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<p>STAYING CONNECTED</p> <p>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p>NEW PARISHIONERS Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>	<p>THE FSSP</p> <p>St. Stephen the First Martyr is a personal parish of the Diocese of Sacramento. It is served by priests of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.</p>	<p>DONATIONS</p> <p>ST. BERNADETTE FUND Please consider giving to those in need. Donations can be made online or in the Parish Office.</p> <p>ONLINE GIVING Available at the parish website. www.sacfssp.com</p>

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR



2 September 2018

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sun. 2 Sept.	15th Sunday After Pentecost, II
8:00 am	Lennie Erhart
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Precious Blood Devotee
6:00 pm	Poor Souls
Mon. 3 Sept.	St. Pius X, Pope & Conf., III
7:00 am	Michael Cullan
12:15 pm	Olapeju Adesanya
Tu. 4 Sept.	Feria, IV
7:00 am	President & Country
6:30 pm	Thanksgiving
Wed. 5 Sept.	St. Lawrence Justinian, Bish. & Conf., III
7:00 am	Evelyn Asay
12:15 pm	+Leonila Agbuya
Th. 6 Sept.	Feria, IV
7:00 am	+Jeannette Sleight
6:30 pm	St. Monica Sodality
Fri. 7 Sept.	Feria, IV
7:00 am	Thanksgiving
12:15 pm	Nancy E. Burns
6:30 pm	John T. Reyes
Sat. 8 Sept.	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II
7:00 am	Rose Wedinsky
9:00 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

PARISH GROUPS

Altar Guild	Mike Solton
<i>Boys 10 - 18, Third Saturday</i>	916-832-2859
Choir & Music Classes	Keven Smith
<i>Youth & Adults, Sun. & Wed.</i>	ksmith_writer@yahoo.com
Sodality of the BVM	Amy Rutschow
<i>Girls 14 - 18, First Saturday</i>	916-340-5782
Rosa Mystica	Sue McGrath
<i>Girls 9 - 13, First Saturday</i>	916-531-3946
Little Flowers	Katie Scarry
<i>Girls 5 - 8, First Saturday</i>	530-945-6947
Bible Study	Fr. Dominic Savoie, FSSP
<i>Adults, Thursday</i>	frsavoie@fssp.com
OLSW Co-op	Keetje Terzo
<i>Ages 14 - 18, Tuesday & Thursday</i>	kterzo@hotmail.com
CCM Co-op	Krista Williams
<i>Ages 3 - 14, Friday</i>	916-955-6437
Youth Group	Liz Hernandez
<i>Ages 14 - 18, Second & Fourth Friday</i>	916-396-4062
Chesterton Society	Spencer Roundtree
<i>Adults, Second Tuesday</i>	sac.chesterton@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus, Council #16419	Mike McVean
<i>Adult men, Second Sunday</i>	916-747-3021
Holy League	Mike Rund
<i>Adult men, Third Wednesday</i>	916-218-0096
Altar Linen & Flowers Society	Tomoko McDonough
<i>Adult women, Third Saturday</i>	mcdonoughmommy6@gmail
Church Flowers	Greta Munsill
<i>Friday</i>	916-425-7112
Church Cleaning	Eli Gonzalez
<i>Thursday</i>	916-395-7408
Ushers	Patrick Risse
<i>Sunday</i>	patrickgeraldrisse@gmail.com
Coffee & Donuts	Liz Hernandez
<i>Sunday</i>	916-396-4062
Collection Count Crew	Kelly Manstch
<i>Monday</i>	Parish Office 916-451-5114
Brown Bag Lunch Program	Maureen Olguin
<i>Sunday</i>	jmolguin5960@att.net
St. Vincent de Paul Society	William Giovannetti
<i>First & Third Sunday</i>	916-531-4730
Security	Patrick Clemons
<i>Parish Events</i>	916-717-0244

