Sunday, May 13, 2018

Sunday After the Ascension

Important Upcoming Dates

May 12—May Procession
May 10—Ascension of Our Lord
May 20—Pentecost Sunday
June 8—Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 17-23—Camp Sacred Heart

The Holy Spirit

The approach of Pentecost reminds us to turn our mind and heart to the Holy Spirit, with His help, we want to know Him better so as to love Him more fervently, and dispose ourselves in the best manner possible for the furtherance of His action in our soul.

We repeat That there are three Persons, equal and distinct, in God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Ab aeterno the Father, knowing Himself, generates His Word the perfect, substantial idea in whom the Father is expressed and to whom He communicates all His goodness, loveliness, divine nature and essence. The Father and the Word, mutually beholding each other’s infinite goodness and beauty, love each other from all eternity, and the expression of this unitive love is a third Person, the Holy Spirit. The Word is generated by the Father by way of knowledge, so the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son by way of love. The Holy Spirit is, therefore, the terminus, and the expression of the reciprocal love of the Father and the Son, an effusion so substantial and perfect that it is a Person, the third Person of the Most Holy Trinity, to whom the Father and the Son, by the sublimity fruitfulness of their love, communicate their very nature and essence, without losing any of it. Hence, because the Spirit is the effusion of divine love, He is called “Spirit,” according to the Latin sense of the word which means air, respiration, the vital breath. In us, respiration, the breath of life, is a sign of life; in God, the Holy Spirit is the expression, the effusion of the life and love of the Father and the Son, but a substantial personal effusion, which is called a Person. It is in this sense that We teach Our children that the Holy Ghost, who is given to us at the mission of Our Blessed Lord, is the Holy Ghost the Son of the Most Holy Trinity, who, together with the Father and the Son, by the sublimity fruitfulness of their love, communicate their own nature and essence, without losing any of it. Hence are expressed and to whom He communicates all His goodness, His will, His love.

There will be a training session for ushers—new and old this Wednesday, May 16th at 6:00 p.m. This training session will take the place of the talk which would normally be given at that time.

Coffee and Donuts

We would like to start serving coffee and donuts after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. However, we need two volunteers to help with making coffee and overall supervision of the hall after each Mass. If we get enough volunteers, we may make your help only once a month.

There is a signup sheet in the vestibule of the church for those interested; or, you can give your name to Tish Gallagher in the bookstore.

Ushers Needed/Men’s Holy League

There will be a training session for ushers–new and old–this Wednesday, May 16th, at 8 p.m. It will immediately follow the Men’s Holy League Holy Hour which begins at 7 p.m. This training session will take the place of the talk which would normally be given at that time.

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.

“Discourses in the Dark”

The Book of Job Chapters 12 - 31

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

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 marvellous 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 this most excellent intercessor in heaven pray for us. Amen.

(Sign of peace)

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 are agreeing to pray a family Rosary daily for the duration of the visit.

Camp Sacred Heart

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!

Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Priest: Let us pray for priests and religious vocations.
All: O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless the Church with many priests, brothers, and sisters, who will love Thee with their whole hearts, be faithful to their vocations, and gladly spend their entire lives to teach Thy truths, serve Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest: Bless, Lord our God, all these who have dedicated themselves to serve Thee. Amen.

Priest: Bless, Lord our God, all these who are chosen to make Thee known and loved. Amen.

All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

Priest: O Mary, Queen of priestly and religious vocations: We pray for us. We pray for the priests, seminarians, and religious. Obtain for us the grace of many more. Amen.

All: Amen. Please offer your prayers of intercession. (Pray the Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations)

Prayer of Parents for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Dear God, we offer you Our Lord’s words: “Ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For every one who asks, receives; who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

(Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

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...In Memoriam

-Fatima Moitoso, -George Lane, -William Eckereman;
-Mgr. Edward Kavanagh, -Edward Upczak, -Roy Nelson,
-Isamberto Pangilinan

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St. Jude
Thank You
For Prayers Answered!

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.

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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

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.

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

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.sacssp.com

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