

**Sunday, October 30, 2016  
Feast of Christ the King**



- Sun. 30 Oct. Feast of Christ the King, I Class**  
 8:00 am Meta Lightfoot & Veronica Desepte  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:30 pm Brian & Teresa Boyd  
 6:00 pm Bill Sneeringer
- Mon. 31 Oct. Feria, IV Class**  
 7:00 am †Sarah Nduta  
 12:15 pm Maia Ruby
- Tues. 1 Nov. All Saints Day, I Class**  
 7:00 am Jared Aranas  
 12:15 pm Holy Souls  
 7:00 pm Faustyna Ruby
- Wed. 2 Nov. Commemoration of All Souls, I Class**  
 7:00 am All Souls Novena  
 12:15 pm All Souls Novena  
 6:30 pm All Souls Novena
- Thurs. 3 Nov. Feria, IV Class**  
 7:00 am All Souls Novena  
 6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality
- Fri. 4 Nov. St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop & Confessor, II Class**  
 7:00 am All Souls Novena  
 12:15 pm All Souls Novena  
 6:30 pm All Souls Novena
- Sat. 5 Nov. Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class**  
 7:00 am Priests Private FSSP Intention  
 9:00 am Priests Private FSSP Intention
- Sun. 6 Nov. Resumed 5th Sunday after Epiphany, II Class**  
 8:00 am †Mrs. Maria Van der Putten  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:30 pm Jason Szabo  
 6:00 pm †Kathy Solari

**...In Memoriam**

†Richard Corbin, †Mikyla Pina Mutuc,  
 †Joseph Michael Jaeger †Jerry Risse, †Anne Cummings,  
 †Joe S. Villegas, †Lena G. Villegas, †William Philkill,  
 †Fr. Carota, †Linda Merino, †Kathy Solari,  
 †Maria Lopresti, †George Klopff

**Important Upcoming Dates**

Oct. 30—Feast of Christ the King  
 Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party  
 Nov. 12—Women’s Retreat  
 Nov. 24—Thanksgiving  
 Dec. 12—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 Jan. 21—West Coast Walk for Life  
 March 11—Confirmation  
 April 23—Live Performance of “Faustina”  
 July 23—27—Annual Retreat

**Strong and Active Love**

“Love is never idle.” When true love of God enters the soul it gradually begets in it an interior dynamism so strong and forceful that it spurs it on to seek ever new ways of pleasing the Beloved, and makes it diligent in devising fresh means of proving its fidelity to Him. Love, in fact, is not nourished by sweet sentiments or fantasies, but by works. “This love,” says St. Teresa, “is also like a great fire which has always to be fed lest it should go out. Just so with these souls (in which God Himself kindles the flame of charity); cost them what it might, they would always want to be bringing wood, so that this fire should not die.” The soul that truly loves does not stop to examine whether a task is easy or difficult, agreeable or repugnant, but undertakes everything in order to maintain its love. It even chooses by preference tasks which demand more sacrifice, for it knows that love is never truer than when it urges the sacrifice of self for the One loved. Hence, through love, “there is caused in the soul a habitual suffering because of the Beloved, yet without weariness. For, as St. Augustine says, ‘Love makes all things that are great, grievous, and burdensome to be almost naught.’ The spirit here has so much strength that it has subjected the flesh and takes as little account of it as does the tree of one of its leaves. In no way does the soul here seek its own consolation or pleasure, either in God, or in aught else.”

This explains the attitude of the saints, who not only embraced wholeheartedly the sufferings with which God strewed their paths, but sought them with jealous care, as the miser seeks gold. St. John of the Cross replied to Our Lord, who had asked him what recompense he desired for the great services he had rendered Him: “to suffer and to be despised for Your love.” And St. Teresa of Jesus, seeing her earthly exile prolonged, found in suffering embraced for God the only means of appeasing her heart, athirst for eternal love; and she entreated: “To die, Lord, or to suffer! I ask nothing else of Thee for myself but this.”

In heaven we shall have no further need of suffering to prove our love, because then we shall love in the unflinching clarity of the beatific vision. But here below, where we love in the obscurity of faith, we need to prove to God the reality of our love.

(taken from *Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

**From the Pastor**

The month of November is especially dedicated to remembering and praying for the souls in purgatory. Purgatory is an expression of God’s mercy. If we die in a state of grace but have some unforgiven venial sins on our soul, or if we have not completely expiated the penalty due to sins that have been forgiven us, then God gives us the opportunity to purify ourselves even after death. We can believe that this purification process is not a painless one. In a phrase that has been interpreted as applying to purgatory, Scripture tells us: “it will be as one who has gone through fire.” (1Cor 3, 15)

It should be of comfort to us to know that we can help our loved ones even after they have died. We can help them with our prayers and sacrifices, by having Masses said for them, and by offering the indulgences we gain for them. These holy souls will be eternally grateful. They will not forget to pray for us when they arrive in heaven. It is a common opinion that, even while still in purgatory, the souls there can and do pray for us.

All Souls’ Day comes just once a year – Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. However, there are souls in need of our help every day of the year – the souls of our relatives, friends, and benefactors; the souls of those who have no one to remember them. One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. It is by practicing mercy that we will obtain mercy. Let us not let a day pass without saying some prayers for the holy souls in purgatory. A short prayer that some people add to their thanksgiving after meals is the following: “May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

**Plenary Indulgence Available**

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. On all the days from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 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!*

**Date Change— Chesterton Society Meeting:  
Nov. 8th at 7:30pm**

**Please note: We now meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month**  
 We are continuing with the book: *The Everlasting Man*  
 Chapter 2 Part 2 “*The Riddles of the Gospel*”  
 Also: Fr. Brown: “*The Insoluble Problem*”  
 Go to: <http://www.sacfssp.com/>  
 For online book and Fr. Brown stories  
 All Are Welcome!

**Women’s Retreat**

The priests of St. Stephen’s are offering a one day retreat for the women of the parish (women from outside the parish are invited to participate, as well). It will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost, but we do ask you to fill out a registration form (available in the vestibule) so that we can plan accordingly. Hope you can make it!

**Holy Souls Novena of Masses**

There will be a Novena of Masses offered for the Holy Souls beginning on All Souls Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can include the names of your loved ones by using the envelopes provided and placing them in the collection basket or turning them in to the office or bookstore before November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**2016 All Saints' Eve Party**

Monday, October 31st

5:00 - 5:30 Litany of Saints  
 5:30 - 6:30 Parade of Saints (signups required)  
 6:30 - 8:00 Food & Games  
 8:00 - 8:30 Campfire stories  
 8:30 - 9:00 Clean-up  
 Enjoy an evening celebrating the Saints and Friends of the Church!  
 Food - Games - Candy - Petting Zoo - Pumpkins!  
 Cost is free but families are asked to contribute two bags of candy prior to the event.  
 Candy and cash donations accepted in the bookstore.  
 For more information, contact Judy Kasak  
 916-989-1086 judikasak@gmail.com.

**Bus Tickets for the Walk for Life 2017**

The 2017 Walk for Life Bus Fundraiser was a tremendous success! As a result, tickets are on sale for only \$10.00 each vs \$27.00 each. Please see Mike or Kathleen before or after each Mass. We hope to completely sell out of tickets this Sunday!

Thanks to all who helped each Sunday. We couldn’t have done it without you!

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

Mike Hayes, Mike McGrath, Renee Burns,,  
 Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson,  
 John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Paulette Brady, James Reslock,  
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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

Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping. PLEASE pick them up in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

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