

Sunday, November 19, 2017
Resumed 6th Sunday After Epiphany



Sun. 19 Nov. Resumed 6th Sunday After Epiphany, II Class

8:00 am President Donald Trump
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm †Basilio Uclaray
 6:00 pm †Poblio Uclaray

Mon 20 Nov. St. Felix of Valois, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Ignacio Costales
 12:15 pm †Michael McGrath

Tues. 21 Nov. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, III Class

7:00 am Olapeju Adesanya
 6:30 pm †Gaudencio Uclaray

Wed. 22 Nov. St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am Catherine McNamara
 12:15 pm †Julia Costales

Thurs. 23 Nov. St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am †Narciso Costales
 9:00 am †Auresta Collado

Fri. 24 Nov. St. John of the Cross, Confessor & Doctor, III Class

7:00 am †Ursula Uclaray
 12:15 pm †Dr. Philip Caruso
 6:30 pm †Sonia Cawayan

Sat. 25 Nov. St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am Holy Souls
 9:00 am Maria Guadalupe Mendosa

Sun. 26 Nov. 24th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:00 am Liz Nicolini
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm †Alouis Wiechert
 6:00 pm †Enola Wiechert

...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 Viera, †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, †George Lane

Important Upcoming Dates

Nov. 19—Rosa Mystica Bake Sale
 Nov. 23—Thanksgiving
 Dec. 3—Advent begins
 Dec. 16—Rorate Mass
 March 20—Confirmation 6:00 pm

Vocation

In a general sense, any invitation of God to the soul may be called a “vocation”; thus we speak of a “vocation to the Christian life.” “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,” exclaims St. Paul, “who chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and unspotted in His sight, in charity; who hath predestined us unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ unto Himself. . .” How exalted is the Christian vocation, a vocation for which we can never adequately thank God, and to which we can never fully correspond. Within this universal vocation which is proper to all Christians, there are more specific calls to the various states in life—to matrimony, and to the single and religious states; thus the term “vocation” is often used restrictively. A person is said to *have a vocation* when he is called by God to that higher relationship with God which sets him apart as one “consecrated,” that is, reserved for God alone. This is precisely why God asks these souls to renounce that life in which individuals contract bonds which establish a close union between them, and a mutual belonging to one another. Instead of binding itself to another creature, a consecrated soul binds itself to God by the pure bond of perfect chastity. It therefore belongs neither to itself nor to creatures, but only to God. This total *belonging* to God is the characteristic mark of a consecrated soul, whether it is sealed by sacramental charismatic consecration to the priesthood, by religious profession, or by a private vow of perfect chastity. It is not only its characteristic mark, but also its glory and the profound reason for its dignity, for just as God is superior to His creatures, so the honor of belonging to Him alone far surpasses that of belonging to a creature.

Vocation, or the call to consecrate oneself to God, is a *privilege*: a privilege which does not depend on personal merit, but on God’s good pleasure alone. God chooses whom He wills, when He wills, and as He wills. “All men take not this word.” said Jesus, speaking of perfect chastity, “but only they to whom it is given.” This prerogative has been given only because it pleased God and He so willed. “You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you.” God’s choice is the basis of every vocation; it is wholly gratuitous, inspired solely by His love. Each one so chosen should justly consider himself as a privileged one of God, privileged without any merit on his own part, privileged only because the Most High has so decreed in the unfathomable designs of His will. Each one so chosen can and should feel that God might have selected others far more deserving, more virtuous, more gifted; and confronted with the mystery of God’s choice and his own insufficiency, he should be unable to do otherwise than prostrate himself in gratitude and humility. Together with Mary, the most privileged of all creatures, every consecrated soul can sing its *Magnificat*: “My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior, because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid.”

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

From the Pastor

* Wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving! There’s no better way to give God thanks than by coming to Mass. We have the perfect thanksgiving sacrifice to offer Him—the Body and Blood of our Lord. Hopefully, we’ll see many of you here on Thanksgiving Day. Masses are at 7 and 9 am.

* This Week, Wednesday, Nov. 22, is the feast of St. Cecilia, patroness of Church music. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our choir members, under the direction of Mr. Keven Smith, for the time and effort they put in to provide singing for our high Masses. If there is anyone interested in joining the choir, please speak with Mr. Smith.

* Let us remember that this month of November is dedicated to the praying for the Poor Souls—especially for our family members, friends, and benefactors. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

St. Stephen Building Fund

* We would like to get started as soon as possible on our last major renovation project—the bathrooms that are connected to the hall. Our cash reserves are a little low at this point, so if you are able to contribute more to the St. Stephen’s Building Fund it will be greatly appreciated.

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Masses will be at 7 and 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving

St. Francis Xavier Mission Trips

This year there will be four trips: two in Mexico (Holy Week and July), one in Peru, and one in the Dominican Republic. Registration is now open via the website www.sfxmission.com

Brown Bag Lunch Project

Please help us fill our food closet:

Below is a list of the food needed.

Must be non-perishable

- Tuna, chicken, salmon, other easy-to-open, single portion meats, or lunchables
- Apple sauce cups or other fruit cups
- Healthy snacks like fruit rolls, breakfast bars, soft granola bars
- Crackers or chips
- Deserts like cookies
- Bottles of water
- Plastic utensils, packages of lunch bags, and napkins
- Jars of peanut butter, jelly/preserves

Cash donations also welcome at the office or bookstore

Around the Parish

Congratulations to Romulo & Annie Baccay on the birth of their 6th child, Ryan Gabriel! Ryan was baptized on November 18th at St. Stephen’s.

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.

Registration for 1st Communion class is open for children of parishioners who will be 7 by June 1st. Forms are available in the office or bookstore. Classes begin in January. A copy of the child’s baptism certificate is must accompany the registration.

FSSP Calendars and Ordos

FSSP calendars and ordos are available to purchase in our bookstore.

Also available are Advent supplies; candles, wreaths and books.

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)

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Sandy Sneyer, 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, Mike Trainor, Michael Cuellar



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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

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