

Sunday, September 20, 2015
17th Sunday after Pentecost



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

Mon. 21 Sept. St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist, II Class

7:00 am Susan Crowder
 12:15 pm Marcial & Concepcion Cristi

Tues. 22 Sept. St. Thomas of Villanova, Bishop & Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Gaudencio Uclaray
 6:30 pm Elizabeth Pierini

Wed. 23 Sept. Ember Wednesday, II Class

7:00 am Fr. Gary Sumpter
 12:15 pm Robert W. Erskine, Jr.

Thurs. 24 Sept. Our Lady of Ransom, IV Class

7:00 am †Fernando Costales
 6:30 pm Michael Paul Lawrence

Fri. 25 Sept. Ember Friday, II Class

7:00 am Marcellinus Cuatto
 12:15 pm FSSP Priests
 6:30 pm Brendan McDonough

Sat. 26 Sept. Ember Saturday, II Class

7:00 am †Greg Nicholas
 9:00 am Stephanie Reali

Sun. 27 Sept. 18th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am †Greg Nicholas
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Jason Turner

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. 25—High School Youth Group
 Sept. 29—Feast of St. Michael the Archangel
 Oct. 3—G.K.Chesterton: Live w/Dale Ahlquist & Chuck Chalberg
 Oct. 13—Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession
 Oct. 18—27th Anniversary of FSSP
 Oct. 25—Christ the King
 Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party
 Nov. 26—Thanksgiving
 Jan. 23—West Coast Walk for Life
 March 13—Confirmation
 May 7—First Holy Communion

Blessed Are They That Mourn

The Beatitude: “Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted,” corresponds to the gift of knowledge. Blessed are they who, thoroughly enlightened by the Holy Spirit as to the nothingness of creatures, weep for the time they have spent seeking them, and mourn over the energy and affection they have wasted on the vanities of the world. These are the burning tears of St. Augustine who, in his *Confessions*, continually laments: “Late have I loved Thee, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved Thee. . . Thou wert with me, but I was not with Thee; creatures kept me far from Thee.” These are the tears of the penitent Magdalen, and of St. Peter weeping over his fall; blessed tears, cleansing souls from sin and disposing them for friendship with God. These are the tears of souls determined to seek God in preference to all creatures, but who still because of their frailty, have to reproach themselves daily for some weakness, some slight return to futile earthly satisfactions. The gift of knowledge does not permit us to close our eyes to our infidelities, however slight, but it makes us hate them and weep for them with tears of compunction. One who lives under the influence of this gift will never be careless or superficial in his examinations of conscience; his confessions, though peaceful, will always be sorrowful and accompanied by true contrition. Such were the confessions of the saints, who with the most lively sorrow accused themselves of their slightest imperfections.

The Holy Spirit does not want us to be scrupulous, but He does want us to be very delicate in our fidelity to God. He is not satisfied that we despise the vanities of the world in general, but He wants us to despise them in their most subtle manifestations, such as slight retaliations of self-love, little self-complacencies, or concern for the affection and esteem of others. Blessed the soul who knows how to recognize all its miseries and weep for them, not with tears of discouragement or anxiety, but with tears of profound sorrow, which instead of contracting its heart in fear, will dilate it in repentant love, and cast it into God’s arms, with a heart renewed by love and sorrow.
 (taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

I would like to take this opportunity to remind the women and girls of the parish to always dress modestly. Low necklines and high hemlines are not modest. What norms should be followed? Those issued by the Vatican in 1928. Those norms have never been changed, because there has been no reason to change them. They are quite sensible: **“We recall that a dress cannot be called decent which is cut deeper than two fingers’ breadth under the pit of the throat, which does not cover the arms at least to the elbows (due to market conditions, quarter length sleeves were allowed), and scarcely reaches a bit beyond the knees. Furthermore, dresses of transparent material are improper.”** I would add that tight clothing that emphasizes the shape of a woman’s body must also be considered immodest.

We are our brother’s keeper. We have the duty to not lead him into sin. If we do, we, too, sin. Always dress in a way that would be pleasing to Our Blessed Mother, and a source of edification to our neighbor.

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

High School Youth Group

The High School Youth Group has now resumed its meetings after the Summer Break. This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Meetings begin 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 are needed as volunteers. Contact Fr. Akers for more information, zachary.akers@yahoo.com

G.K. Chesterton—A Saint for Our Times?
October 3rd—St. Stephen’s Gym—6:00 pm

Dale Ahlquist, president of the American Chesterton Society, and America’s foremost expert on all things Chesterton, will give a talk on GK Chesterton and the cause for his canonization.

Dr. John “Chuck” Chalberg will be giving a dramatization of GK Chesterton. We will have a taste of these two men, live, as seen on EWTN’s “The Apostle of Common Sense.” This is a very special opportunity that you do not want to miss!

The Sacramento Chesterton Society will provide light refreshments afterwards, during a Q & A session with Dale and Chuck.

Admission—Free-will offerings greatly accepted at the door to defer costs!

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.

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!

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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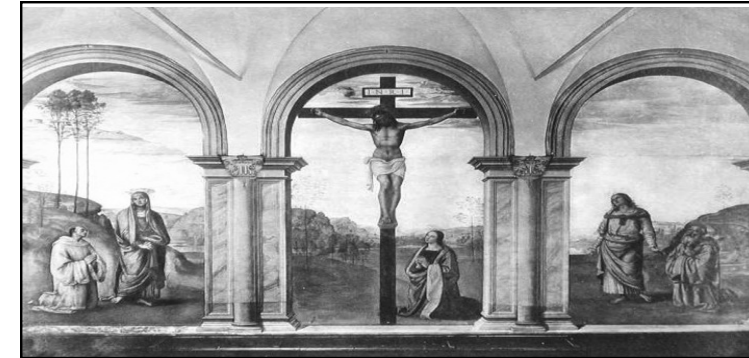
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Mass Schedule Traditional Roman Rite

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