

**Sunday, February 25, 2018
Second Sunday of Lent**



- Sun. 25 Feb. Second Sunday of Lent, I Class**
8:00 am Jessie & Lia Gardea
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm Barbara Dittmer
6:00 pm Bernadette Meauzé
- Mon 26 Feb. Feria of Lent, III Class**
7:00 am Barbara Ryan
12:15 pm †Ricardo & Teodora Vitug & Juanita Belueza
- Tues. 27 Feb. Feria of Lent, III Class**
7:00 am †Eduardo & Nenita Guevarra & Jan Allen
6:30 pm Alexander McCluskey
- Wed. 28 Feb. Feria of Lent, III Class**
7:00 am †George Lane
12:15 pm Ed Wedinsky
- Thurs. 1 Mar. Feria of Lent, III Class**
7:00 am Anna Gomez
6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality
- Fri. 2 Mar. Feria of Lent, III Class**
7:00 am †John Cutts
12:15 pm †Joseph Michael Jaeger
6:30 pm †George Lane
- Sat. 3 Mar. Feria of Lent, III Class**
7:00 am Confraternity of St. Peter
9:00 am †David Rich
- Sun. 4 Mar. Third Sunday of Lent, I Class**
8:00 am FSSP Priests & Seminarians
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm FSSP Priests & Seminarians
6:00 pm O'Reba Travao

...In Memoriam

†Fatima Moitoso, †George Lane

Important Upcoming Dates

March 19—Feast of St. Joseph
March 20—Confirmation 6:00 pm
March 25—Marian Consecration
April 1—Easter Sunday
May 5—First Communion
May 12—Marian Procession
July 8-12 Annual Parish Retreat

Humility In Our Falls

If we contemplate our misery without raising our eyes to God, the Father of mercies, we will easily become discouraged. By examining ourselves thoroughly, we will see that discouragement always come from two closely related causes. The first is that we depend upon our own strength; through it our pride is wounded and deceived when we fall. The second is that we lack reliance on God; we do not think of referring to Him in times of prosperity, nor do we have recourse to Him when we fail Him. In short, we act by ourselves: we try to succeed alone, we fall alone, and alone we contemplate our fall. The result of such conduct can only be discouragement. Indeed, how could we expect to find in ourselves the strength to rise again, when it was our very want of strength that made us fall? God does not want us to act by ourselves. “Woe to him that is alone,” says Sacred Scripture, “for when he falleth, he hath none to lift him up” (*Eccl* 4,10). Woe to him who relies only on his own strength to put his good resolutions into execution. When he falls, he will not have the aid of God’s might to lift him up; thus he will remain in his misery, confused and discouraged.

Just as we should not make good resolutions without counting on God’s help to keep them, by the same token we should not view our failures without considering God’s mercy at the same time, for as God is the only One who can help us persevere in good, so He alone can raise us up from evil.

That is why all the saints have taught that the knowledge of oneself must never be separated from the knowledge of God and vice versa. St. Teresa of Jesus says, “The soul must sometimes emerge from self-knowledge and soar aloft in meditation upon the greatness and the majesty of its God. Doing this will help it to realize its own baseness better than thinking of its own nature, and it will be freer from the reptiles which enter the first rooms, that is, the rooms of self-knowledge” (*Int C* 1,2).

“True humility, however deep it may be, neither disquiets, nor troubles, nor disturbs the soul; it is accompanied by peace, joy, and tranquility. . . . It enlarges it, and makes it fit to serve God better.” On the other hand, “false humility only disturbs and upsets the mind and troubles the soul, so grievous is it. I think the devil is anxious for us to believe that we are humble and, if he can, he will lead us to distrust God” (T.J. Way, 39).

To be wanting in confidence in God’s mercy, even after a grave fall, is never a sign of true humility but of insidious pride and diabolical temptation. . . . Humility is the virtue which keeps us in our place; and our place in God’s sight is that of children who are weak and miserable, yes, but confident children.

