

**Sunday, November 8, 2015**  
**5th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany**



**Sun. 8 Nov. 5th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany, II Class**

8:30 am Santana Family  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm James Reslock

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**Mon. 9 Nov. Dedication of the Archbasilica of Our Holy Savior, II Class**

8:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 12:15 am Stephen Adams

**Tues. 10 Nov. St. Andrew Avellino, Confessor, III Class**

7:00 am Lillian Adams  
 6:30 pm Finbarr Augustine Roundtree

**Wed. 11 Nov. St. Martin of Tours, Bishop & Confessor, III Class**

7:00 am Suffering Souls in Purgatory  
 12:15 pm Fr. Perry

**Thurs. 12 Nov. St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr, III Class**

7:00 am Fr. Perry  
 6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality

**Fri. 13 Nov. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin, III Class**

7:00 am †Stella Kathleen Dodson  
 12:15 pm †Bernadette Heath  
 6:30 pm Dana Family

**Sat. 14 Nov. St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr, III Class**

7:00 am Poor Souls  
 9:00 am Aubrey Adams

**Sun. 15 Nov. 6th Resumed Sunday After Epiphany, II Class**

8:30 am Greco Children  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm John & Diane Doering

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**...In Memoriam**

†Joan Blackburn, †Thomas Joseph Greco, †Bruce Perry,  
 †Catherine Owen, †Gregory Nicholas,  
 †Jeannemarie Crabtree, †Dr. George Alexeeff,  
 †Edward Coleman, †Marilyn Goyette

**Important Upcoming Dates**

Nov. 13—High School Youth Group  
 Nov. 17—Chesterton Society Meeting  
 Nov. 19—CSP Evening of Recollection  
 Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Dec. 12—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 Nov. 26—Thanksgiving  
 Jan. 23—West Coast Walk for Life  
 March 13—Confirmation  
 May 7—First Holy Communion

**Consolation and Abandonment**

The most suitable moments to prove to God that you trust Him blindly, that you wish to abandon yourself to Him without reserve, are undoubtedly those of the dark night of the spirit. Even if it seems to you that all gives way under your feet, even if the tempest engulfs you to the point of making you feel tempted against faith and hope, you have nothing to fear, because in this night you are, in a very special way, under the action of the Holy Spirit. It is He who, by the living flame of His Love, lays waste your soul to purify it, but at the same time He Himself covers it with His shadow, secretly pouring into it the strength to resist, and measuring the suffering in such a way as not to exceed your capacity. Do not be afraid; you are in good hands: you are protected by the shadow of the Almighty, and no evil can befall you, provided you adhere voluntarily and with docility to His purifying action. Accept, and continually repeat your “fiat”; this is what Our Lord wants of you in this state, and this you can and should do, even in the midst of the most violent tempests. This pure, simple adhesion of your will to God, will unite you to Him and anchor you in Him, keeping you from shipwreck. What does it matter if you can neither say nor do anything more, if you are incapable of long prayers; even Jesus, in the Garden of Olives, did nothing but repeat this one protestation: “Father ... Thy will be done.” Let this be your prayer too, prayer rising more from your heart than from your lips, rising from a profound attitude of pure adherence to the will of God, in which you submerge yourself with all the powers of your soul. This adherence must become so strong, so complete, so filial and confident as to transform itself into a prolonged act of abandonment: “Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit.” Jesus Himself formulated this act in the midst of anguish and desolation infinitely more intense than anything you could ever experience. Unite yourself to the agonizing Jesus; lean upon Him, and in Him you will find the necessary strength to accept and to resist. Keeping your eyes fixed upon Jesus Crucified, who has reconciled and united the human race to His divine Father by His Passion and death, you will understand ever more perfectly that union with God “consists not in refreshment and in consolations and spiritual feelings, but in a living death of the Cross, both as to sense and as to spirit—that is, both inwardly and outwardly.” (taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

**From the Pastor**

For those of you who are interested in learning more about the Confraternity of St. Peter, please read the following – taken from the Confraternity’s website. We would like to see many more from our parish join.

