

Sunday, September 10, 2017
14th Sunday After Pentecost



- Sun. 10 Sept. 14th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class**
 8:00 am Carolina F. Dichoso
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm Patricia Mitchell
 6:00 pm John Pope
- Mon 11 Sept. Feria, IV Class**
 7:00 am Loretta Cantoni
 12:15 pm †Michael McGrath
- Tues. 12 Sept. Most Holy Name of Mary, III Class**
 7:00 am Mary and Milo
 6:30 pm Mary Daley
- Wed. 13 Sept. Feria, IV Class**
 7:00 am †Irene Hays
 12:15 pm †Charles Cantoni
- Thurs. 14 Sept. Exaltation of the Holy Cross, II Class**
 III Class
 7:00 am Brooke Egan
 6:30 pm Katrina Egan
- Fri. 15 Sept. Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class**
 7:00 am Belen Brake
 12:15 pm Irene Swanson
 6:30 pm Sharon Baierlein
- Sat. 16 Sept. St. Cornelius, Pope & St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, III Class**
 7:00 am Mildred Egan
 9:00 am Father Zachary Akers
- Sun. 17 Sept. 15th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class**
 8:00 am †Ruth Rodgers
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm †James DiCarlo
 6:00 pm Dee McDonough

...In Memoriam

- †Maria Lopresti, †George Klopf, †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,

Important Upcoming Dates

- Sept. 8—Youth Group resumes
 Sept. 10—Confirmation classes begin
 Sept. 13—Fatima Procession
 Sept. 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Sept. 15—Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sept. 16—Altar Guild resumes
 Sept. 20—Men’s Holy League
 Oct. 18—29th Anniversary of Fraternity of St. Peter

Courage

The more a soul loves God, the more courageous it will be in undertaking any work, no matter how laborious, for love of Him. Fear of fatigue, of suffering, and of danger, is the greatest enemy of fortitude; it paralyzes the soul and makes it recoil before duty. Courage, on the contrary, is invigorating; it enables us to confront anything in order to be faithful to God. Courage, therefore, incites us to embrace death itself, if necessary, rather than be unfaithful to duty. **Martyrdom is the supreme act of Christian fortitude, an act which is not asked of all, yet one which it is well not to ignore as a possibility. Every Christian is, so to speak, a potential martyr, in the sense that the virtue of fortitude, infused into him at Baptism and Confirmation, makes him capable, if necessity requires it, of sacrificing even his life for the love of God. And if all Christians are not actually called upon to render to the Lord this supreme testimony of love, all should, nevertheless, live like courageous soldiers, accustoming themselves never to desert any duty, little or great, through fear of sacrifice.**

It is true that the virtue of fortitude does not exempt us from the fear and alarm which invade our nature when faced with sacrifice, danger, or above all, the imminent danger of death. But fortitude, like all the other virtues, is exercised by the will; hence, it is possible to perform courageous acts in spite of our fear. In these cases, courage has a twofold function: it conquers fear and faces the difficult task. Such was the supreme act of fortitude Jesus made in the Garden of Olives when He accepted to drink the bitter chalice of His Passion, in spite of the repugnance of His human nature. It is by uniting ourselves to this act of our Savior that we shall find strength to embrace all that is painful in our lives.

Grace can give courage even to those who are naturally timid; but we must not expect grace to do this without our cooperation. The virtue of fortitude has been given to all Christians, and in this sense is an infused virtue; however, it remains for us to activate it by practice, and in this sense it becomes an acquired virtue. Furthermore, the same is true of all the theological and moral virtues which are infused into the soul with grace. They are like capital which will increase only if we invest it with good will to make it productive.

We become humble by making acts of humility; likewise we become strong and courageous by performing courageous acts... We must act energetically, forcing ourselves in the name of God to do what we should, and not stopping to argue with fear... If we were to wait until we felt courageous, we should never undertake anything.

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

From the Pastor

This Thursday, Sept. 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, will mark the 10th anniversary of the first time I offered the Traditional Mass. I had been offering the Novus Ordo Mass for 23 years previously. In his motu proprio, *Summorum Pontificum*, Pope Benedict XVI set this day as the start day on which any priest could offer the Traditional Mass (what the Pope referred to as the “Extraordinary Form”) without any special permission. Obviously, I had to study and practice well beforehand so that I would be ready to offer the Mass on “opening day.” The more I learned about the Traditional Mass, the harder I found it to believe that it had ever been given up. I never felt more like a priest than when I was offering the old Mass – the reverence, the prayers, the God-centeredness – all contributed to this feeling. Never had I felt so much a part of the whole history of the Church than when I was offering the “Mass of the ages.” Countless saints had participated in this Mass – with slight variations – at least from the time of Pope St. Gregory the Great, reigning in the 6th century. I consider myself blessed to now be able to offer this Mass daily

Fatima Procession



The Fatima procession for the month of September will take place this Wednesday, the 13th. Mass will be offered at 6:30 pm and the procession will immediately follow. Please plan to join us as we continue to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s appearance at Fatima.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class begins today. Please pray that the approximately 50 students enrolled, will be well prepared to receive this sacrament.



**Chesterton Society Meeting:
 September 12th at 7:30pm**

We will meet in one of the classrooms right after the 6:30 pm Mass.
 We will discuss The Napoleon of Notting Hill.
 All are welcome! Please join us!

**Fr. Savoie’s Bible Study Class
 Thursdays—September 7, 14, 21, 28**

The Exile of a Beloved Son
The Joseph Narrative
 Genesis 37—50

Around the Parish

Congratulations to Paul & Melanie Baccay on the birth of their 4th child, Owen Benjamin! Owen was baptized at St. Stephen’s on September 4th.

Bill Salierno, our hard-working maintenance man, has left his position to be better able to attend to other responsibilities. We appreciate all he did for St. Stephen’s. Thank you, Bill!

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

Prayer to St. Joseph

V. He made him lord of his house.
 R. And prince over all his possessions.

Let us pray:

O God, in Thy marvelous providence, Thou hast deigned to choose St. Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother. We ask Thee to grant that we may deserve to have him for our intercessor in heaven, whom on earth we venerate as our protector; who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

~ 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, Pamela Lewis, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, Julie Jeong, William (Pat) Cummings, Lorraine Peterson



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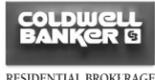


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MASS SCHEDULE
TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE

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.

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