

Sunday, August 5, 2018
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



- Sun. 5 Aug.** 11th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class
 8:00 am Bruce & Charlene Hollingsworth
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm †Thomas Cuny
- Mon 6 Aug.** Transfiguration of Our Lord, II Class
 7:00 am Father Joseph Houck, FSSP
 12:15 pm Suffering Souls in Purgatory
- Tues. 7 Aug.** St. Cajetan, Confessor, III Class
 7:00 am Gloria Garcia
 6:30 pm Mary Mudd
- Wed. 8 Aug.** St. John Mary Vianney, Confessor, III Class
 7:00 am Gloria Garcia
 12:15 pm †Leonila Agbuya
- Thurs. 9 Aug.** Vigil of St. Lawrence, III Class
 7:00 am Zechariah Long
 6:30 pm Michael Cullan
- Fri. 10 Aug.** St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr, II Class
 7:00 am Father Charles Van Vliet, FSSP
 12:15 pm Mr. & Mrs. Philip B. Calder
 6:30 pm †Hope Nuñez
- Sat. 11 Aug.** Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class
 7:00 am Paul Roundtree
 9:00 am Jackie Strandhagen
- Sun. 12 Aug.** 12th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class
 8:00 am Margeret Kubis
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm Santana Family
 6:00 pm Olivia Cerroni

...In Memoriam

†Fatima Moitoso, †George Lane, †William Eckerman;
 Msgr. Edward Kavanaugh, †Edward Upczak, †Roy Nelson,
 †Lamberto Pangilinan, † Lucille Duarte,
 †Fr. Francis Lawlor, †Barbara Lyons, †Norman Sayles,
 †Penny Hummell, †Charles Bardin, †Shawn Williams,
 †Marcial Cristi

Important Upcoming Dates

Aug. 5—Annual Pig Roast & Square Dance
 Aug. 13—Fatima Procession
 Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sept. 1—Girls Groups resume
 Sept. 9—Confirmation classes begin

Charity Is Not Selfish

Charity “seeketh not her own” (1 Cor 13,5). Attention to the needs and sorrows of others, with a constant readiness to give one’s help, is no justification for expecting a like return. “Do good, and lend, hoping for nothing thereby; and your reward shall be great, and you shall be the sons of the Highest; for He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil” (Lk 6,35). Charity does not give in order to receive; it gives without counting the cost and without measure, for it knows that the honor of serving and loving God in others, for the joy of imitating His infinite generosity, for the joy of feeling itself the child of the heavenly Father who bestows His favors upon all without distinction. What greater reward can there be than to be able to call ourselves, and to be in all truth, children of God! To enjoy this reward, charity seeks to fly from every earthly recompense and hides the good it does. “Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doth” (Mt 6,3). It seeks by preference to benefit those from whom it can expect nothing in return: “When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren . . . lest perhaps they also invite thee again and a recompense be made to thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind; and thou shalt be blessed, because they have not wherewith to make thee recompense” (Lk 14, 12-14). How the logic of the Gospel differs from the logic of human calculations!

Whenever a strong desire to give ourselves to God arises in our heart, it is accompanied by a similar longing to give ourselves to others solely for love of God. Then we no longer distinguish between serving God and serving others: we see God in everyone, we give ourselves to them in order to give ourselves to God, and we give ourselves to all as we would give ourselves to God. This was the attitude in the heart of St. Paul when he exclaimed: “But I most gladly will spend and be spent myself for your souls, although loving you more, I be loved less” (2 Cor 12,15).

“Charity is patient, is kind . . . is not provoked to anger” (1 Cor 13, 4-5). Charity is never wearied, is never impatient with the ungrateful, is not irritated when repulsed, but perseveres in loving and doing good. Charity does not look for gratitude, is not ungracious. It is not offended when it meets with a lack of refinement or consideration; but, in spite of the coldness and hostility which it may encounter, it continues its one work: to give itself, and to give itself always, for the love of God. At the same time, however, charity is not insensible to ingratitude and offenses; on the contrary, the more a heart is refined in love, the more sensitive it is to everything which is opposed to love.

