

**Sunday, October 25, 2015
Feast of Christ the King**



Sun. 25 Oct. Christ the King, I Class
 8:30 am †Gregory Nicholas
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Fatima M.
 3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 26 Oct. St. Evaristus, Pope & Martyr, IV Class
 7:00 am †Eufemia Bautista
 12:15 pm †Angela Mendoza

Tues. 27 Oct. Feria, IV Class
 7:00 am †Stella Kathleen Dodson
 6:30 pm Fr. Ashley Perry

Wed. 28 Oct. SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles, II Class
 7:00 am Ana Cristina Hernandez
 12:15 pm Carl King

Thurs. 29 Oct. Feria, IV Class
 7:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 6:30 pm Eric Bardet

Fri. 30 Oct. Feria, IV Class
 7:00 am Mete Lightfoot & Veronica Desipte
 12:15 pm Suffering Souls in Purgatory
 6:30 pm FSSP

Sat. 31 Oct. Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class
 7:00 am †Stella Kathleen Dodson
 9:00 am Regina Kuzmich

Sun. 1 Nov. All Saints, I Class
 8:30 am †Jose C. Dichoso
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Santana Family
 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

Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party
 Nov. 1—All Saints Day
 Nov. 1—Pacific Standard Time **begins. Fall back!**
 Nov. 2—Commemoration of All Souls Day
 Nov. 13—High School Youth Group
 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

The Way of Union

“God communicates Himself most to that soul that has progressed farthest in love: namely, that has its will in closest conformity with the will of God.” In ordinary life, true love is manifested in willingness to do what pleases the person loved; in conforming oneself to his desires, tastes and will, not willing anything which could displease him. The soul unites itself to God in the measure in which it is truly conformed to His will. It is evident that this union cannot be perfect as long as the soul resists the divine will, be it only in very small things, or does not accept it readily, or as long as it retains desires and tastes which, even in a very slight way, are not in harmony with the will of God. The whole spiritual ascent to divine union consists in a double movement, very simple but essential: despoiling oneself of all that is displeasing to God, and renouncing all that is in opposition to His will, by conforming oneself to that will and fulfilling it with the greatest love. It is an extremely simple movement, but at the same time an all-embracing one, because it extends to every circumstance of life, without exception, so that in all things, the greatest as in the least, the soul acts in a manner that is in perfect conformity with the divine will. It is also a very profound movement which must reach even to the most secret recesses of the spirit, in order to free it from the least residue, the last resistances of egoism and pride, not only eliminating their manifestations but undermining their very roots. As long as this work of total purgation is incomplete, the soul’s will cannot be totally conformed to that of God; its numerous imperfections and imperfect habits are still opposed to this entire conformity. Only “the soul that has attained complete conformity and likeness of will is totally united and transformed in God supernaturally. It needs, then, only to strip itself of these natural dissimilarities and contrarities...”

If we examine ourselves attentively, we shall see that our will is still very dissimilar to God’s will. God wills only the good, and He wills it in the most perfect manner. We, on the contrary, often will evil together with the good; moreover, we lack the strength to do the good that we will, and we realize it only imperfectly. Every time we commit any fault, even a simple imperfection, we desire something that God cannot will. To attain to divine union all these must be eliminated.
 (taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

Around the Parish

~ Justin Paddock was received into the Church here at St. Stephen’s on October 10th
 ~ Brandy Jacobs was received into the Church on October 17th at St. Stephens.
We wish to extend a warm welcome to them!

~ Serafina Raphaela Fernandez, the child of Ernesto & Grace Fernandez, was baptized here on October 23rd.

~ Please pray for the repose of the soul of long time parishioner Marilyn Goyette whose funeral Mass was held here yesterday, October 24th.

Adult Convert Classes

Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, we will begin a class for adults—18 years of age and older—to prepare them to enter the Catholic Church, or to receive First Communion and/or Confirmation. If you know anyone who may be interested, please let them know. The class will be in the evening at 7:30 pm following the 6:30 pm Mass.
 If more information is needed, please contact Fr. Lyons

Plenary Indulgence Available

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. On all the days from Nov. 1st to Nov. 8th inclusive, a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed (under the usual conditions). Partial indulgences are granted to those who recite Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead, and to those who recite the prayer “Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.” *The Holy Souls cannot help themselves, but they can pray for us because they do love God intensely! They will not forget our generosity to them!*

Walk for Life 2016 Ticket Sale & Fundraiser
Bus Tickets, Baked Goods and Sandwiches for Sale in gym after all October, Sunday Masses.

Monies used to help cover or defray cost of the bus. To purchase a ticket and/or sponsor a rider, please contact Make 916-335-4553 or Kathleen 916-204-9125 or come to the gym after Sunday Mass.

All Saints Eve—Donations and Help Needed
Saturday, October 31st - 5:00 PM

Please help us to celebrate the Communion of Saints by making a **donation of candy and cash**. This is an evening for everyone—young and old alike. Envelopes for **donations** and sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule. If you interested in running a game or snack booth, or need more information, please call Marisol at **916-717-8908** ASAP. All hands on deck for this event!!

Prayer to Christ the King



O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as universal King. All that has been made has been created for You. Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal Vows. I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works; I promise to live as a good Christian. And, in particular do I pledge myself to labor, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred kingship, and that thus the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe. Amen.

All Souls Novena of Masses

Envelopes are available in the vestibule for the **All Souls Novena of Masses**. Please turn in by November 1st.

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)*

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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*Mother of Perpetual Help! Thank you
for all the Blessings for our Family!*

*"Most Holy Mother of God, John & Julia and
all of their family, humbly thank thee for
thy most wonderful motherly protection."*



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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

St. Bernadette Fund—to aid parishioners in need!
Donations may be made on-line.

Parish Swap

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View available items by clicking on the "links" button on the front page of www.sacfssp.com