

Sunday, July 9, 2017
5th Sunday After Pentecost



Be reconciled to thy brother

Sun. 9 July	5th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class
8:00 am	Father John Lyons, FSSP
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Julie Aggio
6:00 pm	William Ronchelli
Mon. 10 July	Seven Holy Brothers, Martyrs, and SS. Rufina & Secunda, Virgins & Martyrs, III Class
7:00 am	Margaret & Oliver
12:15 pm	Pope Francis
Tues. 11 July	Feria, IV Class
7:00 am	Ryan Lucina
9:00 pm	Ranelle & Liez Lucina
Wed. 12 July	St. John Gualbert, Abbot, III Class
7:00 am	Rhuel Lucina
12:15 pm	Rhea Lucina
Thurs. 13 July	Feria, IV Class
7:00 am	FSSP Priests
6:30 pm	FSSP Priests
Fri. 14 July	St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III Class
7:00 am	Ryan Lucina
12:15 pm	†Victoria Mercado
6:30 pm	†Jose Yumena
Sat. 15 July	St. Henry the Emperor, Confessor, III Class
7:00 am	†Ricardo Yumena
9:00 am	Alvaro Zapata Jr.
Sun. 16 July	6th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class
8:00 am	Ryan Lucina
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Cecilio Garcia
6:00 pm	Dolores De Anda

...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

Important Upcoming Dates

July 13—Fatima Procession
 July 19—Knights of Columbus & Men's Holy League
 July 23-27—Annual Retreat
 Aug. 2 - 4—Chant Camp
 Aug. 6—Patronal Feast—Pig Roast & Square Dance
 August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
 Sept. 2—Girls groups meet
 Sept. 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sept. 10—Confirmation classes begin
 Sept. 16—Altar Guild resumes
 Oct. 18—29th Anniversary of FSSP

Fraternal Harmony

This Sunday could well be called the Sunday of *Fraternal Charity*, a virtue so necessary to preserve proper relations with our neighbor. “Be ye all of one mind,” says St. Peter in his first Epistle, “having compassion one of another, being lovers of the brotherhood, merciful, modest, humble.” The Apostle speaks to us in a very practical and realistic way. He realizes that with our weakness and frailty we cannot preserve peace if we have no compassion for the faults of others, if we do not know how to be kind to those who displease us, and if we cannot bear blame with humility. Anyone who pretends that in achieving a life of perfect harmony with others, he need never suffer any annoyance or displeasure, and that he need never be contradicted or upset, has very little experience of the reality of life and forgets that, far from being pure spirits, we are limited by matter; he forgets that “we are mortal, frail, and weak, bearing about our bodies like vessels of clay, a source of friction for one another,” even as clay jars carried in the same vehicle strike against and jostle each other. By reason of our limitations we have mentalities, tastes, desires, and interests that differ from those of others, and thus we do not always succeed in understanding one another.

It even happens that sometimes, without wishing it and without even the shadow of a bad intention, we work against one another. The remedy for these inevitable failures, when the limitations of our nature are the cause of mutual distress, is that suggested by St. Augustine: “Let more room be given to charity.” In other words, let us enlarge our hearts by greater love, in order that we may better understand and sympathize with one another. Let us likewise practice greater humility, in order to overcome the resentments of our self-love. Even if someone does act against us with ill will, we should know how to forgive him, according to the words of the Apostle: “Not rendering evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but contrariwise, blessing. . . . But if also you suffer anything for justice’ sake, blessed are ye. . . . Sanctify the Lord Christ in your hearts.”

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

From the Pastor

Almost everyone agrees that our country is a very divided one. What is it that most divides us? In my opinion, what most divides us is morality. We are divided between those who embrace traditional Judeo/Christian moral beliefs and those who reject those beliefs. Pope St. John Paul II referred to these two camps as the “culture of life” and the “culture of death.” The culture of life embraces traditional marriage, family, and religious freedom – freedom not just to worship, but freedom to express those beliefs in the public square. The culture of death, on the other hand, undermines marriage with easy divorce laws, “same-sex marriage,” and the acceptance of couples simply living together without benefit of marriage. It destroys the family by promoting contraception, abortion, the homosexual lifestyle, transgenderism, radical feminism, assisted suicide, pornography, “recreational” drugs, etc. The culture of death wants to restrict religious expression to behind closed doors at best. These two camps cannot coexist peacefully for long; one or the other will ultimately triumph. The culture of death seems to have the upper hand in our country at the moment. It came close to victory in the last presidential election. There’s still hope. If we wish the culture of life to succeed, however, we must first and foremost strive to live holy lives ourselves. We must then use every legitimate means to promote the culture of life. The members of the culture of death will hate us. We will not hate them in return, but we will take advantage of every opportunity to oppose their false deadly beliefs and to spread our own true life-giving beliefs. **Mary, help of Christians, pray for us!**

Annual Retreat—July 23-27

This year’s retreat will be preached by Fr. Joseph Mary Brown, CSJ. Father Brown preached the retreat for the FSSP deacons’ retreat the year Fr. Curtis was ordained to the diaconate. Father Curtis says that it was the best retreat he ever went to! Let’s have a full house in order to take full advantage of having such a wonderful priest.

Secure your place at the retreat by filling out a form and leaving a deposit as soon as possible. Forms are available in the parish office or bookstore.

If you are unable to go on the retreat, but would like to help make it possible for someone else to go, stop by the parish office or 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.

Chant Camp! Save the Date!

SAVE THE DATE: The second annual St. Stephen's Chant Camp will take place Wednesday, August 2 thru Friday, August 4. The program will be for boys and girls ages 8-18, running in the morning hours on each day and culminating with the participants singing a High Mass at 12:15 on Friday, August 4.

The Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen

The Patronal Feast of our parish is coming soon - August 6th! Let us come together once again to give thanks to God and celebrate another year under the patronage of St. Stephen the First Martyr. To make this a truly communal celebration, we ask your help. If you can lend a hand setting up, preparing the food and drinks, serving meals, coordinating activities, or cleaning up, please contact Judy Kasak at (916) 989-1086. Thank you!

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.

Rosa Mystica Girls’ Society

Rosa Mystica Girls’ Society, for girls age 9—13, will be excepting applications for the 2017-2018 session. For a registration form, please stop by the information table in the courtyard (July 16 - after the 8 am, 10:30 am, or 1:30 pm Mass). Sign-up fee will be \$20.00. Registration deadline is July 30th. Should you have any question regarding RMGS, please contact Sue McGrath, 916-351-3946 or sosusews@yahoo.com.

Little Flower Registration

For girls 5 - 8 Little Flower registration forms in the bookstore or speak to Katy Scarry 916-687-8845.

Knights of Columbus & Men’s Holy League
Wednesday, July 19th

Brother Knights, please come to the Knights of Columbus monthly meeting at 6:00 pm in one of the classrooms.

Also on this Wednesday, the Men’s Holy League will meet for a Holy Hour at 7:00 pm followed by a talk by one of the priests and fellowship. All men are invited!

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Paulette Brady, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Marne Merino, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Sandra De Monaco, Mitzi Vandenburg, Gerald Foy, Pamela Lewis, Strahota Family, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, Josef Schuchmann, Julie Jeong



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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

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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