

Sunday, October 9, 2016
21st Sunday after Pentecost



Our Lady of the Sign
She is the patron of the Holy Rosary.

Sun. 9 Oct. 21th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
 8:00 am Mark Gallagher
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm Fr. John Lyons, FSSP
 6:00 pm FSSP

Mon. 10 Oct. St. Francis Borgia, Confessor, III Class
 7:00 am †Mary Fossum
 12:15 pm Martina Amelia Castro

Tues. 11 Oct. Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class
 7:00 am Fr. John Lyons, FSSP
 6:30 pm †Fr. Peter Carota

Wed. 12 Oct. Feria, IV Class
 7:00 am Fr. Ashley Perry
 12:15 pm Holy Souls

Thurs. 13 Sept. St. Edward the Confessor, King, III Class
 7:00 am Tess Rowland
 6:30 pm Yoshitake Family

Fri. 14 Oct. St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr, III Class
 7:00 am Fr. Zachary Akers, FSSP
 12:15 pm Linda Zeitz
 6:30 pm †Judith Avila

Sat. 15 Oct. St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin, III Class
 7:00 am †Fr. Peter Carota
 9:00 am †Edward Ahaesy

Sun. 16 Oct. 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
 8:00 am †Kathy Neff
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm †Paul Laubacher, Sr.
 6:00 pm FSSP

...In Memoriam

†Richard Corbin, †Mikyla Pina Mutuc,
 †Joseph Michael Jaeger †Jerry Risse, †Anne Cummings,
 †Joe S. Villegas, †Lena G. Villegas, †William Philkill,
 †Fr. Carota, †Linda Merino, †Kathy Solari,
 †Maria Lopresti, †George Klopff

Important Upcoming Dates

Oct. 13—Fatima Procession
 Oct. 15—Altar Guild
 Oct. 18—28th Anniversary of the FSSP
 Oct. 19—Holy League for Men
 Oct. 30—Feast of Christ the King
 Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party
 Nov. 24—Thanksgiving
 Jan. 21—West Coast Walk for Life
 March 11—Confirmation
 April 23—Live Performance of “Faustina”
 July 23—27—Annual Retreat

Forgiveness

“The kingdom of heaven is likened to a king who would take an account of his servants.” Today’s Gospel refers to the account which all men will one day be called upon to give. It is a serious thought, which makes us reflect, as we did last Sunday, on the state of our conscience. Yet, as we continue the reading of this parable, our hearts are comforted. God, represented by the king, manifests such kindness, mercy, and compassion to the poor servant who cannot pay his debt; He forgives him everything and sets him free.

The debt of that servant was not a trifling one: ten thousand talents; our debts to God are much greater and cannot be computed in talents, nor in silver and gold; they must be reckoned according to the price of our redemption, the most precious Blood of Jesus. Our debts are our sins which needed to be washed away in the Blood of a divine Victim. In spite of our good will, we increase these debts each day, to a greater or lesser extent, if only by faults of frailty and weakness. Is there one who can say at the day’s end that he has not contracted new debts with God? If, at the end of life, God should place before us an exact account of our *deficit*, we should find ourselves in a much more embarrassing position than that of the servant in the parable. But God, being infinite goodness, knows and has pity on our misery; each time we place ourselves before Him and humbly acknowledge our faults with sincere repentance, He immediately pardons us and cancels all our debts. God is magnificent when He pardons: He does not reproach us for the faults over which we have already wept, nor does He keep any account of them; His pardon is so generous, so great and complete, that it not only annuls our debts, but destroys even the memory of them, as if they had never existed. It is enough for Him to see us repentant; then every wound, even the most grievous and repugnant, is completely healed by the precious Blood of Jesus. Christ’s Blood is like an immense sea which has the power to cleanse and destroy the sins of all mankind, provided they are sincerely repented of. Every minute of every day we can take the burden, heavy or light as it may be, of our sins and infidelities and make it disappear in this ocean of grace and love, certain that not one trace of it will remain.

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

The Rosary

The month of October is a wonderful time to embrace, with a renewed conviction, the praying of the Rosary. It assists us as a means of focusing on the “new evangelization” by meditating upon the “soul” of the Rosary, i.e., the Mysteries of the Rosary. The Mysteries become for us a “Gospel Prayer” as we reflect on the Life, Death & Resurrection of Jesus all the while asking the Blessed Virgin’s intercession.

