



Sunday, August 2, 2015
10th Sunday after Pentecost

External Solemnity of the Finding of
the Relics of St. Stephen

Sun. 2 Aug. 10th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class ,
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Protomartyr, I Class

8:30 am Mary Pope
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm Sabra Madonna

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 3 Aug. Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen.

Protomartyr, I Class

7:00 am Anita Maggazu
12:15 pm Alexandria Leedy

Tues. 4 Aug. St. Dominic, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Barbara Graichen
6:30 pm †Gregory Nicholas

Wed. 5 Aug. Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary

Major, III Class

7:00 am Garry McKinstry
12:15 pm †Ernesto Contreras

Thurs. 6 Aug. Transfiguration of Our Lord, II Class

7:00 am †George & †Edward Haun
6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality

Fri. 7 Aug. St. Cajetan, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Sherman & Fran Jones & Family
12:15 pm Brendan McDonough
6:30 pm John & Chris Pope

Sat. 8 Aug. St. John Mary Vianney, Confessor, III

Class

7:00 am Fr. Perry—40th Anniversary
9:00 am Patricia Becker

Sun. 9 Aug. 11th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am †Greg Nicholas
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm Megan Eckerman

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen,
Richard Corbin, Renee Burns, Sue McGrath, Norman
Sayles, Lorraine Peterson, Sandy Sneary, Di Giovanni
Family, John Reyes, John Patrick Corr, Augustine Guzman,
Patricia Becker, Luis Salazar, Marilyn Goyette

...In Memoriam

†Joan Blackburn, †Thomas Joseph Greco, †Bruce Perry,
†Catherine Owen, †Gregory Nicholas, †Jeannemarie
Crabtree, †Dr. George Alexeeff

Important Upcoming Dates

Aug. 2—Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen—Pig Roast &
Square Dance
Aug. 13—Fatima Procession
Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Masses
7:00 am & 10:30 am
Sept. 14-24—Historic Spain FSSP Pilgrimage
Oct. 3—G.K.Chesterton: Live w/Dale Ahlquist & Chuck
Chalberg

Communion, the Remedy For Our Sadness

We are tormented by a great sadness. It is fixed in the
depths of our heart and will not be dislodged therefrom.
There is no joy for us on the face of the earth that is not
fleeting and that does not end in tears; there is none and can
be none. This sorrow comes to us as an integral part of our
heritage from Adam, through whose sin we are exiles from
our native land and from our Father’s house.

We feel this sadness most deeply when we are quite
alone. It even frightens us at times. It is there within us, and
whence it comes, we know not. People without faith grow
discouraged, fall into despair, and prefer death to such a life.
That is a terrible sin and a sign of reprobation.

What remedy, then, shall we Christians employ against
this innate sadness? The practice of virtue and striving for
Christian perfection? These are not enough. Trials and
temptations will sometimes even enable this sadness to
overcome us. And when it holds sway in our heart, we can
say nothing, do nothing; we are overwhelmed by it, our
strength is outdone. Even our Lord, in the Garden of
Gethsemane, came near dying of sadness. And during the
thirty-three years of His life, He felt its force. Gentle and
good though He was, He was sorrowful; for He had taken
our infirmities upon Himself. See how our Lord wept! The
Gospel remarks it, but does not mention that He ever
laughed. The saints, like their Master, passed their lives in
sadness, a sadness, however, which they based on
supernatural motives: their exiled state, the evil they saw
about them, their inability to give to God the glory they
would have liked.

A remedy, therefore, is necessary for this general evil.
And this remedy consists in not remaining shut up in oneself
or by oneself. Our sorrow must have an outlet lest it carry us
away like a torrent. Beware, however, of seeking human
consolation, confiding in a friend or a director. That will not
meet your need; it will avail nothing, especially if God has
sent an increase of sadness to test you. On the contrary,
seeing that sympathy and fatherly advice have not chased
away the clouds of gloom and restored their joy, people fall
back into an even greater darkness; Satan takes advantage
then of their state to lead them to distrust God; and one sees
souls, even the purest and holiest, flee terror-stricken from
God and from His voice as Adam did in paradise. Prayer
itself can somewhat relieve our sadness but cannot give joy
that is unalloyed or of long duration. Though our Lord
prayed three hours in Gethsemane, yet His sorrow did not
leave Him; He only received the strength to bear it.
Likewise a good confession gives us a little peace; but the
thought of having offended so good a God very quickly casts
us down again. Then where is the true remedy?

- to be continued next week

(Excerpt from *Holy Communion* by Saint Peter Julian
Eymard - available in the St. Stephen Book Store.)

