

Sunday, October 15, 2017
19th Sunday After Pentecost



Sun. 15 Oct. 19th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class
 8:00 am Rev. John Hannan
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm Father Stéphane Dupré
 6:00 pm Father Jeremy Leatherby

Mon 16 Oct. St. Hedwig, Widow, III Class
 7:00 am Amy Culbreath
 12:15 pm Smith Adron Ketcham III, M.D.

Tues. 17 Oct. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin, III Class
 7:00 am Franklin J. Raasch
 6:30 pm Mary Daley

Wed. 18 Oct. St. Luke the Evangelist, II Class
 7:00 am Travis J. Raasch
 12:15 pm Mary Sweetser

Thurs. 19 Oct. St. Peter of Alcantara, Confessor, III Class
 7:00 am Christopher/Nweni Nygabo
 6:30 pm Amy Culbreath

Fri. 20 Oct. St. John Cantius, Confessor, III Class
 7:00 am Thanksgiving for Health & Safety
 12:15 pm Thanksgiving for Health & Safety
 6:30 pm Thanksgiving for Health & Safety

Sat. 21 Oct. Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class
 7:00 am Matthew Gallagher
 9:00 am Watts Family

Sun. 22 Oct. 20th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class
 8:00 am Rachel Kaehler
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm †Delia Villapando
 6:00 pm Tim Egan

...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, †Patricia Becker,
 †Paige Langdon, †Fatima Moitoso,

Important Upcoming Dates

Oct. 18—Men’s Holy League & Knights of Columbus
 Oct. 18—29th Anniversary of Fraternity of St. Peter
 Oct. 21—Altar Guild meets
 Oct. 29—Feast of Christ the King
 Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party
 Nov. 1—All Saints Day
 Nov. 2—All Souls Day
 Nov. 11—Annual Women’s Day Retreat
 Nov. 23—Thanksgiving

The Apostolate of Example

In addition to prayer and sacrifice, there is another powerful arm of the apostolate which is accessible to everyone, the apostolate of a good, holy life. All cannot be preachers, all do not have the duty to admonish or exhort others, not all can attend to apostolic works, but there is no one who cannot contribute to the spiritual good of his neighbor by giving the example of a life which is integrally Christian: holding to the principles one has professed and faithfully fulfilling one’s duties. “Everyone can help his neighbor if he does his duty,” says St. John Chrysostom, and he adds: “There would be no pagans if Christians were real Christians, if they really kept the commandments. A good life sounds clearer and louder than a trumpet.” A good life speaks for itself, it has an authority and exercises an attraction greatly superior to that of words.

For a soul who seeks the truth, who seeks virtue, there is no difficulty in finding books and teachers who will present it in an attractive form, but there is much difficulty in finding persons whose lives give practical testimony to it. The modern mind, thirsting for experimental knowledge, has special need of such examples, capable of offering not only beautiful theories of the spiritual life, but, above all, of being concrete incarnations, as it were, of virtue, of the ideal of sanctity and union with God. Souls are attracted far more by thoughts and ideals that are lived than by ideas alone. Was this not the course that God Himself followed in revealing Himself to men? The eternal Word became incarnate and through the concrete reality of His human life on earth, He manifested the infinite perfections of God and His tremendous love for us. Jesus, who possessed the divine perfections, could tell us: “Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt 5,48); and speaking thus, He not only showed us the supreme ideal of sanctity, but He also offered Himself as our model. An apostle must follow the same path that Jesus trod, incarnating in his life the ideal of sanctity that he wishes to propose to others. Only if he does this can we say of him, as was said of Our Lord, “*coepit facere et docere*” (Acts 1,1), he began (first) to do and (then) to teach. By this way alone can the apostle repeat, in deeds rather than in words, the daring sentence of St. Paul: “Be ye followers of me, as I also am of Christ” (1 Cor 4,16).

