

**Sunday, May 6, 2018  
Fifth Sunday After Easter**



<b>Sun. 6 May</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday After Easter, II Class</b>
8:00 am	Trena Pilegaard
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Rhuel Y. Lucina
6:00 pm	†Victoria Mercado
<b>Mon 7 May</b>	<b>St. Stanislaus, Bishop &amp; Martyr, III Class, Rogation Mass (12:15 Mass), II Class</b>
7:00 am	Elena Inferrera Jr.
12:15 pm	Dario F. Gonzalez
<b>Tues. 8 May</b>	<b>Feria, IV Class</b>
7:00 am	Olga Monterrubio Cruz
6:30 pm	FSSP
<b>Wed. 9 May</b>	<b>Vigil of the Ascension, II Class</b>
7:00 am	Jacob Kasak
12:15 pm	Kateri Inferrera
<b>Thurs. 10 May</b>	<b>Ascension of the Lord, I Class</b>
7:00 am	James Klaas
12:15 pm	Fr. Jeremy Leatherby
6:30 pm	John Paul Roche
<b>Fri. 11 May</b>	<b>SS. Philip &amp; James, Apostles, II Class</b>
7:00 am	Charles Pace
12:15 pm	Phillip Barron
6:30 pm	Kolbe Ruport
<b>Sat. 12 May</b>	<b>SS. Nereus Achilleus, Domitilla, Virgin, &amp; Pancras, Martyrs, III Class</b>
7:00 am	Brother Miguel Lozano OFM
<b>Sun. 13 May</b>	<b>Sunday After the Ascension, II Class</b>
8:00 am	Suffering Souls in Purgatory
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Maria De Fatima Moetoso
6:00 pm	†Dolores Hartnell

**...In Memoriam**

†Fatima Moitoso, †George Lane, †William Eckerman;  
Msgr. Edward Kavanaugh, †Edward Upczak, †Roy Nelson,  
†Lamberto Pangilinan

**Important Upcoming Dates**

May 12—May Procession  
May 10—Ascension of Our Lord  
June 8—Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
June 17-23—Camp Sacred Heart  
July 1—Feast of the Precious Blood  
July 8-12—*The Gifts of the Holy Ghost & the Mystical Life*  
Annual Retreat

**Mary's Humility**

St. Bernard says: "It is not hard to be humble in a hidden life, but to remain so in the midst of honors is a truly rare and beautiful virtue." The Blessed Virgin was certainly the woman whom God honored most highly, whom He raised above all other creatures; yet no creature was so humble and lowly as she. A holy rivalry seemed to exist between Mary and God; the higher God elevated her, the lowlier she became in her humility. The Angel called her "full of grace," and Mary "was troubled" (*Lk* 1,28,29). According to St. Alphonsus' explanation, "Mary was troubled because she was filled with humility, disliked praise, and desired that God only be praised." The Angel revealed to her the sublime mission which was to be entrusted to her by the Most High, and Mary declared herself "the handmaid of the Lord" (*ibid.*, 38). Her thoughts did not linger over the immense honor that would be hers as the woman chosen from all women to be the Mother of the Son of God; but she contemplated in wonder the great mystery of a God who willed to become incarnate in the womb of a poor creature. If God wished to descend so far as to give Himself to her as a Son, to what depths should not His little handmaid abase herself? The more she understood the grandeur of the mystery, the immensity of the divine gift, the more she humbled herself, submerging herself in her nothingness. Her attitude was the same when Elizabeth greeted her, "Blessed art thou among women" (*ibid.*, 42). Those words did not astonish her, for she was already the Mother of God; yet she remained steadfast in her profound humility. She attributed everything to God whose mercies she sang, acknowledging the condescension with which He had "regarded the humility of His handmaid" (*ibid.*, 48). That God had performed great works in her she knew and acknowledged, but instead of boasting about them, she directed everything to His glory. With reason St. Bernardine exclaims: "As no other creature, after the Son of God, has been raised in dignity and grace equal to Mary, so neither has anyone descended so deep into the abyss of humility." Behold the effect that graces and divine favors should produce in us: an increase of humility, a greater awareness of our nothingness.

