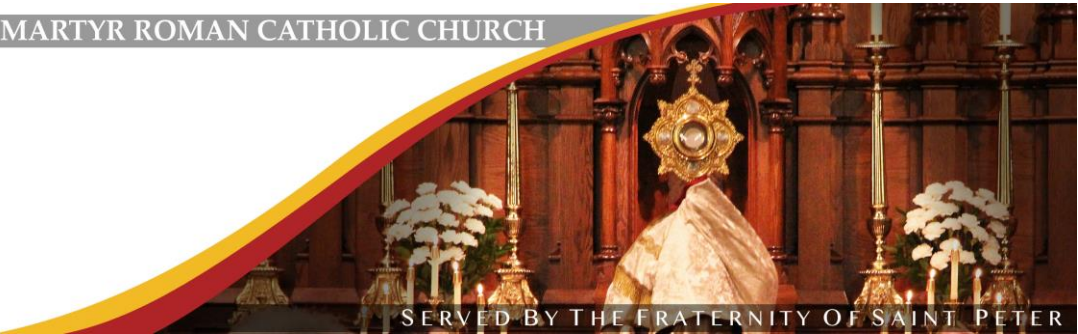



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<p>STAYING CONNECTED</p> <p>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p>NEW PARISHIONERS Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>	<p>THE 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>
<p>Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping. Please pick them up in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>		

LITURGICAL CALENDAR



30 December 2018
Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

Sun. 30 Dec.	Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, II
8:00 am	†Louise Szabo
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Madilyn Kelly
6:00 pm	†Paula Byrd-Coffenberry
Mon. 31 Dec.	7th Day in the Octave of Christmas, II
7:00 am	†Claire S. Hadano
12:15 pm	†Francis Schiele
Tu. 1 Jan.	Octave Day of Christmas, I
8:00 am	†Flora H. Corley
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	†Christopher Robison
Wed. 2 Jan.	Holy Name of Jesus, II
7:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:15 pm	†Louise Szabo
Th. 3 Jan.	Feria in Christmastide, IV
7:00 am	†William Henry Corley
6:30 pm	†Gerald Foy
Fri. 4 Jan.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Widow, III
7:00 am	Father Joshua Curtis
12:15 pm	Arañas Family
6:30 pm	†Mrs. Lyons
Sat. 5 Jan.	Saturday of Our Lady, IV
6:00 am	†Louise Szabo
9:00 am	†Isabella Dell'Aera

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barbara Graichen, Sandy Sneary, Johan Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon & Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, William Cummings, Lorraine Peterson, John Testa, Mitzi Vandenburg, Richard Cummings, Gretchen Medel, Dario Gonzalez, Rick Rabenau, Holly Hollingsworth, Michael Cuellar, Ken Taylor, Michelle di Giovanni, Barbara Jeong, Carol Cummings, Joan Rutschow, Patricia Quinn, Gordon Adler, Rogelio Mendoza

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, Third Wednesday</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
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<i>Sunday</i>	patrickgeraldrisse@gmail.com
Coffee & Donuts	Liz Hernandez
<i>Sunday</i>	916-396-4062
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<i>Monday</i>	Parish Office 916-451-5114
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<i>Sunday</i>	jmolguin5960@att.net
St. Vincent de Paul Society	William Giovannetti
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Security	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, Olapeju Adesanya

FROM THE PASTOR

Compline

For the time, we will not be continuing the recitation of Compline on Tuesday and Thursday nights, which we had recently introduced *ad experimentum* for the season of Advent. We may look at trying this again, however, sometime in the future.

