

Sunday, April 10, 2016
Second Sunday after Easter
(Good Shepherd Sunday)



Sun. 10 Apr. Second Sunday after Easter, (Good Shepherd Sunday), II Class

8:30 am Ella Artho
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Mary & Philip Patch

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 11 Apr. St. Leo the Great, Pope, Confessor & Doctor, III Class

7:00 am Joe Patch IV
 12:15 pm Mrs. Peinado & Brother of Jorge Peinado

Tues. 12 Apr. Feria, IV Class

7:00 am Mrs. Smith
 6:30 pm Dugyon Family

Wed. 13 Apr. St. Hermenegild, Martyr, III Class

7:00 am Mary Lov Koch
 12:15 pm †Samuel Comising

Thurs. 14 Apr. St. Justin, Martyr, III Class

7:00 am †Josefino Santos
 6:30 pm Jeffrey & Elena Inferrera Family

Fri. 15 Apr. Feria, IV Class

7:00 am Brian Boyd
 12:15 pm FSSP Priests
 6:30 pm †John C. Burns

Sat. 16 Apr. Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class

7:00 am †Glenna Burns
 9:00 am †Charlie Burns

Sun. 17 Apr. Third Sunday after Easter, II Class

8:30 am Tamara Greco's Children
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Mike McGrath

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

...In Memoriam

†Edward Coleman, †Marilyn Goyette, †Gilbert Perry
 †Ruth Rodgers, †Concepcion Cristi, †Mary Gilbert,
 †Mary Foose, †William Munsill, †Richard Corbin,
 †Mikyla Pina Mutuc, †Joseph Michael Jaeger
 †Jerry Risse, †Anne Cummings

Important Upcoming Dates

April 19—Chesterton Society Meeting
 April 21—CSP Evening of Recollection
 May 5—Ascension of Our Lord
 May 7—First Holy Communion
 May 13—Fatima Procession
 May 14—May Procession & Solemn Mass
 May 28—FSSP Priestly Ordinations
 May 28—Graduation Mass 1:30 pm
 June 19-25—Camp Sacred Heart
 July 10—14—Silent Retreat
 Aug. 7—Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen —Pig Roast & Square Dance
 Sept. 5-14—CSP Pilgrimage to Ireland

Practical Conduct

During [a] period of transition from meditation to contemplation, it is very important for the soul to have a clear understanding of that “general, loving attention to God” mentioned by St. John of the Cross, in order to know how to act, and how to obtain from it the best fruit possible. In the Saint’s opinion this new form of prayer results from the exercise of the theological virtues, aided by the secret, delicate influence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In other words, on the part of the soul it is a question of an exercise of faith and love so intense and simplified that, without having recourse to the continual repetition of distinct acts, the soul finds itself in an attitude of loving attention to God. Far from being idle, the soul fixes its gaze on God precisely by means of this prolonged act of faith and love. But it is not alone in this exercise. The Holy Spirit comes to meet it, and by a secret actuation of His gifts, orientates and attracts it to God, infusing in it a loving knowledge of Him. In this way the soul can persevere for a long time in this truly contemplative attitude; and because it is helped by the Holy Spirit, it “will take pleasure in being alone and waiting with loving attentiveness upon God, in interior peace, quietness, and rest, without making any particular meditation.”

However, the influence of the gifts will not always be strong and pleasant enough to keep the soul peacefully occupied with God; often, especially at first, it will be weak and therefore the soul more arid. Generally in this the soul will not make steady progress; hence, in order to remain recollected in God, it will often have to use its own efforts. At this point, it will be very useful for the soul to apply itself principally to the occasional renewing of its acts of faith and love, simply because its part, in this kind of prayer, consists in an intense exercise of faith and of love.