But, it does not make use of its sensitiveness to defend its own rights, to protest against the ingratitude of others, or to demand some degree of justice; it sacrifices all these to God for the benefit of those who have caused its suffering. (Divine Intimacy Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)

From the Pastor

As many of you know, I will soon be leaving St. Stephen’s and traveling to San Diego where I have been reassigned. Before I go, I would like to publicly give thanks to the Good Lord for having allowed me to spend the last nearly ten years of my priesthood here. It’s a wonderful parish, with many wonderful people. I’m thankful to have been able to get to know, and to work with, so many of you. I’m thankful for all of the expressions of kindness I’ve received. If I’ve offended anyone (and we all do, albeit often unknowingly) I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to ask forgiveness. Please God, some of us will meet again in this life. For those of us who do not, we look forward to meeting again in heaven.

Oremus pro invicem! Let us pray for one another!

Schedule for Patronal Feast and Pig Roast: Today!

- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Solemn Mass: External Solemnity of the Finding of the Body of St. Stephen
 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Vespers and Exposition
 4:45 p.m. Welcome and announcements
 5:00 p.m. Dinner service
 6:00 - 7:00 Ice Cream
 7:00 p.m. Square Dancing begins
 9:00 p.m. Square Dancing ends and clean up begins

NOTE: There will be NO 6:00 p.m. Mass today.

Music Recital

On Sunday, August 12th, at 3:30pm, there will be a recital in the parish hall given by Tom and Monique Rance, Keven Smith, and Jacob Kasak. Freewill donations to benefit the St. Bernadette Fund. All are invited to attend.

Novena

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3—September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray!

~ Summer Dress Code ~

Please recall that everyone is expected to dress with modesty and in a way befitting the house of God. Our choice of clothing is an expression of our worship; it may also affect the ability of others to worship. Dress should conceal rather than reveal. There is a sign in the vestibule that gives more details regarding proper dress. It is further expected that modesty in dress be maintained on the church grounds at all times.

We do request that the correction of visitors in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.

Around the Parish

Registration - is now open for Confirmation classes for children of the parish who will be 12 years of age by June 1, 2019. Confirmation class will begin on September 9th. In order to register, you must have a copy of your child’s Baptism certificate. Please pick up forms in the bookstore.

Rosa Mystica Girls' Society registration is open for girls 9 - 13. Registration forms are available in the bookstore or contact Sue McGrath. **FORMS** (and \$20/yr dues) **need to be turned in by August 19th.** Volunteers for crochet, embroidery, knitting, and sewing are needed. Sue can be reached at sosusews@yahoo.com or 916.531.3946.

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary Registration -is open for girls 14 through about 18. Participation in the Sodality provides an opportunity for young ladies to grow spiritually and practically under the patronage of our Blessed Mother. Registration forms are available in the bookstore.

Second Collection

Next Sunday, Aug. 12, a second collection will be taken up for the Church in Latin America.

Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Priest: Let us pray for priestly 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 our families, bless our children.
All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

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

(Please offer your reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations)

Prayer of Parents for Priestly and Religious Vocations

O God, grant that at least one of our sons may become a priest or religious brother, and one of our daughters a religious sister. We ourselves want to live as good Christians, and to guide our children always to do what is right, so that we may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give Thee a holy priest, brother, or sister! Amen. (Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Sandy Sneary, 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, Gretchen Medel, Dario Gonzalez, Rick Rabenau, “Holly” Hollingsworth, Mike Hays, Michael Cuellar, Mike De Santis, Ken Taylor, Michelle di Giovanni, Barbara Jeong, Carol Cummings, Joan Rutschow, Paul Franusich, Louise Szabo



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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 1:30 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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