

Sunday, April 24, 2016  
Fourth Sunday after Easter

Sun. 24 Apr. **Fourth Sunday after Easter, II Class**  
8:30 am Jonathan Munsill  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:00 pm †Joseph Michael Jaeger  
  
3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 25 Apr. **St. Mark, Evangelist, II Class**  
7:00 am Maximilian Pulley  
12:15 pm Bob Fagan

Tues. 26 Apr. **SS. Cletus & Marcellinus, Popes & Martyrs, III Class**  
7:00 am Ana Maria Rivas  
6:30 pm David Ledonx

Wed. 27 Apr. **St. Peter Canisius, Confessor & Doctor, III Class**  
7:00 am Jeffrey & Elena Inferrera Family  
12:15 pm †Mary & Orville Gilbert

Thurs. 28 Apr. **St. Paul of the Cross, Confessor, III Class**  
7:00 am †Margaret Gertken  
6:30 pm FSSP

Fri. 29 Apr. **St. Peter of Verona, Martyr, III Class**  
7:00 am Dr. Joe  
12:15 pm †Peggy Gilbert Brooks  
6:30 pm Cecilia Torres

Sat. 30 Apr. **St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, III Class**  
7:00 am Leo Taormina (Health)  
9:00 am Fr. Peter Carota

Sun. 1 May **St. Joseph the Worker, I Class**  
8:30 am Edward Joseph Pierini III Family  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:00 pm †Joseph Michael Jaeger  
  
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

May 1—St. Joseph the Worker  
May 5—Ascension of Our Lord  
May 7—First Holy Communion  
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

Spouse of the Holy Spirit

Complete docility to the motion of the Holy Spirit is precisely the characteristic of the state of union with God. Mary was “raised to this lofty state from the beginning,” according to the teaching of St. John of the Cross; and this is evident if we consider that Mary was not only created in grace but that she had, from the very beginning, a degree of grace far superior to that attained by the greatest saints at the end of their lives. Therefore, this state of perfect union with God, which is our ideal and the goal of all our efforts, was Mary’s portion from the dawn of life. Furthermore, by her free, faithful correspondence to grace, she advanced to towering heights in this lofty state.  
Considering these truths, therefore, we can easily see that after Jesus the Virgin Mary is the surest model and guide for those who aspire to union with God; her very creaturehood makes her more accessible to us, and more easily imitable. Mary teaches us that the great secret of quickly reaching union with God is entire detachment from creatures, especially from that creature we love so much, ourself. Mary lived only for God. Studying her life in the Gospels, we never see her influenced by selfish motives or by reasons of personal interest; only one thing moves her: the glory of God and the interests of Jesus and of souls. In her humble, hidden life, in her work, in her poverty, in all the privations and sufferings she had to undergo, there was never a thought of self, never a complaint; rather, she was always ready to advance, totally oblivious of her suffering, wholly given to the fulfilling of the divine will. It was the Holy Spirit who guided her, who urged her, who sustained her, and her secret was to let herself be ruled and moved by Him in everything. Just as the Blessed Virgin conceived the Son of God by the operation of the Holy Spirit, so all her actions were begun by His inspiration. This is exactly how we should imitate Mary: eliminate from our life everything that is the fruit of our egoism, self-love, or pride, and do only the things that are inspired by grace, under the impulse of the Holy Spirit.  
(taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

Knights of Columbus

Two members of the Knights of Columbus—Tom Scary and Drew Bolen—recently renovated a large closet in the pastor’s office in order to be able to hang the copes properly. Thank you Knights!

A clarification regarding the use of the parish kitchen

In order to keep the parish kitchen well maintained (and to avoid possible fines from the county health department) there must always be someone responsible for overseeing the work being done in it, and returning it to its original condition after use. For this reason the kitchen cannot be left open for random use.  
If you are working on a particular parish event, and in need of the kitchen, please see parish secretary, Tish Gallagher. If you need to keep something cool for a short while, we suggest bringing a cooler.

Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat

Preached by Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP  
July 10-14  
Retreat is almost HALF full—sign up today!

Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat 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

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!

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

~Around the Parish~

~ Congratulations to Kevin Bensema & Bronwyn Harrod, married at St. Stephens on April 23rd. Ad multos annos!  
~ Congratulations to Edward & Monique Schneider on the birth of their sixth child, Mary Bernadette! Mary was baptized at St. Stephen’s on April 21st.

8th Annual Great Marian Procession

Saturday—May 14  
8:00 am—Arrive East Lawn Cemetery, 4300 Folsom Blvd.  
8:30 am—Procession begins (3 1/2 mile walking rosary pilgrimage)  
11:00 am—Solemn Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament  
\* Help make it possible! Donations are needed to cover event expenses; please find donation envelopes located at the entrance to St. Stephen Church or donate online.  
\* Don’t miss out on this spectacular day honoring our glorious Mother Mary! Find all information & video on the site:  
www.BringMary.com

St. Peter of Verona - April 29th

In 1205 Peter was born at Verona of Manichean parents; there he nonetheless attended a Catholic school. One day his Manichean uncle asked what he learnt there. The Creed, answered Peter: I believe in God, Creator of heaven and earth. No arguments could shake his faith, and at the age of sixteen he received the habit from Saint Dominic himself at Bologna.  
After his ordination, he preached to the heretics of Lombardy and converted multitudes. Saint Peter was constantly obliged to dispute with heretics, and although he was able to confound them, still the devil took occasion thereby to tempt him one day against faith. Instantly he had recourse to prayer before an image of Our Lady, and heard a voice saying to him the words of Jesus Christ in the Gospel, I have prayed for thee, Peter, that thy faith may not fail; and thou shalt confirm thy brethren in it.  
Every day at the elevation of the Mass he prayed, Grant, Lord that I may die for Thee, who for me didst die. His prayer was answered. His enemies, confounded by him, sought his life. Two of them attacked him in 1252 on the road to Milan and struck his head with an axe. Saint Peter fell, commended himself to God, dipped his finger in his own blood, and wrote on the ground, I believe in God, Creator of heaven and earth. He was then stabbed to death.  
St. Peter of Verona, pray for us!

A Confraternity of St. Peter pilgrimage to...  
Holy Ireland  
With Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP  
Sept. 5—14, 2016  
916-223-3112 or 1-800-334-5425  
Or visit: www.syversentouring.com/confraternity