Integrating the Rosary as a family prayer, especially during the month of October, can bring many graces to our homes, the “domestic church.” Reinforcing the value of the Rosary among our children, youth and young adults can assist them in becoming disciples of charity which will foster within them to do that which is “good.”

As 2017 approaches, and we anticipate the 100th Anniversary of the Six Apparitions of Fatima, let us embrace the gift of the Most Holy Rosary and may an outpouring of God’s grace help us to become true “disciples of charity.”

~ Bishop Myron Cotta

Fatima Procession

This week, Thursday, Oct. 13, following the 6:30 pm Mass, we will hold our final Fatima procession of the year. Please plan to attend!

Knights of Columbus

The Knights are looking for many good men! Our parish now has it’s own council. Please join our fraternity. An information booth will be set up in the courtyard next Sunday, Oct. 16. Stop in to learn more.

40 Days For Life

September 28-November 6

All are asked to be generous with their time, and to come spend just one hour as often as you like! 1442 Ethan Way, Monday through Friday 7 am—7 pm. We offer women help, compassionate support, and encouragement so that they are better able to choose life for their babies.

2016 All Saints' Eve Party

Monday, October 31st

5:00 - 5:30 Litany of Saints
 5:30 - 6:30 Parade of Saints (signups required)
 6:30 - 8:00 Food & Games
 8:00 - 8:30 Campfire stories
 8:30 - 9:00 Clean-up
 Enjoy an evening celebrating the Saints and Friends of the Church!
 Food - Games - Candy - Petting Zoo - Pumpkins!
 Cost is free but families are asked to contribute two bags of candy prior to the event.
 Candy and cash donations accepted in the bookstore.
 For more information, contact Judy Kasak
 916-989-1086 judikasak@gmail.com.

Around the Parish

~ **Congratulation** to Gregory & Jenelle Reali on the birth of their 5th child, Owen Thomas Antonio! Owen was baptized at St. Stephen’s on October 1st.

~ **Congratulation** to Brandan & Ana Stasik on the birth of their 4th child, Clark Brendan! Clark was baptized on October 1st at St. Stephen’s.

Development Office
 Conventual Franciscans of CA

Dear Father Lyons,

Peace and all God’s Blessings!

On behalf of the Friars of St. Joseph of Cupertino Province and our Friars of the Vietnam Mission, I would like to thank you and your parishioners for your very generous donation of \$2,046.93. This donation will go toward the support of the various ministries of our Friars in Vietnam as well as the formation of our student Friars.

Please be assured of remembrance in our prayers for you and your parishioners.
 Thank you very much.

In Christ and Francis,
 Brother James Reiter, OFM Conv

2017 Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela

(Plus Finisterre and Muxia if time allows.)
 Full: April 20th to June 7th (480 Miles)
 Partial: May 13th to June 7th (180+ Miles)

Interested or need more details? Contact me at 916-548-4944 or johnrsheldon@yahoo.com.
 Please Note: There are options available for those with less time or physical abilities. **This is not a packaged tour with a fixed price.** Approximate cost is \$3000 to \$3500. All expenses paid by individual. Average daily distance is 15 miles.

**Date Change— Chesterton Society Meeting:
 Oct. 11th at 7:30pm**

Please note: We now meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month
 We are continuing with the book: *The Everlasting Man*
 Chapter 1 Part 2 “*God in the Cave*”
 Also: Fr. Brown: “*The Point of a Pin*”
 Go to: <http://www.sacfsp.com/>
 For online book and Fr. Brown stories
 All are welcome!

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Mike McGrath, Renee Burns,,
 Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson,
 John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Paulette Brady, James Reslock,
 Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, Beverly Longtin,
 Mary Daley, Ramon Daley, John Newaz, Marne Merino,
 Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Margaret Melusky

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MASS SCHEDULE TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE

- Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Low Mass
10:30 a.m. High Mass
1:30 p.m. Low Mass
6:00 p.m. Low Mass
- 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. and 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

CONFESSION

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

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION 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. 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: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass
 - Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays
- Holy Face Novena:** 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday
- St. Monica Novena:** First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday
- Fatima Procession:** 13th of every month- May to October - following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on weekdays, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays, and the 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays
- Men's Holy League:** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm

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:
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