 30 Aug. St. Rose of Lima, Virgin, III Class

7:00 am †Brian Craig
 12:15 pm †Gregory Nicholas

Thurs. 31 Aug St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Raymond McGrath
 6:30 pm Father Savoie

Fri. 1 Sep Feria, IV Class

7:00 am Colleen Holbrook
 12:15 pm Paulo F. Dechoso
 6:30 pm Confraternity of St. Peter

Sat. 2 Sep St. Stephen of Hungary, King & Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Sarah Vierra
 9:00 am FSSP

Sun. 3 Sep 13th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class

8:00 am Joseph Magabo
 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,

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

Perfect Justice

The justice of a soul aspiring to perfection is not cold and dry, not insistent about receiving all that is its due, but it is broad, liberal, generous, and vivified by the expansive breath of charity. Hence it reaches far beyond material justice, which does not come from the heart but limits itself to exterior acts. Primarily, the former is interior justice, that is, uprightness of heart and mind, justice in thoughts, desires, feelings, and intentions. The soul who possesses it has not listened in vain to the words of Jesus: “Unless your justice abound more than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven”. The justice of the Pharisees was insufficient, because it was limited to a purely exterior observance of the law. They had no scruple about secretly trampling upon their most sacred religious duties. These men covered their public conduct with the cloak of justice, without troubling themselves to make it the motive of their private conduct, their affections and the desires of their hearts.

What good, then, is the outer display of justice if its interior spirit is lacking? For example, what use is it to pose in public as a defender of the rights of the people, if in private life a man does not pay workmen a just wage, or is dishonest in commerce, in business, in exercising his profession? What use is it to pour out fine words and promises—or even gifts—on anyone, when we are not willing to recognize and respect his rights? The soul that thirsts for justice has a horror of all such proceedings, and, far from being satisfied to appear just in acts which can be judged by others, wants to be just in all actions, even those which are not seen by others, but are known only to God. He seeks above all justice of heart and of mind, for exterior justice proceeds solely from interior justice.

If we ourselves should fulfill justice rigorously in all our actions, interior as well as exterior, this does not give us the right to demand justice from our neighbor. More than anyone, Jesus brought justice into the world, yet no one was more gentle and kind than He. Even when it is our duty to safeguard or establish justice in specific circumstances, we should be careful not to be severe, but to act with kindness, trying to persuade rather than to impose. If we attempt to administer justice by force, we shall obtain nothing, or at most, a strained situation which will soon collapse. Following the example of Jesus, we must try to make justice penetrate into souls and into society by means of charity, love, and an understanding of the weaknesses of others. If we want to be realistic, we must remember that, no matter how much we do, we shall never, even under the best of circumstances, obtain absolute justice in this world. Perfect justice is found only in heaven.

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

From the Vicar

This Monday is the feast of St. Augustine, who has long been recognized as one of the four principal doctors and fathers of the Western Church. Joining him in that honor are St. Gregory the Great, St. Jerome, and St. Ambrose.

After his conversion, St. Augustine wrote prodigiously. So much in fact, that any scholar that claims to have read all of his works is presumed to be a liar by his fellow academics. Although we would be hard pressed read even a greater part of his work, all Catholics should try at some point during their life at least to get through his *Confessions*.

Other works of note include *The City of God*, *The Trinity*, *On Christian Doctrine*, as well as endless letters, sermons, treatises against heretics, books on the spiritual life, Scriptural exegesis, apologetics, and philosophy.

Food Drive for Brown Bag Lunch

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a food drive for the Brown Bag Lunch project on September 3rd. If you want to learn more about this program, how our parish is helping to feed the hungry in Sacramento, and how you can be a part of it, please stop by at their table in the courtyard on August 27th.

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.

Music Classes

Give your children the joy of glorifying God through music! Music classes for children at St. Stephen’s will resume the first week of September. Weekly classes are available free of charge for kids at all levels, ages 4 thru high school. We especially invite families who have not previously participated to get involved.

I teach the classes based on the principles of Music Learning Theory, an approach developed by the late great musicologist Edwin Gordon. MLT develops the ability to hear music with understanding, especially through the study of note and rhythm patterns. Classes involve listening, singing, moving in tempo, and practicing the principles of good vocal production. We have lots of fun, but the work is challenging and requires a consistent commitment of time and energy.

While the main purpose of these classes is to prepare young singers for the parish choir, all children can benefit from studying sacred music. For more information or to register, please contact me at (916) 202-0187 or ksmith_writer@yahoo.com
 Keven Smith
 Choir Director St. Stephen the First Martyr Parish

Around the Parish

~ **Congratulations** to Matthew & Jennifer Gallagher on the birth of their third child, Abigail Mae! Abigail was baptized at St. Stephen’s on August 26th.

~ **Congratulations** to Matthew & Julie Perkins on the birth of their third child, Cecilia Rose! Cecilia was baptized at St. Stephen’s on August 26th.

**Chesterton Society Meeting:
 August 12th at 7:30pm**

We will meet in one of the classrooms right after the 6:30 pm Mass.
 We will discuss The Napoleon of Notting Hill.
 All are welcome! Please join us!

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.

**Registration for Confirmation Classes
 Please have all paperwork and baptismal certificate in by
 September 3rd.**

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 Vandenburg, Gerald Foy, Pamela Lewis, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, Julie Jeong, William (Pat) Cummings, Patricia Becker, Lorraine Peterson



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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

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

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

NEW TO ST. STEPHEN'S?

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

ENVELOPES AND ON-LINE GIVING

Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping. PLEASE pick them up in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

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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.

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