**What is the Confraternity of Saint Peter?** It is a society which gathers those who feel close to the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter and who wish to support its charism through prayers and sacrifices. Thus the Confraternity contributes to the service of the Church, through supporting numerous vocations, the sanctification of priests and their pastoral endeavors. **What does a member of the Confraternity of Saint Peter do?** Every day members commit themselves to pray one decade of the Holy Rosary for the sanctification of our priests and for our priestly vocations, and recite the Prayer of the Confraternity. Once a year they have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for these intentions. **What spiritual benefit do members receive from the Confraternity?** Their commitments place the members among our most faithful benefactors, and as such, among the particular recipients of our priests’ and seminarians’ daily prayers. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered each month for the members of the Confraternity in each area. Recollections and instructions in the faith are also foreseen. **How does one become a member?** 1. Request the enrollment form from the parish office or bookstore or go on line to [www.fssp.com](http://www.fssp.com), fill it out and mail it in. 2. The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter will send to you in return the certificate of membership. The commitments take effect with the reception of the certificate. 3. Members must be at least 14 years old. 4. Membership is purely spiritual and does not confer any rights or duties other than the spiritual support in prayer and charity in accord with the commitments described above. 5. By themselves the commitments do not bind under penalty of sin. 6. Membership and the commitments which follow it are tacitly renewed each year on the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter (February 22), unless expressly determined otherwise. **How does one receive news about the Confraternity?** Our channels of information - bulletins and websites of the districts or of the houses – will provide news about the Confraternity.



**Registration for First Communion Classes**

Registration is open for First Communion preparation classes. Please pick up forms in the bookstore or parish office.

First Communion classes will begin Saturday, January 9th. Children age 7 by May 1st may register. Please bring a copy of your child’s baptism certificate when you register unless baptized at St. Stephens.

**~Around the Parish~**

~ **Congratulations** to Jeremy Tholcke & Carmen Rios who were married at St. Stephens on Saturday, November 7th.  
 ~ **Congratulations** to Charlie & Christine Watts on the birth of their 4th child, Simeon Amos! Simeon was baptized at St. Stephens on November 7th.

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (Feast day November 13) St. Frances was born in Lombardi, Italy in 1850, one of thirteen children. At eighteen, she desired to become a Nun, but poor health stood in her way. She helped her parents until their death, and then worked on a farm with her brothers and sisters.

One day a priest asked her to teach in a girls' school and she stayed for six years. At the request of her Bishop, she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart to care for poor children in schools and hospitals. Then at the urging of Pope Leo XIII she came to the United States with six nuns in 1889 to work among the Italian immigrants.

Filled with a deep trust in God and endowed with a wonderful administrative ability, this remarkable woman soon founded schools, hospitals, and orphanages in this strange land and saw them flourish in the aid of Italian immigrants and children. At the time of her death, at Chicago, Illinois on December 22, 1917, her institute numbered houses in England, France, Spain, the United States, and South America. In 1946, she became the first American citizen to be canonized when she was elevated to sainthood by Pope Pius XII. St. Frances is the patroness of immigrants.

**Reminder— Chesterton Society Meeting: November 17 at 7:30pm**

We are continuing with the book: *Heretics*  
 Read Chapters 17 & 18  
 Also: **Fr. Brown:** “The Vanishing of Vaudrey”  
 Go to: <http://www.sacffssp.com/>  
 For online book and Fr. Brown stories  
 All are welcome!

**West Coast Walk for Life**

Save the Date: January 23, 2016, 12th Annual Walk for Life West Coast.  
 Thanks to the enthusiastic support of our parish at the food fundraiser, bus tickets will only be \$10 each instead of \$27 per person! For more information and to purchase a bus ticket see or 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,  
 Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar, Paulette Brady,  
 Joseph Michael Jaeger, Norman Sayles, Mary Foose,  
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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  
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

#### 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.

#### 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](http://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](mailto:ParishSwap@gmail.com)  
View available items by clicking on the "links" button on the front page of [www.sacfssp.com](http://www.sacfssp.com)