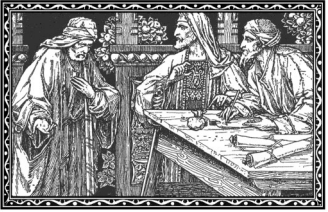


Sunday, July 19, 2015
8th Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 19 July

8th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am†Gregory Nicholas

10:30 amPro Populo

1:00 pmYesenia Rangel & Angela Cox

3:00 pmVespers & Benediction

Mon. 20 July

St. Jerome Emiliani, Confessor, III Class

7:00 amElizabeth & Alfred Nicolini, Sr.

12:15 pm†Elsie Demers

Tues. 21 July

St. Laurence of Brindisi, Confessor & Doctor, III Class

7:00 amMary Madonna Family

6:30 pm†Teddy & †Minnie Mancenido

Wed. 22 July

St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent, III Class

7:00 am†Mary Culver

12:15 pmElizabeth Pierini

Thurs. 23 July

St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am†George Leja

6:30 pmJoseph McDonough

Fri. 24 July

St. Christina, Virgin & Martyr, IV Class

7:00 amMonique & Tom Rance

12:15 pmEddie Joey Pierini

6:30 pmFr. Akers

Sat. 25 July

St. James the Greater, Apostle, II Class

7:00 am†Helen Presley

9:00 amMariana Olguin

Sun. 26 July

9th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 amSean Pope

10:30 amPro Populo

1:00 pmLouis Reslock

3:00 pmVespers & Benediction

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...
Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen,
Richard Corbin, Renee Burns, Sue McGrath, Norman
Sayles, Lorraine Peterson, Sandy Sneary, Di Giovanni
Family, John Reyes, John Patrick Corr, Augustine Guzman,
Patricia Becker, Luis Salazar, Marilyn Goyette

...In Memoriam

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

Important Upcoming Dates

July 19—23—*Spiritual Exercises* - Annual Parish Retreat
Aug. 2—Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen—Pig Roast & Square Dance
Aug. 13—Fatima Procession
Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sept. 14-24—Historic Spain FSSP Pilgrimage
Oct. 3—G.K.Chesterton: Live w/Dale Ahlquist & Chuck Chalberg
Oct. 18—27th Anniversary of FSSP

Communion, The Source of Confidence in God

The purpose of the Eucharist is not only to bring man back to God by destroying the instinctive fear which rules him but, in addition, to fill his heart with confidence. Strictly speaking, we might be able to bear the presence of God, but who would dare address our Lord unless He first mercifully veiled Himself? He discharges all debts, wipes out all inequalities. Before, on earth, the splendor of the Godhead was so hidden beneath human features that neither sinners nor little children feared to approach Jesus. They saw only His goodness and mercy.

But who will dare speak to our Lord today in the glory and triumph of His Resurrection? He has received the title of Judge of the living and the dead and, as such, He wishes to be feared and adored. Certainly He is still the good God, the God of mercy; but His state is changed, and if we did not have the Eucharist, we should be unable to speak to Him with simple confidence. Our Lord instituted His Sacrament that we might love Him, that He might meet with the same tenderness and affection He received during His mortal life. As for us priests, like John the Baptist we preach forgiveness and mercy to you, but we are powerless to give you the confident love and establish between our Lord and you the tender and intimate relations He desires.

On earth the goodness of our Lord was recognized from His entire manner; His whole person emanated sweetness and attracted souls. Now He is veiled; but the same attributes appear through the cloud that hides Him. This cloud does not hide Him so completely that when we think of Him we could ever picture Him otherwise than as gentle and loving. Thus He has imprinted His likeness in souls with the colors of the tenderest love. Looking upon the Sacred Species, we remember at once all that Jesus was and all that He is: love, goodness, mercy, and tenderness.

Familiarity must manifest itself primarily in sweet confidences and converse. Words are spoken that thrill and irresistibly transport one. The multitude, hearing our Lord, exclaimed: “Never did man speak like this man!” Sinners were touched by the gentleness of His words and could not resist His goodness. For us, the voice of Jesus is heard inwardly. What is this speech, this language of friendship? Doubtless you have heard it many a time. It is naturally sweet, at times severe, but rarely so. . . . It is irresistible. . . . Have you never sat recollected at the feet of Jesus and heard Him say to you when your repentance was sincere: “Come, I forgive you; be not afraid”?

(Excerpt from *Holy Communion* by Saint Peter Julian Eymard - available in the St. Stephen Book Store.)


The Great Cultural Divide

The United States of America finds its citizens to be culturally divided into two main camps: the culture of death, and the culture of life. Or, if you will, between the amoral and immoral, and the moral. The culture of death promotes abortion, contraception, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, sexual license, the “gay lifestyle”, and pornography. It is godless. The culture of life promotes respect for the human person from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. The culture of life teaches that man is not an object to be used; rather, he’s a person to be respected, loved, and cared for. The culture of life recognizes God’s mastery over man; hence, man’s obligation to obey His laws.