In the Cares and Difficulties
Of Family Life

If you are the father or mother of a family, you ought to
conform your will to God’s with regard to the number or sex
of the children He pleases to give you. When men were
animated by the spirit of faith they regarded a large family
as a gift of God and a blessing from Heaven, and considered
God more than themselves as the father of their children.
But now that faith has weakened and people live isolated
from God, or if they think of Him at all it is mostly to fear
Him and hardly ever to have trust in His providence, they
are reduced to bearing the burden of their families alone.
And as a man’s resources, however ample and assured they
may seem, are always limited and uncertain, even those who
are most favored by fortune view with dismay an increase in
their family. They regard it as a kind of disaster which fills
them with apprehension, an endless source of worry to
poison their existence. How different it would be if we
realized God’s paternal treatment of those who submit to
Him with filial trust! If we did so we should realize also
what St. Paul meant when he said that God is able to make
all grace abound in you, so that always having ample means,
you may abound in every good work.

To obtain the help of Providence it should be your aim to
cooperate, as it were, with the Fatherhood of God and bring
up your children as He would wish them brought up,
especially by showing them good example. Have the
courage to lay aside all other ambition and let this be the
only object of your care and desire. Then, whatever the
number of your children, you can rest assured that their
heavenly Father will provide for them. He will watch over
them and dispose all things for their happiness and welfare,
and the more unreservedly you entrust their future to His
hands, the greater will be His loving care for them.

Avoid worrying, then, about anything else for your
children except whatever may contribute to bringing them
up virtuously. For the rest, having entrusted them to God
try to see what His will for them is, to help them along the
path in life He has chosen for them. Never be afraid of
relying too much on Him, but rather seek always to increase
your trust more and more, for this is the most pleasing
homage you can pay Him and it will be the measure of the
graces you will receive. Little or much will be given you
according as you have expected little or much.

(*Trustful Surrender to Divine Providence* by Fr. Jean
Baptiste Saint-Jure, S.J.)

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will begin Sunday, September 13th
at 12:30 pm. All children aged 12 by June 1, 2016 may be
enrolled. Please pick up enrollment forms in parish office
or bookstore. All forms, along with a copy of your child's
baptismal certificate must be turned in prior to the first
class.

Adults who wish to be Confirmed should speak to one
of the priests or leave their contact information in the office
or bookstore and one of the priests will contact them.

Today, we celebrate the External
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of St. Stephen
Our Patronal Feast
Please join us for our celebration
following Vespers.
Pig Roast Square Dance
Tickets after Masses and at the “door”

~Around the Parish~

~ Congratulations to Joe & Angela Patch on the birth of
their eighth child, Gregory Joseph Benedict Patch, and
Romulo & Annie Baccay on the birth of their fifth child,
Remi Madison, both children were baptized at St.
Stephens on August 1st.

Young Adult Silent Retreat

“Ordinary Means of Sanctification”

August 27th—29th
Led by: Fr. Kiefer, FSSP & Fr. Joseph Heffernan, FSSP
Where: Federal Way, Washington
For more information contact Molly Gallagher at
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Historic 2015 National 54 Day Rosary Novena

August 15 through October 7, 2015

Join hundreds of thousands of people of all ages in prayer
across America. **Mark your calendars & spread the
word. A message of Hope** in response to the spiritual
crisis in our culture and nation.

What: Pray the rosary for 54 straight days for the Novena
Intentions—27 days in *petition* from August 15—
September 10, 2015. 27 days in *thanksgiving* from
September 11 through October 7, 2015.

Where: Pray the rosary individually or as a family in
your home or as part of your parish.

Primary Novena Intention: “For the Family & Marriage”
including for peace, human life and religious freedom.

Visit the website for more information www.54days.org
A Hearts United Campaign of the Rosary Evangelization
Apostolate.

Lost & Found

A ring has been found in the children's playground area
(please inquire in office or bookstore)

Please check the table for clothing items which may
belong to you. Every few weeks unclaimed items are
taken to St. Patrick’s Thrift Store.



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*Mother of Perpetual Help! Thank you
for all the Blessings for our Family!*



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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.

Rosary: Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., and five minutes
after many weekday Masses
Monday at 7:00 pm Rosary for World Peace
Holy Face Novena: 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday
St. Monica Novena: First Thursday of every
month, after 6:30 p.m. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: after 6:30 p.m.
Mass every Tuesday
Fatima Procession: 13th of the month May to October

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

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

For on-line giving go to the parish website:
www.sacfssp.com

St. Bernadette Fund—to aid parishioners in need! Donations may be made on-line.

Do you have items you no longer need? List them by contacting Rose-Mary at ParishSwap@gmail.com

View available items by clicking on the “links” button on the front page of www.sacfssp.com