

Sunday, August 23, 2015
13th Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 23 Aug. 13th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
 8:30 am †Greg Nicholas
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Barbara Jeong

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 24 Aug. St. Bartholomew, Apostle, II Class
 7:00 am Suffering Souls in Purgatory
 12:15 pm FSSP

Tues. 25 Aug. St. Louis IX, King & Confessor, III Class
 7:00 am †Bill Brooks
 6:30 pm Bishop Cotta

Wed. 26 Aug. St. Zephyrinus, Pope & Martyr, IV Class
 7:00 am †Greg Nicholas
 12:15 pm †Arthur Morton

Thurs. 27 Aug. St. Joseph Calasance, Confessor, III Class
 7:00 am FSSP Priests
 6:30 pm Fr. Lyons, FSSP

Fri. 28 Aug. St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III Class
 7:00 am Fr. Gary Sumpter
 12:15 pm Augustine Magabo
 6:30 pm Paul Roundtree

Sat. 29 Aug. Beheading of St. John the Baptist, III Class
 7:00 am †Jeanne Marie Crabtree
 9:00 am Brendan McDonough

Sun. 30 Aug. 14th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
 8:30 am †Greg Nicholas
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Colette Aranas
 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,
 Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar

...In Memoriam

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

Important Upcoming Dates

Sept. 5—Sodality, Rosa Mystica & Little Flowers
 Sept. 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sept. 13—Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession
 Sept. 14-24—Historic Spain FSSP Pilgrimage
 Sept. 15—Chesterton Society Meeting
 Sept. 17—Conference on the Holy Mass
 Oct. 3—G.K.Chesterton: Live w/Dale Ahlquist & Chuck Chalberg
 Oct. 18—27th Anniversary of FSSP
 Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party

The Education of Communion

The education given us by Communion, by Jesus in us, trains for love, calls forth frequent acts of love, and thereby leads us to all virtues. Jesus, by the intimate and striking manifestation of His love for us, teaches us to love Him. He convinces us that He gives us all He has, all He is; by the very excess of His love for us, He forces us to love Him. As a mother awakens love for herself in the heart of her child simply by loving it, so our Lord acts toward us.

It is impossible for anyone to bestow upon us a love for Jesus Christ or infuse it into our hearts. People may exhort us to love Him, but it is beyond human power to teach us how to love; we learn love by feeling it. This education of the heart belongs to our Lord alone, for He desires Himself alone to be its goal. He begins by giving to the communicant the sentiment of love, then the motive of love, and finally the impelling desire for the heroism of love. But this is learned only in Communion. "Except you eat the Flesh of the Son of man and drink His Blood, you shall not have life in you." What life is meant but the life of love, that powerful life which has its source only in Jesus Himself?

Is it not on the day and in the act of Communion that we feel ourselves most greatly loved by Jesus? True, we weep with joy after our sins are forgiven; but the remembrance of them keeps us from being completely happy. Only in Communion is happiness to be found in its fullness; there only do we see and weigh all the sacrifices of Jesus Christ; there, overcome by so much love, we end by crying out from the depths of our heart: "my God, my God, how canst Thou love me so much!" And we rise from the Holy Table in a glow of love: "Like lions with a breath of fire." We feel what measureless ingratitude it would be to give nothing in return for such goodness. At first we are overwhelmed by our nothingness; then, conscious that we are unable of ourselves to do anything, but strong in Him Who dwells within us, we go from virtue to virtue. Love so experienced always calls forth a corresponding devotion.

Love shows us what we have to do. It takes us out of ourselves, makes us emulate the virtues of our Lord, and withdraws us from this world into Him. Our education thus begun goes fast and far. The reason why so many Christians get no farther than the threshold of virtue is that they will not break the chains that hold them back and will not give themselves up confidently to our Lord's guidance. They feel that if they go to Communion they will be unable to resist the love of Jesus and will be forced to give themselves in return. So they content themselves with books, with words, and do not dare turn to the Master Himself.
 (Taken from *Holy Communion* by St. Peter Julian Eymard)

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.

