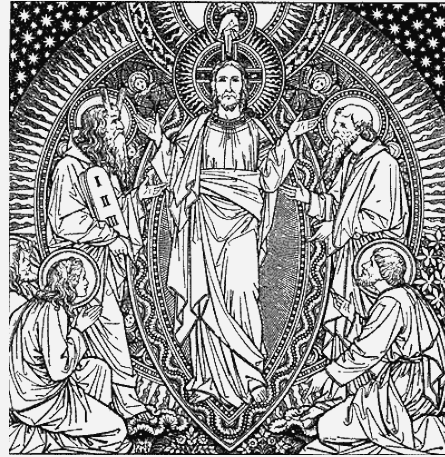


Sunday, August 6, 2017
Transfiguration of Our Lord



Sun. 6 Aug. Transfiguration of Our Lord, II Class
 8:00 am †George & †Edward Haun
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm †Demetrio Dulay

Mon. 7 Aug. St. Cajetan, Confessor, III Class
 7:00 am †John Fernandez
 12:15 pm †Sarah Vierra

Tues. 8 Aug. St. John Mary Vianney, Confessor, III Class
 7:00 am †John R. Sheldon
 6:30 pm †Daryl V. Stephens

Wed. 9 Aug. Vigil of St. Lawrence, III Class
 7:00 am Rene Ribal
 12:15 pm Rose Wedinsky

Thurs. 10 Aug St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr, II Class
 7:00 am †Mary Ann Iacometti
 6:30 pm Eleanor Roberts

Fri. 11 Aug Feria, IV Class
 7:00 am Lorraine Ridenour
 12:15 pm Paul Roundtree
 6:30 pm Confraternity of St. Peter

Sat. 12 Aug St. Clare, Virgin, III Class
 7:00 am Charles F. Bailey
 9:00 am †Clark Baccay

Sun. 13 Aug 10th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class
 8:00 am Joseph Michael Jaeger
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm Dr. Matthew Wieduwilt
 6:00 pm †Mary Daley

...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

Important Upcoming Dates

Aug. 6—Patronal Feast—Pig Roast & Square Dance
NO 6 pm Mass today, will resume Aug. 13th
 Aug. 13—Fatima Procession
 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

The Precept of Charity

“Virtue lies in the golden mean.” This maxim which is so exact for the moral virtues, cannot be applied to the theological virtues, which, having an infinite object, can have no limit. The measure of our faith, hope, and charity is to believe, to hope, and to love without measure. However much we love God, we can never love Him too much, nor can we love Him as much as He is lovable. By its very nature then, the precept of charity admits of no limit and we could never say, “I shall love God up to a certain point and that will be enough,” for by doing so, we would renounce tending toward the perfection of charity, which consists in loving God in a way that is as nearly proportionate as possible to His infinite loveliness. This is why it is necessary never to stop in the practice of charity, employing all our strength that it may continually increase in our soul. Because the precept of charity concerns the love of God—the infinite, supreme Good—it possesses an absolute character: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy *whole* heart, and with thy *whole* soul, and with thy *whole* mind, and with thy *whole* strength”. If we, so little and so limited, do not employ in the love of God all the little that we have and are, how can we truly tend toward the perfection of charity? If it is not in our power to love God as much as He deserves to be loved, it is however, possible for us to strive to love Him with our whole strength, and this is exactly the perfection of love which God asks of us.

Furthermore, even human love is by its nature “totalitarian.” The more intimate and intense a friendship, the more it demands the exclusive gift of the heart; and when a friend begins to make reservations or to give his affection to others, the friendship loses its vigor, grows cold, and may even vanish. Therefore, we must guard against any coldness in our friendship with God, being careful to keep for Him alone the first fruits of our heart and to employ ourself wholly in loving Him with all our strength. It is true that only in heaven will we be able to love God with all our strength and in such a way that our love tends *always* and *actually* toward Him. Although this absolute totality and stability in love is not possible to us here on earth, it is possible for us to make an act of love each time that we will to do so. It is always in our power to unite our whole being—heart, affections, will, and desires—to God by an act of love.

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

Fatima Procession

The Fatima Procession will take place next Sunday, Aug. 13th following the 10:30 Mass.

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.

**Chesteron Society Meeting:
 August 8th at 7:30pm**

We will discuss the seventh and eighth chapters of *The Ballad of the White Horse*.
 All are welcome!

Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Priest: Let us pray for priestly and religious vocations.
All: O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless the Church with many priests, brothers, and sisters, who will love Thee with their whole hearts, be faithful to their vocations, and gladly spend their entire lives to teach Thy truths, serve Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved.
Priest: Bless our families, bless our children.
All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.
Priest: O Mary, Queen of priestly and religious vocations:
All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us the grace of many more. Amen.
(Please offer your reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations)

Prayer of Parents for Priestly and Religious Vocations

O God, grant that at least one of our sons may become a priest or religious brother, and one of our daughters a religious sister. We ourselves want to live as good Christians, and to guide our children always to do what is right, so that we may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give Thee a holy priest, brother, or sister! Amen.
 (Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

Sodality & Little Flower Registration

For girls 14 - 18 Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary forms are available in the bookstore.

For girls 5-8: Little Flower registration forms are available in the bookstore, or contact Katy Scarry 530-945-6947 or faithfilledfam@yahoo.com. Please try to register ASAP to allow adequate time to order materials.

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 Sept. 9-18, 2017

For more info—brochures available in the bookstore or call 800-334-5425

**Patronal Feast Day Schedule:
 Sunday, August 6th**

- 1:30 pm Sung Mass : External Solemnity of the Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen
- 3:30 pm Sung Vespers & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 4:45 pm Welcome & announcements
- 5:00 pm Begin food service
- 8:30 pm Clean up

Brown Bag Lunch Program

Father Michael O’Reilly, Rector of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, sends blessings and wishes to personally thank you, the parishioners at St. Stephen’s—for your generous and ongoing donations to the Brown Bag Lunch Program, and for your witness to follow Christ’s commands to care for the needs of the poor and hungry.

Father Lyons would also like to thank all those who donate and help. Our shelves are especially in need of restocking after the summer break, so, if you can find it within your means to donate, please place food items in the black box under the bulletin table in the vestibule, or make cash donations at the office.

A list of items needed can be found on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Jacob Kasak’s Pipe Organ Concert

**Friday, August 11, 2017 at 7:30pm
 Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**

Jacob has been a long-time parishioner and started playing the organ at St. Stephen’s in 2011. He recently graduated “with distinction” from the Eastman School of Music, in Rochester, NY. Jacob has sung at Carnegie Hall in New York City and played organ for a Sunday Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City. Jacob has been accepted to Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, NE.

~ 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



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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

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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Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

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