

Sunday, March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday



- Sun. 25 Mar. Palm Sunday, I Class**
8:00 am Veronica Augaite & †Bruce Wagner
10:30 am Pro Populo
2:00 pm †Maria Moitosio
6:00 pm Father Lyons
- Mon. 26 Mar. Monday of Holy Week, I Class**
7:00 am Father Curtis
12:15 pm Father Savoie
- Tues. 27 Mar. Tuesday of Holy Week, I Class**
7:00 am FSSP
6:30 pm †Michael J. Carvalho
- Wed. 28 Mar. Wednesday of Holy Week, I Class**
7:00 am Julie Percy & Family
12:15 pm Alexander McCluskey
- Thurs. 29 Mar. Holy Thursday, I Class**
7:00 pm Pro Populo
- Fri. 30 Mar. Good Friday, I Class**
- Sat. 31 Mar. Holy Saturday, I Class**
8:00 pm Pro Populo
- Sun. 1 Apr. Easter Sunday, I Class**
8:00 am Tess & Charlie Houk
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm David Rose
6:00 pm Raymond Alatorre & Family

...In Memoriam

†Fatima Moitoso, †George Lane, †William Eckerman;
Msgr. Edward Kavanaugh

Important Upcoming Dates

March 25—Marian Consecration
March 29—Holy Thursday
April 1—Easter Sunday
April 9—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin (transferred)
May 5—First Communion
May 10—Ascension of Our Lord
June 17-23—Camp Sacred Heart
July 8-12—Annual Retreat

GoodFriday

(Editor's note: In the pre-1955 Holy Week, only the acting priest receives Holy Communion on Good Friday. This reflection, by then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, may help to better appreciate the meaning of abstaining from Holy Communion on that day.)

"Do we not often take the reception of the Blessed Sacrament too lightly? Might not this kind of spiritual fasting be of service, or even necessary, to deepen and renew our relationship to the Body of Christ? The ancient Church had a highly expressive practice of this kind. Since apostolic times, no doubt, the fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday was a part of the Church's spirituality of communion. This renunciation of communion on one of the most sacred days of the Church's year was a particularly profound way of sharing in the Lord's Passion; it was the Bride's mourning for the lost Bridegroom (cf. Mk 2:20). Today too, I think, fasting from the Eucharist, really taken seriously and entered into, could be most meaningful on carefully considered occasions, such as days of penance — and why not reintroduce the practice on Good Friday? It would be particularly appropriate at Masses where there is a vast congregation, making it impossible to provide for a dignified distribution of the sacrament; in such cases the renunciation of the sacrament could in fact express more reverence and love than a reception which does not do justice to the immense significance of what is taking place. A fasting of this kind—and of course it would have to be open to the Church's guidance and not arbitrary—could lead to a deepening of personal relationship with the Lord in the sacrament. . . . Naturally, I am not suggesting a return to a kind of Jansenism: fasting presupposes normal eating, both in spiritual and biological life. But from time to time we do need a medicine to stop us from falling into mere routine which lacks all spiritual dimension. Sometimes we need hunger, physical and spiritual hunger, if we are to come fresh to the Lord's gifts and understand the suffering of our hungering brothers. Both spiritual and physical hunger can be a vehicle of love."

[Joseph Ratzinger, *Behold the Pierced One: An Approach to a Spiritual Christology*, trans. Graham Harrison (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1986), 97-98.]

From the Pastor

We would be remiss to not make mention of the passing of Msgr. Edward Kavanaugh – long time pastor of St. Rose parish, helper of widows, orphans, and all of those in need, a pro-life champion. Like many others, we, too, were recipients of his charity. He opened the doors of his church (St. Rose) to the fledgling Latin Mass community. He gave moral and spiritual support to the first members of the FSSP assigned to the Sacramento apostolate. The rectory in which the priests of St. Stephen's reside was his gift (the house was cut in two, and moved here from another location). Many of the items we use for Holy Mass were given to us by him. He was always a friend to the FSSP. We pray that he may now receive the heavenly reward that his good deeds have merited for him. Requiescat in pace!

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: March 25
Low Masses: 8 a.m.; 2 p.m.; 6 p.m.
Solemn High Mass: 10:30 a.m.
(Blessing of Palms)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Mar. 26 – 28
Usual Mass times
Confessions: 6 pm—7:30 pm.

Holy Thursday: March 29
Tenebrae: 9 a.m.
Confessions: 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Solemn High Mass: 7 p.m.

Good Friday: March 30
Tenebrae: 8 a.m.
Confessions: 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Stations of the Cross: 12 noon
Solemn Liturgy: 1 p.m.

Holy Saturday: March 31
Tenebrae: 9 a.m.
Confessions: 7 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Easter Vigil: 8 p.m.

Important Notes:

We ask that those attending the 8 a.m. Mass on Palm Sunday please not wait for the blessing of palms; we desperately need the parking space. Blessed palms will be available for you to pick up during the week and on the following Sunday.

Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy Fund Raiser

The Valley of the Sacred Heart Academy will be hosting its fourth annual fundraising event on April 14th, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at St. Mary's parish hall, 350 Stinson Ave., Vacaville. Located in Dixon, the Academy offers families a classical approach to education. The event will include guest speaker Fr. Sean Sheridan, president of Franciscan University of Steubenville, wine tasting, and a silent auction. For tickets or more information call 530-574-0804.

Around the Parish

Congratulations to Tom & Amy Davenport on the birth of their 7th child, John Thomas! John was baptized at St. Stephen's on March 17th.

Altar of Repose

The last days of Lent are quickly closing in, and soon it will be Holy Thursday. Each year we ask families to contribute flowers for the Altar of Repose, and each year the altar is more beautiful than the last! Please bring **calla lilies**, flowers from your garden and **Easter lilies** to the kitchen sometime on Thursday, April 13th—the earlier the better. Any and all contributions are welcome. If you leave containers you would like to retrieve, please look for them on a table in the hall on Good Friday or any day following over the weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the flower arranging, including de-thorning roses, please come to the kitchen at 10:00 am on Holy Thursday; or, if you wish to help move vases and rearrange flowers for Holy Saturday, please join us in the kitchen at 10:00 am on Holy Saturday. You are welcome to join us either day or both days—many hands make light work.

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Brown Bag Lunch Project

As a result of your dedication and generosity, we are currently stocked up on fruit-cups, waters, and crackers. However, we are in need of MEATS and DESSERTS at this time. Meat donations must be non-perishable i.e. , tuna foil packets, cans of meat with flip tops (single servings ~5 oz), boxed meat/cracker kits i.e "Bumblebee Snack-on-the Run " -4oz), canned vienna sausages- (5 oz). Dessert donations are best if individually wrapped (i.e., 3-5 cookies/pastries per package) or granola bars. The black box in the vestibule is always ready to receive your food items! Cash donations also welcome at the office or bookstore.

Thank you for participating in this corporal work of mercy. Questions or comments, please contact Julie Solorio @ 209 300-4270.

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, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan , Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, William (Pat) Cummings, Lorraine Peterson, John Testa, Mitzi Vandenburg, Richard Cummings, Nellie Reyes, Gretchen Medel, Dario Gonzalez, Rick Rabenau, "Holly" Hollingsworth



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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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