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

From the Pastor

Lent

How is your Lent going so far? Are you keeping your resolutions? Has it proved difficult? It’s not supposed to be easy - although there may be a very few that need to dial it down just a little. Has it proved too easy? You need to dial it up. Have you yet to get started? It’s not too late, but before you know it, another Lent will have come and gone. Determine today what you’re going to do extra in the way of prayer, penance (mortification), and good deeds. For those who now apply themselves and persevere in their efforts, Lent will be a time of grace. For those who do little or nothing it will be one more opportunity to grow closer to Our Lord lost. Let us continue to pray for the grace to make a good Lent; for without Our Lord’s help we can do nothing.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

We're planning to begin a St. Vincent de Paul Society group here at St. Stephen's. Members involve themselves in helping the poor and needy. If you're interested in joining there will be an introductory meeting on Sunday, March 4, at 3 p.m. in one of the classrooms.

St. Joseph’s Feast Day

On Monday, Mar. 19, there will be a 6:30 p.m. High Mass to celebrate St. Joseph’s feast day. After Mass, you are invited to the hall for a traditional **St. Joseph's Table, “La Tavola di San Giuseppe.”** Some food and beverage will be provided, but we invite you to help out by bringing a simple dessert treat, i.e. cookies, biscotti, cannoli, etc. - these can delivered anytime after noon on Sunday, Mar. 18, the day before, or before the evening Mass on Monday, Mar. 19.

We will also need help baking bread to adorn the St. Joseph’s Table altar as well as with set up the day before and on the feast day itself. If you are interested, please contact Larry White at 916-296-2088 or email at: lwhite@mcn.org.

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life prayer vigil from 8 am to 6 pm Monday—Friday until March 25th. For more info see 40daysforlife.com/sacramento.

Fr. Lyons will be at the abortion site every Friday at 10 am throughout the 40 Days. Please join him to pray at 2322 Butano Drive, Sacramento.

Study Sacred Scripture with Fr. Savoie

Thursdays in February @ 7:30 pm Classroom 2
The Book of Job
Part 1 : Into the Dark

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.

Fridays During Lent

- **Stations of the Cross** - After the 12:15 Mass and 6:30 pm Mass
- **Soup Supper** - after evening Stations of the Cross. For more information or how to help out, call the Strandhagens at 425-919-6572.

2018 Sacred Liturgy Conference

Schola Cantus Angelorum is pleased to announce the sixth annual Sacred Liturgy Conference to be held in Salem, Oregon, June 27-30, 2018. The theme is “**Transfiguration in the Eucharist**” and will focus on the Eucharist as the way of beholding Jesus in His glory.

Special guest speakers will include **Bishop Athanasius Schneider** from Astana, Kazakhstan, **Rev. Cassian Folsom, OSB** from Norcia, Italy, **Bishop James Conley** from Lincoln, NE and many other distinguished presenters.

The Sacred Liturgy Conference is open to anyone interested in the treasures of the Catholic Faith, and promises to be intellectually, liturgically, and spiritually enriching.

Come join us by registering early at www.sacredliturgyconference.org as seating is limited. **Early Bird Special runs through March 1, 2018**

Marian Consecration

For those who would like to consecrate themselves (or, to renew their consecration) to Jesus through Mary according to the method of St. Louis de Montfort, a sermon will be preached on some aspect of the consecration every Tuesday at the 6:30 p.m. Mass until the consecration is made on Palm Sunday, March 25.

Extra Confession Times During Lent

Throughout Lent, the priests of St. Stephen’s will make themselves available to hear confessions from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Please spread the word to those who do not come regularly to St. Stephen’s, but would like to go to confession.

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, William (Pat) Cummings, Lorraine Peterson,
John Testa, Mike Trainor, Michael Cuellar, Alice Smith,
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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

Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping. PLEASE pick them up in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

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