Justice & Religion

Justice leads us to render to each one what is his due. But when it is a question of justice to God, we can never succeed in giving Him all that we owe Him, in making Him a suitable return for all His gifts, in paying Him the worship and homage which are due His infinite Majesty. We can fulfill our obligations to others according to justice, but we cannot do so with regard to God. However much man does, it will always be far less than what justice demands. Therefore, justice to God creates in us an urgent need to give ourselves to Him without reserve, without measure, without calculations, in other words, to make a complete gift of ourselves to God, in an attempt to render Him all the homage of which He, by His grace, has made us capable.

Because our justice is insufficient, we should have recourse to Jesus "who of God is made unto us. . . justice," not only in the sense that He justified us from sin, but also in that He came upon earth to give the Father, in the name of all mankind, the worship worthy of Him. Therefore, we should seek in Jesus, in His wounds and His precious Blood, all that will make up for our insufficiency, and pay our debt to God; and we shall find it superabundantly. Even though we have consecrated ourselves to the service and worship of God, we are always useless servants, always his great debtors; this, however, should not discourage us, but should serve to stimulate us never to lessen, never to draw back in our dedication to God. At the same time, it ought to urge us to appeal with immense confidence to Jesus, our Savior and Mediator.

"I invoke You, omnipotent Father, by the charity of Your omnipotent Son; nor do I know of any other intercessor, if not this One who made Himself a propitiation for our sins. I beseech You through Him, the High Priest, true Pontiff and Good Shepherd, who offered Himself as a sacrifice and gave His life for His flock; I pray to You through Him who is seated at Your right hand interceding for us, to give me the grace to bless You and praise You and glorify You together with Him, with intense compunction of heart, with many tears, and with great reverence. He is my advocate with You, God the Father; He is the sacred Victim, pleasing to You, perfect, offered in the odor of sweetness and acceptable to You," ~ St. Augustine
 (taken from *Divine Intimacy*)

~Around the Parish~

~ **MUSIC CLASS FOR AGES 4-7.** Mr. Keven Smith, our parish choir director, will be offering an introductory music class this school year for ages 4-7. Each lesson will use fun songs, stories, and movements to help spark children's confidence with, and love for, music. The class will meet on Thursday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:00. To learn more or sign up, please email Keven at ksmith_writer@yahoo.com.

~ **Congratulations** to Tim & Brooke Egan on the birth of their second child, Adeline Elizabeth. Adeline was baptized on August 22nd at St. Stephens.

~ **Missionary Cooperative Appeal** collection from last Sunday totaled \$2,554.25. Thank you for your generosity.

Interesting Fact About Our Church

The Pope is protected by the Swiss Papal Guard. Wearing uniforms designed by Michelangelo and commonly armed with halberds, they are capable of using heavier weapons if needed. Each member is Catholic, male, and Swiss, and must complete military training in Switzerland. They must demonstrate good conduct and be at least five-foot-eight in height. Those who are chosen are granted a private audience with the pope along with their families. In extreme circumstances, they are expected to guard the Holy Father with their lives. The Swiss Papal Guard is the oldest active military unit in continual existence since 1506.

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.

High School Youth Group

Beginning Friday, September 11, our High School Youth Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Meeting begins with the 6:30 pm Mass followed by a dinner, theological talk and group discussion, and games. Service projects and other social events will be included. Parents will be needed as volunteers. Contact Fr. Akers for more information.

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.

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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.

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

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!



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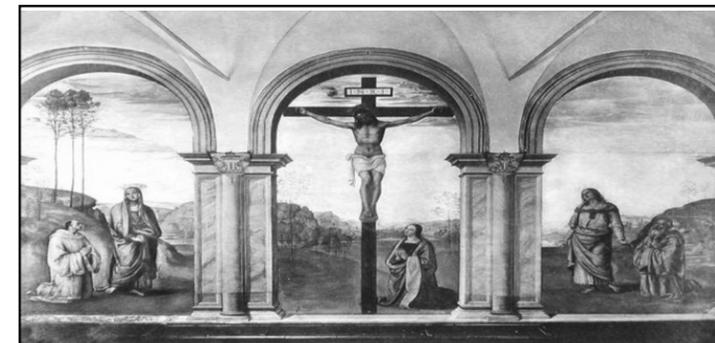
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Mass Schedule
Traditional Roman Rite

- 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.

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

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