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

From the Pastor

Good news! The parish kitchen passed final inspection. There are still some minor items to attend to, but it’s now fully operative once again. If you haven’t had a chance to see it yet, take a look sometime when it’s open. I would especially like to thank Mrs. Lourdes Gonzalez-Puccio, and Mr. Michael Solton for their generous work in helping to bring this project to a successful conclusion. We’re now finalizing plans for the renovation of the gym; we hope to get started on it soon. None of this would be possible, of course, without your continued financial support.



Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat

Preached by Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP
 July 10-14

Retreat is HALF full—sign up today!

Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat — a silent retreat, will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center. Each retreatant will have a private room and bath. Space is limited, so hold your place as soon as possible with a deposit. Forms are now available in the office or bookstore. The retreat is open to men and women age 18 and over. For more information call: 916-223-3112

Brown Bag Lunch Program

Please remember to put something in your cart for the homeless and drop it off in the vestibule as often as possible.

Remember, all food must be non-perishable and in easy to open packages, jars, or flip-top cans.

Camp Sacred Heart 2016

Camp Sacred Heart will be held June 19—25 this year. Registration is open to boys age 9—18, boys unknown to the chaplain must get a letter of recommendation from a priest.

For more information call the parish office or 916-223-3112. Forms may be obtained by e-mail @ stephenproto@yahoo.com
 You may also stop by the parish office or bookstore.

Sponsors needed for Camp

If you are able to help sponsor a boy for camp, there is a great need, especially for large families. Your help is very much appreciated!

Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Priest: Let us pray for priestly and religious vocations.
All: O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless the Church with many priests, brothers, and sisters, who will love Thee with their whole hearts, be faithful to their vocations, and gladly spend their entire lives to teach Thy truths, serve Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved.
Priest: Bless our families, bless our children.
All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.
Priest: O Mary, Queen of priestly and religious vocations:
All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us the grace of many more. Amen.
(Please offer your reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations)

Prayer of Parents for Priestly and Religious Vocations

O God, grant that at least one of our sons may become a priest or religious brother, and one of our daughters a religious sister. We ourselves want to live as good Christians, and to guide our children always to do what is right, so that we may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give Thee a holy priest, brother, or sister! Amen.
(Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)
(based on a prayer recited by the parents of Lu Monferrato, Italy)

Evening of Recollection—Confraternity of St. Peter

Don’t miss out on the spiritual benefits of our CSP Evening of Recollection on Thursday, April 21, beginning with Holy Mass at 6:30 pm. Each month we are given a wonderful sermon and conference along with Holy Mass and CSP prayers.

***A Confraternity of St. Peter pilgrimage to...
 Holy Ireland***

*With Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP
 Sept. 5—14, 2016*

Discover the land that St. Patrick converted to Christianity in the 5th century; a magnificent land whose spectacular scenery hits of Heaven’s beauty!

For more information call:
 916-223-3112 or 1-800-334-5425
 Or visit: www.syversentouring.com/confraternity

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath, Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar, Paulette Brady, James Reslock, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, Eleanor Roberts, Fr. Carota, Beverly Longtin, Mary Daley, Ramon Daley, John Newaz

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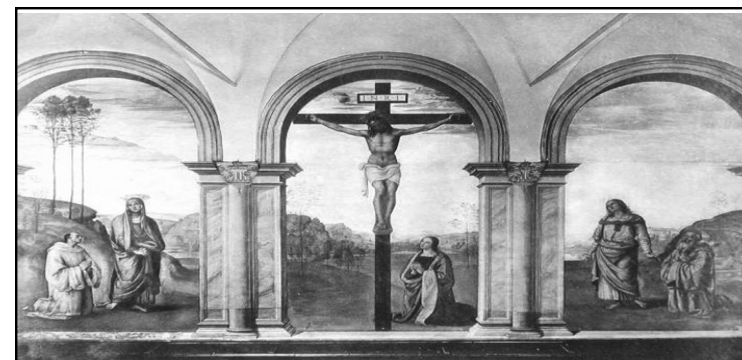
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Devotions

Rosary: Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., after the 1p.m. Mass and five minutes after many weekday Masses

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

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.