Sermon of Pope St. Leo the Great

from the Second Nocturn of Christmas Matins

Dearly beloved brethren, Unto us is born this day a Saviour (Luke ii. 11). Let us rejoice. It would be unlawful to be sad to day, for today is Life's Birthday; the Birthday of that Life, Which, for us dying creatures, taketh away the sting of death, and bringeth the bright promise of the eternal gladness hereafter. It would be unlawful for any man to refuse to partake in our rejoicing. All men have an equal share in the great cause of our joy, for, since our Lord, Who is the destroyer of sin and of death, findeth that all are bound under the condemnation, He is come to make all free. Rejoice, O thou that art holy, thou drawest nearer to thy crown! Rejoice, O thou that art sinful, thy Saviour offereth thee pardon! Rejoice also, O thou Gentile, God calleth thee to life! For the Son of God, when the fulness of the time was come, which had been fixed by the unsearchable counsel of God, took upon Him the nature of man, that He might reconcile that nature to Him Who made it, and so the devil, the inventor of death, is met and beaten in that very flesh which hath been the field of his victory.

When our Lord entered the field of battle against the devil, He did so with a great and wonderful fairness. Being Himself the Almighty, He laid aside His uncreated Majesty to fight with our cruel enemy in our weak flesh. He brought against him the very shape, the very nature of our mortality, yet without sin (Heb. iv. 15). His birth however was not a birth like other births for no other is born pure, nay, not the little child whose life endureth but a day on the earth. To His birth alone the throes of human passion had not contributed, in His alone no consequence of sin had had part. For His Mother was chosen a Virgin of the kingly lineage of David, and when she was to grow heavy with the sacred Child, her soul had already conceived Him before her body. She knew the counsel of God announced to her by the Angel, lest the unwonted events should alarm her. The future Mother of God knew what was to be wrought in her by the Holy Ghost, and that her modesty was absolutely safe.

Therefore, dearly beloved brethren, let us give thanks to God the Father, through His Son, in the Holy Ghost: Who, for His great love wherewith He loved us, hath had mercy on us and, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (Eph. ii. 4, 5), that in

Him we might be a new creature, and a new workmanship. Let us then put off the old man with his deeds (Col. iii. 9); and, having obtained a share in the Sonship of Christ, let us renounce the deeds of the flesh. Learn, O Christian, how great thou art, who hast been made partaker of the Divine nature (2 Pet. i. 4), and fall not again by corrupt conversation into the beggarly elements above which thou art lifted. Remember Whose Body it is Whereof thou art made a member, and Who is its Head (1 Cor. vi. 15). Remember that it is He That hath delivered thee from the power of darkness and hath translated thee into God's light, and God's kingdom (Col. i. 13).

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 1	Holy Day of Obligation, Octave of Christmas
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
June 16-22	Camp Sacred Heart
July 21-25	Parish Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candle Order. Candles – to be blessed at Candlemas – are now available for order in the parish bookstore (or call 916-223-3112): 100% beeswax fifteen hour votive and tapers, six day paraffin insert candles, and a limited supply of 3x3 column candles. They will be ready for pickup on Feb. 2.

First Communion. Registration forms are due Jan. 6!

Christmas Giving Tree. In the vestibule, please consider taking an envelope and donating to the St. Bernadette Fund, which assists parishioners in need.

Octave Day of Christmas. Holy Day of Obligation. Jan. 1. Masses at 8:00 am, 10:30am (Sung), and 1:30 pm. Christmas carols will be sun after the 10:30am Mass.

First Friday and First Saturday fall this week.

The **Girls' Groups** will **not** meet this Saturday on account of the Epiphany Water Blessing and Christmas Party.

Epiphany Water Blessing. 10:00 am on Sat., Jan. 5.

Christmas Party. Tickets for the upcoming parish Christmas Party for Sat., Jan. 5, will be available in the vestibule after Masses. To volunteer to help with the party, please contact **Yesenia Rangel** at **916-982-9600** or by e-mail at **YeseniaLovesLife@gmail.com**. The party will begin at 5:00 pm!

Walk for Life. Sat., Jan. 26. Details for the event are available at the website www.walkforlifewc.com. We will have a bus going to and from San Francisco; tickets will be available for purchase after Masses on Sun., Jan. 6.



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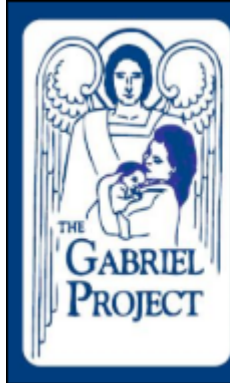
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