

Sunday, March 12, 2017  
2nd Sunday in Lent



**Sun. 12 Mar.**    **2nd Sunday of Lent, I Class**  
8:00 am        Amy Culbreath  
10:30 am       Pro Populo  
1:30 pm        Monique Rance  
6:00 pm        Confraternity of St. Peter

**Mon. 13 Mar.**   **Feria of Lent, III Class**  
7:00 am        Joe & Dixon Haun  
12:15 pm       Jeff & LeXuan Culbreath

**Tues. 14 Mar.**   **Feria of Lent, III Class**  
7:00 am        Judy Schumacher  
6:30 pm        Hans Wilfried Huch

**Wed. 15 Mar.**   **Feria of Lent, III Class**  
7:00 am        †Heather Belington  
12:15 pm       Emilie Gross Hanten

**Thurs 16 Mar.**   **Feria of Lent, III Class**  
7:00 am        Mary Quintero  
6:30 pm        Margarete Kubis

**Fri. 17 Mar.**     **St. Patrick, I Class**  
7:00 am        Shaneka & Joseph  
12:15 pm       Michael Schiele Jr.  
6:30 pm        Souls in Purgatory

**Sat. 18 Mar.**    **Feria of Lent, III Class**  
7:00 am        Gertrude Huch  
9:00 am        Souls in Purgatory

**Sun. 19 Mar.**    **3rd Sunday of Lent, I Class**  
8:00 am        †Basilio Uclaray  
10:30 am       Pro Populo  
1:30 pm        †Ursula Uclaray  
6:00 pm        Special Intention

**...In Memoriam**

†Maria Lopresti, †George Klopf, †Nell Keim, †John Reyes,  
†Margaret Melusky, †Robert O’Kane, †Savino Salierno,  
†Beverly Longtin, †Donald Strahota, †Ursula Uclaray,  
†Marina Servande

**Important Upcoming Dates**

March 15—Men’s Holy League  
March 17—Stations of the Cross after 12:15 & 6:30 pm Masses  
March 17—St. Patrick’s Day (co-patron of diocese)  
**Stations of the Cross after 12:15 Mass only**  
March 20—Feast of St. Joseph (*transferred*)  
March 20—24 - Lenten Mission—Fr. Buckley, FSSP  
April 9—Palm Sunday  
April 13—Holy Thursday  
April 16—Easter Sunday  
April 23—Live Performance of “Faustina”  
May 6—First Holy Communion  
June 18—24 Camp Sacred Heart  
July 23—27—Annual Retreat

**Our Place**

Among all the creatures in which we take pleasure and toward which our nature seems to be attracted the most, *self* undoubtedly holds the first place. There is no one, no matter how limited in talents and good qualities, who does not love his own excellence, and who does not try, in one way or another, to make it shine forth to himself and to others. It is for this reason that we often spontaneously exaggerate our own worth, and as a result are demanding and pretentious. This makes us haughty and arrogant, as well as difficult in our relations with others.. Humility is the virtue which keeps within just limits the love of one’s own excellence. Whereas self-esteem often induces us to make ourselves too evident, or to occupy a place which is higher than our due, humility keeps us *in our own place*. Humility is truth: it tends to establish in truth both our intellect—by making us know ourselves as we really are—and our life, by inclining us to take, in relation to God and to men, our proper place and no other.

Humility make us realize that, in the sight of God, we are only His little creature, entirely dependent upon Him for our existence and for all our works. Having received life from God, we cannot subsist even one moment independently of Him. He who gave us existence by His creative action, maintains life in us by His conserving action. In addition we cannot perform the slightest act without God’s cooperation, in the same way that a machine—even a perfect one—cannot make any motion until it is started by the one who made it. It is very true that, unlike the machine, our acts are neither mechanical nor compulsory, but are conscious and free; yet, we cannot move even a finger without the concurrence of the divine Artist.

It follows then that everything we possess in the order of being—qualities, gifts, capacities—and everything we have accomplished in the order of action, is not ours, but all, in one way or another, are gifts of God, all are acts performed with God’s help. “What hast thou that thou hast not received? And if thou hast received it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?”  
(*Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD.)

**From the Pastor**

We’re well into Lent now. Hopefully, it’s going well for everyone. Lent is really a time for renewal. First and foremost, spiritual renewal. We want to take a hard look at our spiritual life and take whatever measures are necessary in order to get it into shape – confession, prayer, penance, rosary, Eucharistic adoration, spiritual reading . . . Let’s not be gentle with ourselves; let’s dig up our faults by their roots!

