Sunday, January 21, 2018 3rd Sunday After Epiphany



Sun. 21 Jan. 3rd Sunday After Epiphany, II Class

8:00 am 10:30 am Pro Populo

In Reparation for Blasphemies Against the 1:30 pm

Sacred Heart of Jesus 6:00 pm Joseph & Cindy McGuire

Mon 22 Jan. SS. Vincent & Anastasius, Martyrs, III Class

Timothy R. McGuire 7:00 am Thomas J. Villalobos 12:15 pm

Tues. 23 Jan. St. Raymond of Peñafort, Confessor,

III Class

Christopher Magabo 7:00 am

6:30 pm Suffering Souls in Purgatory

Wed. 24 Jan. St. Timothy, Bishop & Martyr, III Class 7:00 am Anne Richardson 12:15 pm

Thurs. 25 Jan. Conversion of St. Paul, III Class

7:00 am Mary Ann Cuny Sergio Reali & Family 6:30 pm

St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr, III Class †Remedios Mortensen Fri. 26 Jan. 7:00 am

12:15 pm †Ed Montevireen 6:30 pm Edward Wedinsky

Sat. 27 Jan. St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Confessor,

and Doctor, III Class Darryl Gallagher 7:00 am 9:00 am Eric Reslock

Sun. 28 Jan. Septuagesima Sunday, II Class

Teresa Rodda 8:00 am 10:30 am Pro Populo

1:30 pm Patrick & Antonette Harris

6:00 pm For the Conversion of Josh Saavedra

> ...In Memoriam †Fatima Moitoso, †George Lane

Important Upcoming Dates

Jan. 24—Men's Holy League Feb. 2—Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin

Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday Feb. 22—Chair of St. Peter

March 20—Confirmation 6:00 pm

March 30—Good Friday April 1—Easter Sunday

May 5—First Holy Communion

The Prayer Of Jesus

Although Jesus was always indissolubly united to His Father by the Beatific Vision and the plenitude of charity, He willed to consecrate to Him exclusively a part of His human activity: the time of prayer. The long years spent at Nazareth and the forty days in the desert were especially consecrated to prayer, and during His apostolic life Jesus usually prayed during the whole or part of the night. The Gospel clearly notes this prayer of Christ at the more solemn moments of His life: before He chose the twelve Apostles, Jesus "went out into a mountain to pray, and He passed the whole night in the prayer of God" (Lk 6,12). He prayed before Peter's confession, before the Transfiguration, at the Last Supper, in Gethsemane, on Calvary. Moreover, He frequently interrupted His apostolic activity to retire into the desert to pray, and St, Matthew tells us that, often, before performing a miracle, He would raise His eyes to heaven and call upon His Father; he also tells us that "having dismissed the multitude, He went into a mountain alone to pray" (Mt 14,23).

We cannot imagine a more intimate and profound prayer than the prayer of Jesus. Only in heaven, where it will be given us also to see God face to face, shall we be able to understand it and really participate in it. But even here on earth we can imitate the conduct of Jesus by readily interrupting any activity, even apostolic work, in order to devote to prayer the time assigned to it, leaving everything else to focus our attention on God alone.

Only the prayer of Jesus is perfect praise and adoration of the Trinity, perfect thanksgiving and always efficacious supplication; He alone can offer infinite homage to the Trinity. Our prayer has value only insofar as we unite it to that of Jesus and try to make it an echo and extension of His.

The prayer of Jesus was completed in sacrifice; sacrifice was its logical accompaniment as well as its culmination: the sacrifice of nights spent in vigil; the sacrifice of penance, which for forty days accompanied His prayer in the desert; the sacrifice of a laborious life, without having even a place to lay His head. The rhythm of sacrifice progressively increased, until it reached its maximum in His agony in the Garden and on the Cross. At this point, the prayer of Jesus became the total sacrifice of His life for the glory of the Father and the salvation of souls.

Our prayer must also be impregnated, substantiated with sacrifice; it must be based on a true generous offering of our whole being with Christ, until we become, with Him and in Him, a sacrifice of praise and of propitiation.

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

From the Pastor

As we prepare to mark yet another sad anniversary of Roe v. Wade (it's 45th), here are some quotes to reflect upon:

"Among all the crimes which can be committed against life, procured abortion has characteristics making it particularly serious and deplorable. The Second Vatican Council [Gaudium et Spes, no 51] defines abortion, together with infanticide, as an "unspeakable crime". Pope St John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, No. 58

"In the proclamation of this Gospel [of Life], we must not fear hostility or unpopularity, and we must refuse any compromise or ambiguity which might conform us to the world's way of thinking. Pope St John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 82

"A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying." Pope St John Paul II. Address to the New Ambassador of New Zealand to the Holy See, May 25, 2000

"America you are beautiful . . . and blessed . . . The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life." Pope St John Paul II, Departure Ceremony at the Detroit Airport on 19 September, 1987

"What is taking place in America is a war against the child. And if we accept that the mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another." "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta, February 1997 - National Prayer Breakfast in Washington

Day of Penance

By decree of the US bishop's conference, January 22 (tomorrow), the day on which the infamous Roe v. Wade decision was handed down, is a day of penitential observance in reparation for the sin of abortion. Besides attending Mass on that day, fasting and abstaining from meat are encouraged.

Men's Holy League

The Men's Holy League will be held this Wednesday, Jan. 24, beginning with Holy Hour at 7 p.m.

High Mass after Walk for Life

A High Mass in the Extraordinary Form will be celebrated at the National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi, 610 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, at 5:00PM on the 27th Of January. The Shrine is about 20 minutes from the end of the walk. The celebrant will be Fr Paul Fazio OFM Conv, and the Deacon and Preacher will be Fr Francisco Nahoe OFM Conv. St Anne's schola of Palo Alto will sing.

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.

Breakfast Burritos to Benefit OLG Seminary

The Knights of Columbus will be serving delicious breakfast burritos on Sunday, January 28th, in the hall following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. The bulk of the proceeds will be donated to Our Lady of Guadalupe **FSSP Seminarians** in Denton, Nebraska. Burritos include: sausage & ham, potato, egg, peppers & cheese. Grande -\$5.00 and Pequeña - \$3.00.

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.

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 lift 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

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

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, John Testa, Mike Trainor, Michael Cuellar, Alice Smith, Patricia Quinn, William Eckerman, Mitzi Vandenburg,

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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

3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Thursday: After 6:30 p.m. Mass Friday: After 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Saturday:

(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

- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m.
- 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

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.

> For on-line giving go to the parish website: www.sacfssp.com

St. Bernadette Fund – to aid parishioners in need! **Donations** may be made on-line.