

Sunday, October 22, 2017
20th Sunday After Pentecost



- 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
- Mon 23 Oct. St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop & Confessor, III Class**
 7:00 am Elizabeth Nicolini
 12:15 pm †Melba & †Juan
- Tues. 24 Oct. St. Raphael the Archangel, III Class**
 7:00 am Graham Haun
 6:30 pm Ramon Daley
- Wed. 25 Oct. St. Isidore the Farmer, III Class**
 7:00 am Amy Culbreath
 12:15 pm †Sarah Vierra
- Thurs. 26 Oct. Feria, IV Class**
 7:00 am † Heather Ann Amerman
 6:30 pm † Bruce Heathcoate
- Fri. 27 Oct. Feria, IV Class**
 7:00 am †Jorge Muñoz Ortiz
 12:15 pm †Heather Amerman
 6:30 pm †Rev. Father Kenneth Walker
- Sat. 28 Oct. St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles, II Class**
 7:00 am Amy Culbreath
 9:00 am Bashir & Tracy El-Khoury
- Sun. 29 Oct. Christ the King, I Class**
 8:00 am Ted Egan
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm Amy Culbreath
 6:00 pm Jeff Brake

...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,
 †David Munoz Ortiz, †Paige Langdon, †Francis Hadano,
 †Fatima Moitoso

Important Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 29—Feast of Christ the King
 Nov. 1—All Saints Day—Holy Day
 Nov. 2—All Souls Day
 Nov. 4—Girls Groups meet
 Nov. 5—Daylight Saving Time Ends
 Nov. 11—Annual Women’s Day Retreat
 Nov. 23—Thanksgiving

Self-Forgetfulness And Abnegation

Another condition necessary for making our activity holy is “generous forgetfulness and abnegation of self” (Pius XII); what is more, without forgetfulness of self, it would be impossible to have rectitude of intention. Many secondary intentions steal into our actions precisely because we are so wrapped up in ourselves, so occupied and preoccupied with our *ego*, our interests, our conveniences, so anxious to be admired and to win applause and esteem. “We must go forth from ourselves and from creatures,” says St. John of the Cross, go forth especially from this creature whom we love more than every other, *ourself*. If the Saint indicates to us the way of “the nothing” with a view to the contemplative ideal of union with God, we may assert that the apostolic life does not require less; it too exacts total abnegation of self which can only be brought about by constantly reminding ourselves: nothing, nothing, nothing.

To realize his vocation, the missionary must leave his homeland, his parents, his friends; he must give up the language, habits, and customs of his country in order to conform to those of his adopted land; likewise, due proportion being made, every apostle must renounce many things, even when working in home surroundings, his place of employment, or among his neighbors. Tastes, habits, personal demands of culture, education, sensibility must be generously put aside, that the apostle may adapt himself to the mentality and to the demands of others; quiet, rest, relaxation, must yield their place to the service of souls. The apostle should not go about seeking interesting conversations, consoling friendships, pleasant occupations, satisfying results. Occasionally it may happen that he will meet these things on his way, but even then, he may not stop to enjoy them selfishly, but must use them as means for the apostolate; in any case, they may never and must never rule his activity. The apostle is sent to “give” and not to “receive”, to sow and not to reap; therefore, he ought to know how to give his time, his work, his energies, and his very self, even in situations which offer nothing consoling, and even to those souls from whom he receives neither satisfaction nor gratitude.

St. Paul teaches that the priest “is ordained for men” (*Heb 5,1*), and the same can be said of every apostle. The apostle does not exist for himself, for his career, for his own advantage, but for souls, for the advantages of others and for all that concerns their spiritual good...A soul truly given to the apostolate no longer belongs to himself: his strength, his talents, his time, his health, his life belong to God and his neighbor, and having *given* himself, he can no longer take himself back, nor dispose of himself.

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

From the Pastor

Our parish is blessed with many families with numerous children. How sad it would be to be in a church where there were no children present! At the same time, the presence of many young children produces some challenges. As everyone knows, they can be noisy and boisterous. In order to better facilitate everyone’s “getting along,” and to keep everyone safe, the following rules should be followed:

- 1) If a child is a disturbance to those around him in church – either because of crying, playing, or talking – he should be taken out until he settles down. It might be a good idea to share this duty, when necessary, with a spouse or a responsible older child.
- 2) See that children are taken to the bathroom before Mass begins to avoid their having to get up in order to go during Mass. It’s understood, of course, that “emergencies” do occur.
- 3) There should be no running or ball playing in the courtyard or hall. Older people risk being knocked over and seriously hurt. This kind of activity is restricted to the playground and field.
- 4) Young children need constant supervision. Simply because they are on church grounds doesn’t assure absolute safety. People from off the street have been known to walk onto church property. Don’t allow young children to go to the bathroom unaccompanied; know where they are at all times. Don’t allow your child to play in an area where there is no adult keeping watch. Children should not be playing behind the shed or in that corner of the field. If children are doing something destructive or dangerous – for example, jumping on the picnic tables, playing with the lighting in the courtyard, climbing onto the fountain, throwing rocks, etc. – they should be stopped, hopefully, by a member of their own family.

We do not expect children to be perfect. We are not perfect adults. We should be understanding and patient when children act their age. However, besides seeing to the safety of their children, it is expected that parents make every effort to train them - at the earliest possible age - to be respectful of both persons and property. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

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.

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.

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.

Around the Parish

Pilgrim Virgin Statue - If you would like to have our Blessed Mother’s image spend a week with you in your home, sign up in the book store. First come, first served! You may pickup the statue on one Sunday and return it the next. By taking the image you’re agreeing to pray a family Rosary daily for the duration of the visit.

Study Sacred Scripture with Fr. Savoie

October 26 @ 7:30 Classroom 2

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

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

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

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. 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 Sneyar, 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



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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

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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www.sacfssp.com

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PREGNANT? NEED HELP? - Call 1-800-712-HELP

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