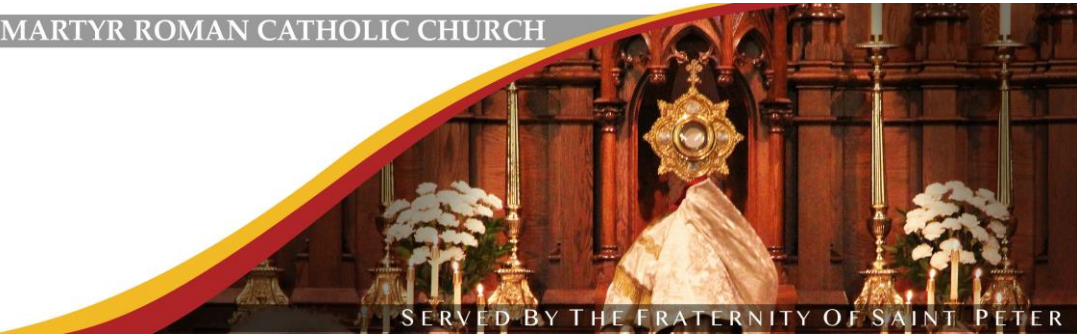



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<p><b>STAYING CONNECTED</b></p>	<p><b>THE FSSP</b></p>	<p><b>DONATIONS</b></p>
<p><b>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</b>  To receive the bulletin and important  announcements online, call the Parish  Office to register.</p> <p><b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b>  Registration forms are available in the  Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>	<p>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>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>

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR



**2 December 2018**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

<b>Sun. 2 Dec.</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, I</b>
8:00 am	Jathan Strandhagen
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Emma Wilson & Robin Jones
6:00 pm	Emily & Isabelle Torres
<b>Mon. 3 Dec.</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier, III</b>
7:00 am	Adeline & Juliana Egan
12:15 pm	†Gaudencio Uclaray
<b>Tu. 4 Dec.</b>	<b>St. Peter Chysologus, Bp., Conf. &amp; Doc., III</b>
7:00 am	Martina Castro
6:30 pm	†Susana Dominador Fernandez
<b>Wed. 5 Dec.</b>	<b>Feria of Advent, IV</b>
7:00 am	†Felipa Lopez & Francisco Ortiz
12:15 pm	Jathan Strandhagen
<b>Th. 6 Dec.</b>	<b>St. Nicholas, Bishop &amp; Confessor, III</b>
7:00 am	†Ignacio Costales
6:30 pm	St. Monica Sodality
<b>Fri. 7 Dec.</b>	<b>St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor, III</b>
7:00 am	Bruce Verhoeven – Foundation Members
12:15 pm	†Carlos Valdez
6:30 pm	†Lorette Elsberry
<b>Sat. 8 Dec.</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception of BVM, I</b>
8:00 am	Joe & Racquel Magabo
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 am	Elias Sandoval & Family

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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
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<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, Third Wednesday</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, Mieczysław Jasinski, Joseph Murphy

## FROM THE PASTOR

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

#### *Important Message*

The use of "offertory envelopes" makes the job of keeping track of your donations for tax purposes much easier; loose checks must be photocopied and recorded.

New envelopes for 2018 are now available to pick up in the vestibule. If you do not see a box with your name on it, it is either because you are not registered or you have not picked up your envelopes for the last two years. If you would like to have envelopes, please stop by the Parish Office or Bookstore and fill out a registration form.

It is also helpful to the counters if you write the amount on the envelope as the envelopes are used to record your donation.

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish!*

### THE SPOTLESS PURITY OF OUR LADY

#### *from the Church Fathers*

**Origen.** This Virgin Mother of the Only-begotten of God is called Mary, worthy of God, immaculate of the immaculate, one of the one. (AD 244)

**Hippolytus.** [Jesus] was the ark formed of incorruptible wood. For by this is signified that His tabernacle [Mary] was exempt from defilement and corruption. (AD 235)

**Athanasius.** The Word, then, visited that earth in which He was yet always present; and saw all these evils. He takes a body of our Nature, and that of a spotless Virgin, in whose womb He makes it His own, wherein to reveal Himself, conquer death, and restore life. (AD 319)

**Ephrem.** You alone and your Mother are more beautiful than any others, for there is neither blemish in you nor any stains upon your Mother. Who of my children can compare in beauty to these? (AD 361)

**Ambrose.** Come, then, and search out your sheep, not through your servants or hired men, but do it yourself. Lift me up bodily and in the flesh, which is fallen in Adam. Lift me up not from Sarah but from Mary, a Virgin not only undefiled but a Virgin whom grace had made inviolate, free of every stain of sin. (AD 387)

**Augustine.** We must except the Holy Virgin Mary, concerning whom I wish to raise no question when it touches the subject of sins, out of honor to the Lord; for from Him we know what abundance of grace for overcoming sin in every particular was conferred upon her who had the merit to conceive and bear Him who undoubtedly had no sin. (AD 415)

**Theodotus of Ancrya.** A virgin, innocent, spotless, free of all defect, untouched, unsullied, holy in soul and body, like a lily sprouting among thorns. (AD 446)

**Proclus of Constantinople.** As He formed her without any stain of her own, so He proceeded from her contracting no stain. (AD 446)

## IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception
Dec. 15	Rorate Mass
Jan. 5	Epiphany blessing; Christmas Party
Jan. 6	First Communion Registration Due
Jan. 13	First Communion Classes Begin
Jan. 26	Walk for Life - San Francisco
Mar. 16	Confirmations
May 4	First Holy Communion

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Communion.** Classes will begin Sun., Jan. 13. Registration forms are now available in the Parish Office and Bookstore. They are due Jan. 6. The date for First Communion is May 4, at the 9:00 am Mass.

**Immaculate Conception. This week! Sat., Dec. 8. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.** The Mass schedule is 8:00 am, 10:30 am (Solemn), and 1:30 pm.

**Offertory envelopes** are available in the vestibule. See important message in the *Pastor's Column*.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**, in addition to the normal 7:00 am and 12:15 pm Masses, will have a Sung Mass at 6:30 pm. A small potluck will follow the Sung Mass.

The **Rorate Mass** will be a Solemn Mass at 6:00 am on Dec. 15. this year. Sunrise that morning is at 7:17 am. There will not be a 7:00 am Mass, so the Mass schedule that Saturday will be 6:00am, 9:00 am.

**Christmas Eve.** There will be a 7:00 am and 12:15 pm Mass, as usual. At 9:30 pm, Christmas Matins will be sung by the priests and choir. All are encouraged to attend; Latin-English booklets will be available.

**Christmas Mass Schedule.** 12:00 am midnight (Solemn), 8:00 am, 10:30 am (Solemn), and 1:30 pm.

**St. Stephen the First Martyr.** Dec. 26. There will be a 6:30 pm Solemn Mass with the Guild medal ceremony.

**Christmas Party.** Tickets for the upcoming parish Christmas Party for Sat., Jan. 5, will be available in the vestibule after all Masses. If you would like to share your musical or unique talents with our parish at this family event, auditions are now open as well, until all times slots are filled. To schedule an audition or to volunteer to help, please contact Yesenia Rangel at 916-982-9600 or by e-mail at [YeseniaLovesLife@gmail.com](mailto:YeseniaLovesLife@gmail.com).



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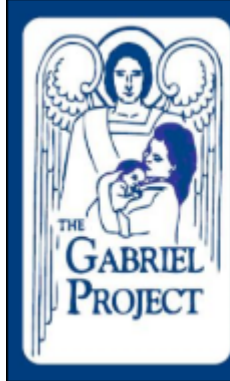
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