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

FROM THE PASTOR

You speak of 'sagging faith', however, that is quite another matter. In the last resort faith is an act of will, inspired by love. Our love may be chilled and our will eroded by the spectacle of the shortcomings, folly, and even sins of the Church and its ministers, but I do not think that one who has once had faith goes back over the line for these reasons (least of all anyone with any historical knowledge). 'Scandal' at most is an occasion of temptation – as indecency is to lust, which it does not make but arouses. It is convenient because it tends to turn our eyes away from ourselves and our own faults to find a scapegoat. But the act of will of faith is not a single moment of final decision: it is a permanent indefinitely repeated act > state which must go on – so we pray for 'final perseverance'. The temptation to 'unbelief' (which really means rejection of Our Lord and His claims) is always there within us. Part of us longs to find an excuse for it outside us. The stronger the inner temptation the more readily and severely shall we be 'scandalized' by others. I think I am as sensitive as you (or any other Christian) to the scandals, both of clergy and laity. I have suffered grievously in my life from stupid, tired, dimmed, and even bad priests; but I now know enough about myself to be aware that I should not leave the church (which for me would mean leaving the allegiance of Our Lord) for any such reasons: I should leave because I did not believe, and should not believe anymore, even if I had never met anyone in orders who was not both wise and saintly. I should deny the Blessed Sacrament, that is: call our Lord a fraud to His face.

If He is a fraud and the Gospels fraudulent – that is: garbled accounts of a demented megalomaniac (which is the only alternative), then of course the spectacle exhibited by the Church (in the sense of clergy) in history and today is simply evidence of a gigantic fraud. If not, however, then this spectacle is alas! only what was to be expected: it began before the first Easter, and it does not affect faith at all – except that we may and should be deeply grieved. But we should grieve on our Lord's behalf and for Him, associating ourselves with the scandalized heirs not with the saints, not crying out that we cannot 'take' Judas Iscariot, or even the absurd & cowardly Simon Peter, or the silly women like James' mother, trying to push her sons.

It takes a fantastic will to unbelief to suppose that Jesus never really 'happened', and more to suppose that he did not say the things recorded all of him – so incapable of being 'invented' by anyone in the world at that time: such as 'before Abraham came to be I am' (John viii). 'He that hath seen me hath seen the Father' (John ix); or the promulgation of the Blessed Sacrament in John v: 'He that he eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life.' We must therefore either believe in Him and in what he said and take the consequences; or reject him and take the consequences. I find it for myself difficult to believe that anyone who has ever been to Communion, even once, with at least a right

intention, can ever again reject Him without grave blame. (However, He alone knows each unique soul and its circumstances.)

- J.R.R. Tolkien, *Letter 250*

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.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 9	Confirmation Classes begin
Sept. 11	Chesterton Society resumes
Sept. 13	Fatima Procession
Sept. 14	Youth Group resumes
Sept. 15	Altar Guild resumes
Oct. 6 & 13	Hunter Education Course
Nov. 10	Women's Day of Recollection

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Pilgrim Virgin Statue** is available to visit your home. Please sign up in the bookstore.

Confirmation. *The deadline for turning in application forms is today: Sunday, September 2.*

Youth Group Table. An informational booth is available after Masses this Sunday. Contact: Liz Hernandez.

Altar Guild. Our first meeting is Sat., Sept. 15 starting with the 9:00 am Mass, and continuing until noon. This meeting is mandatory for all members, new or returning. Registration forms (for age 10+) are available in the bookstore. An informational booth is available after Masses this Sunday. Contact: Mike Solton.

Chesterton Society. Our next meeting is going to be held on Sept. 11 at 7:30 pm. Contact: Spencer Roundtree.

St. Stephen's California Hunter Education Course. This is a Private Hunter Education Class for the parishioners of St. Stephens only. Dates are Oct. 6 and 13, from 1 pm until 6 pm. For details contact Bill Hicks:

californiahuntered@gmail.com

Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. 12th annual fundraiser Dinner, September 9th at the Dante Club. For more information call Kathy Baxter 916-337-6824.

Fr. Savoie will be away next week, Sept. 9 - 15.



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