The greatest qualities and gifts, such as the spirit of penance or of poverty, virginity, the call to the apostolate, a life consecrated to God, even the priesthood, are sterile if they are not accompanied by sincere humility. Furthermore, without humility, they might be a source of danger for the soul. Lucifer was pure but not humble and pride was his downfall. The higher the place we occupy in the Savior's vineyard, the higher the life of perfection we profess, and the more important the mission which God has entrusted to us, the deeper we need to plant the roots of humility. (*Divine Intimacy* Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)

**From the Pastor**

The beautiful month of May, the month Mary is here again. Let us continue to pray the Rosary daily as per our Blessed Mother's request. Our country and the world-at-large are in an awful way. So many lost souls! We need to pray many Rosaries!

There are several important events coming up this week:

1) The **Rogation Mass** will be held tomorrow, Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15 p.m. The purpose of the Rogation Days (the three days before the Ascension) is to help prepare to celebrate the feast of the Ascension with fasting and abstinence, to seek God's blessing on the crops, and to be spared from natural disasters. We will precede Mass with a procession around the grounds of the church while we chant the Litany of the Saints.

2) The **Feast of the Ascension** will be celebrated on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. We've added a 12:15 p.m. low Mass on that day. A solemn Mass will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Although it's not a holy day of obligation in the diocese (the celebration of the feast having been moved to Sunday in the rest of the diocese), we encourage as many as possible to attend Mass in order to celebrate this important feast day.

3) The **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Marian Procession** will be held this **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. The procession begins at East Lawn Cemetery on Folsom Blvd. in Sacramento promptly at **9 a.m.** We will process to the state capitol where the May Crowning will take place, and where we will entrust the state of California to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is a great opportunity to give public witness of our devotion to Our Blessed Mother, and to obtain from her many special graces for our poor state.

**Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for Us!**

**The Gifts of the Holy Ghost & the Mystical Life**

A Retreat Preached by Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP  
July 8—12th

Private accommodations for 4 nights and all meals. For more information call 916-455-5114 or 916-223-3112.

Secure your place at the retreat by filling out a form and leaving a deposit as soon as possible. Forms are available in the parish office or bookstore.

If you are unable to go on the retreat, but would like to help make it possible for someone else to go, stop by the parish office or bookstore.

Space is limited!

**"Discourses in the Dark"**

**The Book of Job Chapters 12 - 31**

Come Study the Book of Job with fellow student Fr. Savoie, Thursday, 7:30 pm in classroom 2.

**Chesterton Society Meeting**

**May 8th at 7:30pm**

We will discuss St. Francis of Assisi chapter 7: "The Three Orders."

All are welcome!

**Around the Parish**

**Congratulations** to our 39 children who made their First Holy Communion this past week! God bless all of you.

**Congratulations** to Noah & Elizabeth De La Cruz on the birth of their 2nd child, Cyrus James! Cyrus was baptized at St. Stephen's on May 2nd.

**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.

**Camp Sacred Heart 2018**

Camp Sacred Heart will be held June 17-23 this year. Registration is open to boys age 9-18. Boys unknown to the chaplain must get a letter of recommendation from a priest. For more information call the parish office.

**Sponsors needed for Camp**

If you are able to help sponsor a boy for camp, please consider doing so. There is a great need, especially for large families. Your help is very much appreciated!

**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.

**Ignatian Retreat for Men**

June 21-24, 2018 at OLG Seminary. Fr. James Buckley, FSSP retreatmaster. Silent retreat begins at 6:00 pm Thursday with dinner and concludes Sunday after brunch. Private room and bath. Age 18 and over. Cost \$195. Transportation from Lincoln airport provided upon request. Register at business@fsspolgs.org or phone 402-797-7700, ext. 116. Late registration until June 15.

**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, Mike Hays, Michael Cuellar, Mike De Santis, Ken Taylor



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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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