The culture of death has grown rapidly in the last few decades. Whether or not it will continue to grow depends very much upon the members of the culture of life. The best thing that we Catholics can do to promote the culture of life is to be good Catholics. A good Catholic is someone who not only believes all that the Catholic Church teaches to be true, but also does his best to put it into practice. The prayers of good Catholics are powerful before God; the example of good Catholics is powerful before men. It should go without saying that our Christian beliefs should influence all aspects of our lives—that includes our politics. The members of the culture of death try to intimidate the members of the culture of life by telling them that they have no right to impose their morality on others. The culture of death, however, does not hesitate to impose its immorality upon the rest of society. The members of the culture of life should pay no attention to the rebukes of the members of the culture of death. If the members of the culture of life are hesitant about establishing their culture, the members of the culture of death will be only too happy to definitively establish theirs - as the recent Supreme Court decision recognizing “same sex” marriage testifies.

The founders of our country were, for the most part, God-fearing people, a moral people. They would be aghast at the turn toward the culture of death that the country they helped to found has taken. They were willing to lay down their lives for what they believed. May God help the members of the culture of life to be no less committed to fully reestablishing the culture of life in this once great land.

The Pastor



Prayer to St. Joseph
V. He made him lord of his house.
R. And prince over all his possessions.
Let us pray:
O God, in Thy marvelous providence, Thou hast deigned to choose St. Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother. We ask Thee to grant that we may deserve to have him for our intercessor in heaven, whom on earth we venerate as our protector; who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

~Around the Parish~


~ Sacrament of Baptism: Congratulations to Brendan & Ana Stasik on the birth of their third child. Maire Hyacinth Stasik was baptized on July 11th.

~ Please pray for a fruitful week for the 62 people on retreat beginning today. The majority of these are from our parish.

~ Seminarian Darrell Rimberty, FSSP, will be with us through the month of July.

~ Pig Roast Tickets Tickets are on sale after all Sunday Masses: \$5/individual and \$20/family.

Fr. Akers’ Vocation Story
On
Shalom World Catholic Television



Recently Fr. Akers was interviewed by Shalom World Catholic Television for their Vocare series which promotes vocations. If you are interested in seeing this 30-minute interview, it can be found at:
<https://www.shalomworld.org/tv/videos/shalom-world/619>

Confraternity of St. Peter 2015 Pilgrimage

Historic pilgrimage to Spain & the Rock of Gibraltar, in the quinqucentenary year of St. Teresa of Avila’s birth! By traveling back to the days of the great Spanish mystics—Sts. Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross, Catholic monarchs—King St. Fernando III & Queen Isabella (Servant of God), and the wondrous events of the consecration of Europe to Our Lady on the Rock of Gibraltar, may we travel forward with the faith and courage of Spain’s holy “Defender’s of Christendom”!
Join Fr. James Fryar, FSSP, Chaplain of the Confraternity of St. Peter on September 14—September 24, 2015. For more information call Tish at 916-223-3112 or visit the website www.syversentouring.com/confraternity.

~ Summer Dress Code ~

Please recall that everyone is expected to dress with modesty and in a way befitting the house of God. Our choice of clothing is an expression of our worship; it may also affect the ability of others to worship. Dress should conceal rather than reveal. There is a sign in the vestibule that gives more details regarding proper dress. It is further expected that modesty in dress be maintained on the church grounds at all times.
We do request that the correction of visitors in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.

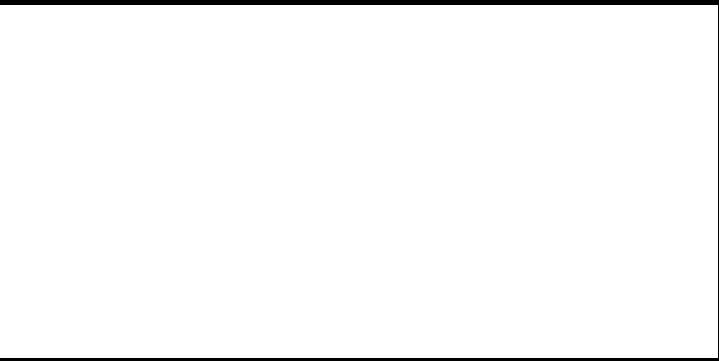
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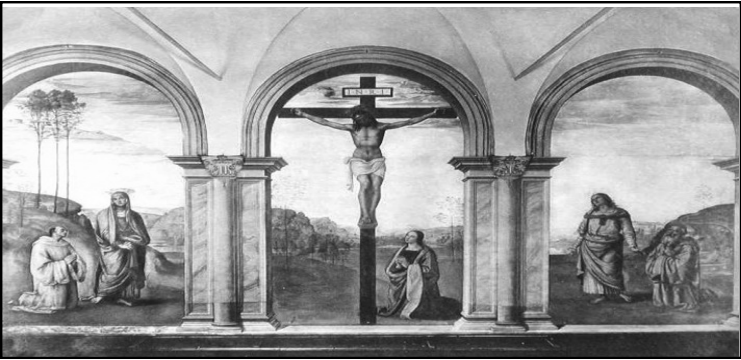


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Mass Schedule Traditional Roman Rite

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.

Devotions

Rosary: Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., 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

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.

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