



Sunday, August 9, 2015
11th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Mon. 10 Aug. St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr, II Class
7:00 am Dr. & Mrs. Gisla
12:15 pm Arthur & Renee Burns

Tues. 11 Aug. SS. Tiburtius & Susanna, Virgin, Martyrs, IV Class
7:00 am Heidi Rutschow
6:30 pm Benedict Burns

Wed. 12 Aug. St. Clare, Virgin, III Class
7:00 am †Clark Baccay
12:15 pm Priests of St. Stephens

Thurs. 13 Aug. SS. Hippolytus & Cassian, Martyrs, IV Class
7:00 am †Janice Louise Ferrini
6:30 pm †Valerie Puricelli

Fri. 14 Aug. Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class
7:00 am †Sherry Boisseranc
12:15 pm Fatima M.
6:30 pm †Joan Blackburn

Sat. 15 Aug. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I Class
7:00 am †Greg Nicholas
10:30 am Confraternity of St. Peter

Sun. 16 Aug. 12th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:30 am †Greg Nicholas
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm FSSP

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen,
Richard Corbin, Renee Burns, Sue McGrath,
Lorraine Peterson, Sandy Sneary, Di Giovanni Family,
John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Marilyn Goyette

...In Memoriam

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

Important Upcoming Dates

Aug. 13—Fatima Procession
Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
note Mass times: 7:00 am & 10:30 am
Aug. 18—Chesterton Society Meeting
Aug. 20—Conference on the Holy Mass
Sept. 14-24—Historic Spain FSSP Pilgrimage
Oct. 3—G.K.Chesterton: Live w/Dale Ahlquist & Chuck
Chalberg
Oct. 18—27th Anniversary of FSSP

Communion, the Remedy For Our Sadness

The absolute remedy, the ever new and ever effective remedy which sadness cannot withstand, is Communion. Our Lord has made Himself the Eucharist and enters into us to give direct combat to our sadness. And I state as a principle that no soul that truly desires and hungers to receive Jesus will remain sorrowful in Communion. Afterwards, sadness may return, because it is inherent in our exiled state; and the more speedily we fall back on ourselves and cease to dwell in the thought of our Lord's goodness, the more quickly it will return; but never at the moment our Lord enters into us. Communion is a feast at which Jesus celebrates His nuptials with the faithful soul; would you have weeping at such a moment? I appeal also to your personal experience: whenever you were sorrowful before Communion in spite of a good confession, did you not feel joy reborn again in your heart as soon as our Lord made His entrance there?

Was not Zacheus, the publican, overcome with joy at receiving Jesus? Yet he had great reason to be sad on account of the plundering of which people openly accused him.

The two disciples of Emmaus were sorrowful along the way, even though our Lord accompanied them, spoke to them, and taught them. But after the Breaking of the Bread, they were filled with joy; their hearts overflowed with gladness, and notwithstanding that it was night, that the way was long, and that they were already fatigued, they hurried back to Jerusalem to make known their happiness and share it with the Apostles.

Now, here is a sinner who has committed every kind of crime. He confesses; his wounds are bound up, and his convalescence begins. He feels a constant sadness; his conversion has made him more sensitive, and he bewails now what before he did not even feel: the sorrow he has caused to God. The more sincere and intelligent his conversion is, the deeper is his sorrow. "I have sinned so greatly against God, Who is so good!" he says to himself. If he is left to himself, sorrow will overwhelm him, and the devil will drive him to despair. But have him go to Communion; let him but feel God's goodness within him, and joy and peace will spread through his soul. "What!" he will say. "I have received the Bread of angels! Then am I not the friend of God?" His past sins trouble him no more in this moment. Has not our Lord Himself told him that he is forgiven? And how can he doubt His word?

Oh, the joy which Communion gives is the best proof of God's presence in the Eucharist!
(Excerpt from *Holy Communion* by Saint Peter Julian Eymard - available in the St. Stephen Book Store.)

Renovation Projects

Dear Parishioners,

Many of you are already aware of the renovation projects we have been planning, but there may be many others who are not. For some time we've been preparing to renovate the kitchen in the gym. Work should begin in the next couple of weeks. We originally began to consider the project when we were informed that the present exhaust system (the hood over the oven) posed a fire hazard. It seemed like a good opportunity to renovate the entire kitchen, well-worn with use. Work should begin in the next couple of weeks. Hopefully it will be completed by the end of September.

Like the kitchen, the gym has served its purpose well for a long time. It's now showing its age—broken and missing tiles, and broken slats on the walls. It, too, is due for an overhaul. We hope to start work on it shortly after the kitchen project has been completed.

