

Sunday, September 13, 2015
16th Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 13 Sept. 16th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am †Greg Nicholas
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Michael Paul Lawrence

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 14 Sept. Exaltation of the Holy Cross, II Class

7:00 am †Calixta Paranaque
 12:15 pm Denise Greco Bethel

Tues. 15 Sept. Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class

7:00 am Lindy Virten
 6:30 pm Brendan McDonough

Wed. 16 Sept. SS. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Martyrs, III Class

7:00 am †Cipriana Costales
 12:15 pm The Greco Children

Thurs. 17 Sept. Stigmata of St. Francis, IV Class

7:00 am †Basilio Uclaray
 6:30 pm FSSP

Fri. 18 Sept. St. Joseph of Cupertino, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Greg Nicholas
 12:15 pm Francine Petzold Family, living & deceased
 6:30 pm Tony Alarcon

Sat. 19 Sept. St. Januarius & Companions, Martyrs, III Class

7:00 am †Poblio Uclaray
 9:00 am Chris & Malani Yabsley

Sun. 20 Sept. 17th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am †Greg Nicholas
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Cristi Family

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

...In Memoriam

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

Important Upcoming Dates

Sept. 13—12:30 Confirmation Class
 Sept. 13—Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession
 Sept. 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Sept. 15—Chesterton Society Meeting
 Sept. 17—Conference on the Holy Mass
 Sept. 19—St. Stephen Altar Guild & Ladies Altar Society
 Oct. 3—G.K.Chesterton: Live w/Dale Ahlquist & Chuck Chalberg
 Oct. 18—27th Anniversary of FSSP
 Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party
 Nov. 26—Thanksgiving
 March 13—Confirmation
 May 7—First Holy Communion

The Gift of Counsel

“The Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you.” This promise made by Jesus is valid for all Christians, including ourselves. The Holy Spirit dwells within our souls to counsel us, to recall to us the instructions of Jesus and to apply them to the actual circumstances of our life. But how can we poor creatures who are so dull, and accustomed to the clamor of human language, perceive the light murmur of the divine inspirations? God has provided for this with a special gift, the gift of counsel, which enables our soul to understand the quiet interior voice of the Holy Spirit, and to distinguish it from all other voices.

The gift of counsel is a powerful aid to the virtue of prudence. Guided by this virtue, we try to understand how we ought to behave in the various circumstances of life so as to be pleasing to God. However, not always seeing clearly, we often remain doubtful in concrete cases, asking ourselves if this or that action will be more conformable to God’s will. Am I really moved by supernatural motives in this deliberation, or does nature enter in, or self? The question remains; often even the counsels of wise persons are not sufficient to dissipate our perplexity, to give us that light whereby we may act with security. We need God Himself to enlighten us within, we need the Holy Spirit who, by activating the gift of counsel, brings His divine light to our soul. The gift is like an antenna which permits us to detect the counsels of the Holy Spirit, most precious and most simple counsels which, overstepping the labyrinth of our reasonings, show us with luminous clarity which road to follow, and make us understand God’s will in an instant. The more this gift develops in us, the more our soul will open to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and will become more responsive to His inspirations. Because of this gift, although we are but weak creatures, we can address to the Almighty this humble, but daring prayer: “Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth.”

(taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

Fervent Catholics possess a missionary spirit. Not only are they concerned about the salvation of their own souls, but the souls of everyone else, as well. They know that those who have the best chance of being saved are practicing Catholics. That’s because (having been founded by God Himself) the Catholic Church possesses the fullness of revelation, as well as the most powerful means of sanctification available – the sacraments. They, therefore, desire that everyone be Catholic.

85% of the world is not Catholic. And among the 15% that is, the vast majority neither know their faith, nor practice it. There is no shortage of work to be done! The best way to bring people back to the Faith, or, into the Faith, is to be a saint. Sainly people are the best channels of God’s grace. Most of us fall short in the saint department, but, hopefully, we’re sincerely trying. This shouldn’t stop us, however, from doing all we can to swell the ranks of the Catholic Church. What can we do to help make this a reality?

