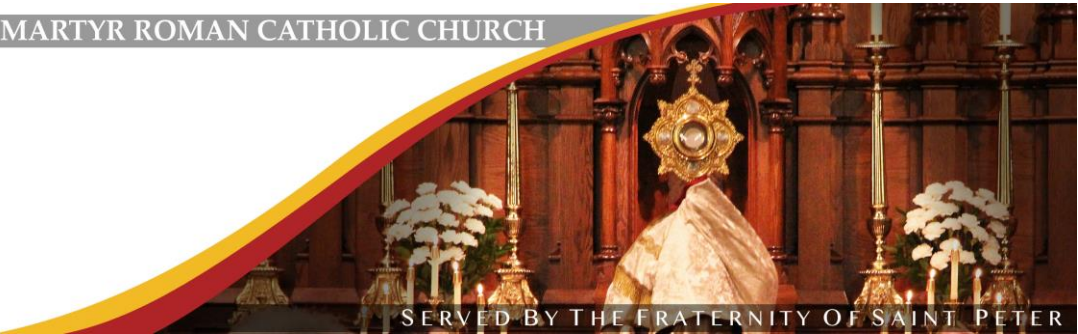



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<p><b>STAYING CONNECTED</b></p> <p><b>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</b>                      To receive the bulletin and important                      announcements online, call the Parish                      Office to register.</p> <p><b>NEW PARISHIONERS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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR



23 September 2018

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

<b>Sun. 23 Sept.</b>	<b>18th Sunday After Pentecost, II</b>
8:00 am	Oscar & Yesenia Rangel
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	†Remedios Cope Reinares
6:00 pm	†Lucille Duarte
<b>Mon. 24 Sept.</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7:00 am	Mary Mudd
12:15 pm	Sonnenburg Family
<b>Tu. 25 Sept.</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7:00 am	Mary Ramirez & Family
6:30 pm	Maria Guadalupe Mendoza
<b>Wed. 26 Sept.</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7:00 am	Ms. Maria Laczkoskie & Family
12:15 pm	Presley Family
<b>Th. 27 Sept.</b>	<b>SS. Cosmas &amp; Damian, Martyrs, III</b>
7:00 am	Terzo Family
6:30 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nunez & Family
<b>Fri. 28 Sept.</b>	<b>St. Wenceslaus, Duke &amp; Martyr, III</b>
7:00 am	†Claire S. Hadano
12:15 pm	Michael & Heather Cuellar
6:30 pm	Marti Family
<b>Sat. 29 Sept.</b>	<b>Ded. of St. Michael the Archangel, I</b>
7:00 am	Dugyon Family
9:00 am	Ms. Anna Nagle

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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PARISH GROUPS

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

IN MEMORIAM

George Lane, William Eckerman, Msgr. Edward Kavanaugh, Roy Nelson, Lamberto Pangilinan, Lucille Duarte, Fr. Francis Lawlor, Barbara Lyons, Norman Sayles, Penny Hummell, Charles Bardin, Shawn Williams, Marcial Cristi, Louise Szabo, Gerald Foy

## FROM THE PASTOR

*N.B. These Ember Days were removed from the reformed calendar, but many dioceses are now reimplementing them in response to the recent scandals. I encourage everyone especially to consider attending Ember Saturdays! God bless you.*

### THE EMBER DAYS

*from the Catholic Encyclopedia*

Ember days (corruption from Latin *Quatuor Tempora*, four times) are the days at the beginning of the seasons ordered by the Church as days of fast and abstinence. They were definitely arranged and prescribed for the entire Church by Pope Gregory VII (1073-1085) for the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after 13 December (S. Lucia), after Ash Wednesday, after Whitsunday, and after 14 September (Exaltation of the Cross). The purpose of their introduction, besides the general one intended by all prayer and fasting, was to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach men to make use of them in moderation, and to assist the needy. The immediate occasion was the practice of the heathens of Rome. The Romans were originally given to agriculture, and their native gods belonged to the same class. At the beginning of the time for seeding and harvesting religious ceremonies were performed to implore the help of their deities: in June for a bountiful harvest, in September for a rich vintage, and in December for the seeding; hence their *feriae sementivae*, *feriae messis*, and *feri vindimiales*. The Church, when converting heathen nations, has always tried to sanctify any practices which could be utilized for a good purpose. At first the Church in Rome had fasts in June, September, and December; the exact days were not fixed but were announced by the priests. The "Liber Pontificalis" ascribes to Pope Callistus (217-222) a law ordering the fast, but probably it is older. Leo the Great (440-461) considers it an Apostolic institution. When the fourth season was added cannot be ascertained, but Gelasius (492-496) speaks of all four. This pope also permitted the conferring of priesthood and deaconship on the Saturdays of ember week--these were formerly given only at Easter. Before Gelasius the ember days were known only in Rome, but after his time their observance spread. They were brought into England by St. Augustine; into Gaul and Germany by the Carolingians. Spain adopted them with the Roman Liturgy in the eleventh century. They were introduced by St. Charles Borromeo into Milan. The Eastern Church does not know them. The present Roman Missal, in the formulary for the Ember days, retains in part the old practice of lessons from Scripture in addition to the ordinary two: for the Wednesdays three, for the Saturdays six, and seven for the Saturday in December. Some of these lessons contain promises of a bountiful harvest for those that serve God.

## 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. 26	Regina Caeli Academy Meeting
Oct. 6 & 13	Hunter Education Course
Oct. 7	Knights of Columbus Enrollment
Oct. 18	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FSSP
Oct. 31	All Hallow's Eve Party
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.** Classes 12:30 pm in classrooms 2 and 3.

**Holy League.** Meets this Wednesday at 7:00 pm for a Holy Hour, followed by a talk by Fr. Curtis, continuing his series on the Encyclical of Pius XII, *Mystici Corporis*.

**Knights of Columbus** will be doing enrollment on Oct. 7.

**Regina Caeli Academy.** There will be an informational meeting on the Regina Caeli Academy, which runs a hybrid, two-day a week, classical education founded upon Catholic principles. Their website is [www.rcahybrid.org](http://www.rcahybrid.org). The meeting will follow after Mass on Wed., Sept. 26 at 6:30 pm. Contact: Amy Davenport.

**Patrick Madrid,** Catholic radio host and author, is being hosted by Good Shepherd Parish this fall. \$25 ticket price (per person) Sat., Sept. 29. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Seminar runs from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. There is an additional talk for men only, on Fri., Sept. 28. The \$25 ticket price includes both events. Tickets are available now at St. Stephen's Book & Gift Store.

**All Hallow's Eve Party.** We will need help with our game booths, setting up for the party and cleaning up afterwards. **Please contact Judy Kasak (c. 916-955-0377; [judikasak@gmail.com](mailto:judikasak@gmail.com)) if you would like to help!** When the feast-day draws nearer, we will have envelopes available for contributions, to offset the cost of the party.

5:00 - 5:30 : Litany of Saints

5:30 - 6:00 : Parade of Saints

6:00 - 8:00 : Food & Games

8:00 - 8:30 : Campfire Stories; Rosary

8:30 - 9:00 : Clean-up



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