Finally, it's been decided to put an iron fence (similar to that which encloses the playing field—although a bit more decorative) around the church parking lot. First of all, it will stand as one more line of security for the church. Secondly, it will prevent people from dumping their trash there during the night, as well as keeping unwanted vehicles from parking there at night. It should also improve the looks of the property. Work may begin at any time.

We're sorry if anyone is inconvenienced while this work is being done. A good opportunity to practice a bit of patience. Hopefully, the results will be well worth whatever sacrifice may be required of us.

Thank you for your continued and generous support in helping to make these projects a reality.

In Prayer,
The Pastor

Girls' Groups Sign-Up

It's time to sign your daughters up for Sodality, Rosa Mystica or Little Flowers. Registration forms are available in the office or bookstore. Please get them in right away as supplies need to be ordered.

Space is limited, so please get your registration forms in as soon as possible.

Missionary Cooperative Appeal

Next weekend, our parish will be visited by Fr. George Kunnel with the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. He will share with us their courageous evangelization efforts on behalf of the Catholic Church and give us an opportunity to support their work in the field. A second collection will be taken up for this purpose. Special envelopes will be provided for your convenience. Donations made by check should be made payable to the parish. All funds collected throughout the Diocese will be equally divided among the 49 missionary organizations visiting the Diocese of Sacramento this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

~Around the Parish~

~ **Congratulations to Bryan & Cecilia Castillo** on the birth of their first child, Theodore Daniel Castillo. Theodore was baptized on August 7th at St. Stephens.

~ **Thank you** to all who helped with our Patronal Feast Day celebrations—a wonderful time was had by all!

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will begin Sunday, September 13th at 12:30 pm. All children age 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.



An Explanation of the Mass
August 20, 2015

This evening is the third in a series of talks explaining the Holy Mass. Don't miss out on the spiritual benefits of our Evening of Recollection on Thursday, August 20, beginning with Holy Mass at 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the Confraternity of St. Peter. Everyone is welcome!

Prayer to St. Joseph

V. He made him lord of his house.
R. And prince over all his possessions.

Let us pray:

O God, in Thy marvelous providence, Thou hast deigned to choose St. Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother. We ask Thee to grant that we may deserve to have him for our intercessor in heaven, whom on earth we venerate as our protector; who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

Reminder— Chesterton Society Meeting:

August 18 at 7:30pm
We are continuing with the book: *Heretics*
Read Chapters 11 & 12

Also: **Fr. Brown: The Man With Two Beards**

Go to: <http://www.sacfssp.com/>

For online book and Fr. Brown stories

All are welcome!

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~ 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 or their delegates.

Ask about Placing your advertisement, or personal anniversary, birthday, or other message here.

916-455-5114

Confraternity of St. Peter 2015 Pilgrimage

Historic pilgrimage to Spain & the Rock of Gibraltar, in the quincentenary year of St. Teresa of Avila's birth! By traveling back to the days of the great Spanish mystics—Sts. Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross, Catholic monarchs—King St. Fernando III & Queen Isabella (Servant of God), and the wondrous events of the consecration of Europe to Our Lady on the Rock of Gibraltar. Join Fr. James Fryar, FSSP, Chaplain of the Confraternity of St. Peter on September 14—September 24, 2015. For more information call Tish at 916-223-3112 or visit the website www.syversentouring.com/confraternity.

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

"Most Holy Mother of God, John & Julia and all of their family, humbly thank thee for thy most wonderful motherly protection."



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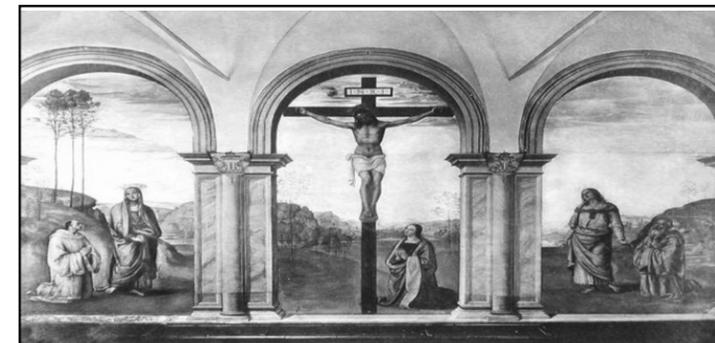
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Devotions

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

Mass Schedule
Traditional Roman Rite

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass
10:30 a.m. High Mass
1:00 p.m. Low Mass
3:00 p.m. Vespers and Benediction
Monday: 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
Thursday: 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Friday: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
Holy Days: Please call the office or consult the bulletin or website

Confessions

One half hour before all Masses, and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Friday: after 6:30 p.m. Mass
Saturday: after 7:00 a.m. Mass to 8:45 a.m.—Holy Hour for Vocations
First Friday: Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass

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.

New to St. Stephen's?

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

Envelopes and On-Line Giving

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.

Parish Swap

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