It would be great if every practicing Catholic were committed to bringing back to the Church, or into the Church, a least one person every year. Start with your relatives, neighbors, friends, and co-workers. Offer regular prayers and sacrifices for them, give them good example, encourage them by word, be prepared to answer their questions (or, at least help them to find the answers).

You might also invite them to participate in the “inquiry class” which will be starting soon here at St. Stephen’s. We’ll have more information on this next week.

All Saints Eve—Donations and Help Needed Saturday, October 31st

Please help us to celebrate the Communion of Saints by making a **donation of candy and cash**. This is an evening for everyone—young and old alike.

Would you be interested in running a game or snack booth? What fun it is to give treats to miniature St. Therese or St. John Bosco!

Envelopes for **donations** and sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule.

For more information or to help please call Marisol at 916-717-8908.

West Coast Walk for Life

Save the Date, January 23, 2016, 12th Annual Walk for Life West Coast. Bus seat ticket information, call Mike & Kathleen DeSantis 916-204-9125 or 916-335-4553

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, Paulette Brady, Joseph Michael Jaeger

~Around the Parish~

~ **Congratulations** to Andrew & Nancy Burns on the birth of their 10th child, Kathleen Marie! Kathleen was baptized at St. Stephens on September 5th.

~ **Congratulations & Welcome!** The Bolan Family, Andrew & Jennie along with their children, Micaela, Andrew, Nathanael & Elijah were received into the Church on September 12th!

Rosary For World Peace

Every Monday at 7 pm at St. Stephen First Martyr
 Please join at <http://www.meetup.com/Rosary-For-World-Peace>. You don’t have to come every Monday to join!

Ladies Altar Society

Our Ladies Altar Society meets on the third Saturday of each month to sew, mend, and iron sacred linens and vestments. There is also opportunity to learn how to arrange flowers for the altar.

If you are interested in helping to keep our sanctuary clean and beautiful, please stop by on September 19th after the 9:00 am Mass, or call the parish office for more information.

Confraternity of St. Peter Ceremony

All members who have joined the Confraternity of St. Peter this past year are invited to a special ceremony on Sunday October 18th after the 10:30 am Mass. New members will recite the Confraternity prayer and receive a blessing at the Communion rail. All other members are encouraged to come and recite the prayer with the new members.

Reminder— Chesterton Society Meeting:

September 15 at 7:30pm

We are continuing with the book: *Heretics*
 Read Chapters 13 & 14

Also: **Fr. Brown:** "The Song of the Flying Fish"

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

For online book and Fr. Brown stories



An Explanation of the Mass September 17, 2015

This evening is the fourth in a series of talks explaining the Holy Mass. Don’t miss out on the spiritual benefits of our Evening of Recollection on Thursday, September 17, beginning with Holy Mass at 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the Confraternity of St. Peter. Everyone is welcome!

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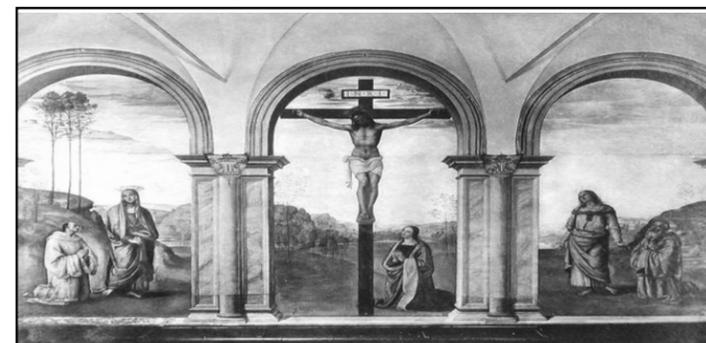
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Mass Schedule Traditional Roman Rite

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