There is a great difference between one who makes a big display of his good acts, hoping to call forth praise from others, or perhaps to gain a reputation for sanctity, and one who, acting with the right intention of pleasing God alone, is by his conduct a light and guide for those around him. (Divine Intimacy by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)



From the Pastor

The 100th anniversary of the appearances of Our Lady at Fatima came to a close last Friday, Oct. 13th. It was on that day in 1917 that the “miracle of the sun” took place; witnessed by some 70,000 people. On that occasion, our heavenly Mother repeated to the children what she had told them on previous visits – pray the Rosary daily, and stop offending God who is already much offended. If we have not yet taken that message to heart, let us do so. Pray the Rosary daily, and be determined to avoid sin at all costs – not just mortal sin, but every fully deliberate venial sin, as well. Let us help Our Blessed Mother to help us and the whole world.

Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for Us!

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday there will be a collection for World Mission Sunday. The entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious serve the poorest of the poor.

1st Holy Communion Class Registration

Parishioners with children who will be 7 years of age by June 1, 2018 may register them for 1st Communion classes. Forms are available in the office or bookstore. Classes begin in January. A copy of the child’s baptism certificate must accompany the registration.

Women’s Day Retreat

Our Women’s Day Retreat will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11th. There is no fee to attend but we do ask you to register so we have an accurate count of the number who will be here for lunch. Registration forms may be found in the vestibule and may be dropped off in the office or bookstore.

Confraternity of St. Peter Ceremony
Sunday October 22nd

Persons who have joined the Confraternity of St. Peter in the last year are invited to participate in our yearly welcoming ceremony. New members should let us know by contacting the office as soon as possible whether they will be participating. They should bring their certificate with them.

The ceremony will take place after the 10:30 Mass. Each new member will officially receive his certificate and a blessing. All other members of the Confraternity are invited to recite the Confraternity prayer with the new members.

Holy Souls Novena of Masses

Envelopes are available in the vestibule for the Holy Souls Novena of Masses. Please turn them in before November 2nd.

Support Group

For mothers who have suffered from pregnancy or infant loss who would be interested in a support group, please contact Cassandra Ho at 661-238-9793 or cassandraho.amdg@gmail.com

Study Sacred Scripture with Fr. Savoie

October: 12, 19, 26 @ 7:30
 Classroom 2

Joseph Narrative Part II: A Family Reconciled
Genesis 41—50

Dear Parish Family,

Our All Hallows' Eve Party is just around the corner! Enjoy an evening celebrating the saints with prayer, food, games, candy, pumpkins, and lots more! We do need help with our game booths, setting up for the party and cleaning up afterwards. Your contributions are appreciated to help offset the costs of food and candy. Envelopes may be found in the pews and vestibule for this purpose. The envelopes may be placed in the collection or turned in at the bookstore.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, October 31st

5:00 - 5:30 : Litany of Saints (inside the church)
 5:30 - 6:00 : Parade of Saints (inside the gym)
 6:00 - 8:00 : Food (in the gym) & Games (in the field)
 8:00 - 8:30 - Campfire Stories (in the field, weather permitting); Rosary
 8:30 - 9:00 : Clean-up
 If you have any questions about this family event, or would like to help, please contact:
 Judy Kasak
 Phone: (916) 989-1086
 Email: JudiKasak@gmail.com

Save the Date. Saturday, January 27, 2018.
14th Walk-for-Life West Coast.

Once again, we will be offering sandwiches and drinks after all 8:00am, 10:30am and 1:30pm Sunday Masses in October, beginning Oct. 8th. Funds raised will help secure St. Stephens’s bus for the Walk and reduce the cost per ticket. Help is needed in all areas. Please contact Mike (916-335-4553) or Kathleen (916-204-9125) to volunteer. Sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Sandy Snearly, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Sandra De Monaco, Pamela Lewis, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, Julie Jeong, William (Pat) Cummings, Lorraine Peterson, John Testa, Patricia Quinn & family



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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 1:30 p.m. Mass on Sundays

Men's Holy League: 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm

Knights of Columbus: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6 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

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.

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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