Lent can also be a time for physical renewal. The body does effect the soul, and vice versa. Have we been putting off regular exercise? Now is the time to begin. Do we need to see a doctor or dentist? Make that appointment. Do we need to lose weight? Start a healthy program of both exercise and diet. We are stewards of our bodies, let’s take reasonable care of them.

Lent is also a good time to clean up our local environment (i.e., our homes and work places) by reducing clutter, and throwing out or giving away all unnecessary items. If we haven’t used something for more than a year, it’s probably safe to give it away to someone who can make good use of it. Let’s simplify our lives.

With Mary at the foot of the Cross to help us, let us utilize well the gift of Lent that God has given to us once again this year.

**Lenten Dispensation March 17**

The feast of St. Patrick, March 17, falls on a Friday during Lent this year. Since St. Patrick is a co-patron of the diocese, Bishop Soto has granted a dispensation from the ordinary Lenten Obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays this one day. It would be appropriate to substitute another form of penance (a work of charity or exercise of piety) on that day in lieu of abstinence from meat, in order to maintain the penitential character of the day.

**Lenten Mission**

Mark your calendars for the Lenten Mission—March 20—24. Fr. James Buckley, FSSP, will be preaching the mission. There will be a 6:30 pm Mass each day of the mission. Fr. Buckley will be available to hear confessions during Mass, and will return to the confessional after his talk. Father's conferences will immediately follow the Mass.

**Bible Study, Second Series**  
**Thursday after 6:30 pm Mass**

In the Footsteps of a Patriarch—Abraham: Genesis 14—25

Chesterton Society Meeting: **March 14th at 7:30pm**  
We are continuing with the book: *The Everlasting Man Chapter 6 of Part II, "The Five Deaths of the Faith"* .  
*The Ballad of the White Horse* - Prefatory Note and Dedication and intro to The Ballad of the White Horse by Dale Ahlquist

**Friday Evening Soup Suppers**

Friday soup suppers during Lent follow evening Mass & Stations. For more information call: 916-335-4553 or 916-204-9125

**Around the Parish**

~ ***Congratulations*** to Mike & Keetje Terzo on the birth of their eighth child, Jack Anthony! Jack was baptized at St. Stephen’s on March 4th.

~ ***Congratulations*** to the 52 young people who were confirmed at St. Stephen’s on March 11th by Bishop William Weigand.

**St. Joseph’s Table**

You are invited to join us on Sunday, March 19, after the 8:00, 10:30, and 1:00 Masses for a traditional **St. Joseph’s Table, “La Tavola di San Giuseppe.”** St. Joseph’s Table is an age-old Italian tradition giving thanks to and honoring St. Joseph, protector of the family.

Some food and beverage will be provided, but we invite you to help out by bringing a dessert treat, i.e. cookies, biscotti, cannoli, etc.—these can be delivered anytime on Saturday, March 18 or bring them to the event.

We also need help with set up on Saturday, March 18 and with baking bread to adorn the St. Joseph’s Table altar. If you are interested in assisting, contact Larry White at: 916-296-2088 or [lwhite@mcn.org](mailto:lwhite@mcn.org) Additionally, there’s a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

**Mass with Cardinal Burke**

His Eminence, Raymond Cardinal Burke, will be celebrating a Pontifical Mass in the Extraordinary Form at St. Margaret Mary (Oakland, CA) on March 19, 2017 at 12:30 pm. There will be a welcome reception after Mass (4 pm) at the Cathedral of Christ the Light and concluding with a Solemn Benediction at 5pm.

**Catholica Summer Program**

***Forming Young Men into Confident Catholic Gentlemen***  
25 Days in Italy June 12—July 8, 2017

Catholica Summer Program is an immersion program in Italy for young men aged 14—18. It combines prayer, study and adventure: daily Latin Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica, classes in Church History, Latin and Apologetics, and an exploration of the wonders of Rome. Fr. Thomas Longua, FSSP will be chaplain.

For more information see Fr. Lyons.

**Confraternity of St. Peter 2017 Pilgrimage to**  
***Italy & Slovenia***

With Fr. James Fryar, FSSP—CSP Chaplain  
Sept. 9—18, 2017

For more info—brochures available in the bookstore  
or call 800-334-5425

***Please Keep in Your Prayers ...***

Mike McGrath, Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen,  
Sue McGrath, Paulette Brady, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong,  
John Newaz, Marne Merino, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher,  
Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Sandra De  
Monaco, Mary & Ramon Daley, Mitzi Vandenburg,  
Gerald Foy, Pamela Lewis, Strahota Family, Helen DeCarlo





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St. Joseph, powerful patron, thank you for favors granted!



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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**

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