

Sunday, December 25, 2016
Nativity of Our Lord



Sun. 25 Dec.	<u>Nativity of Our Lord</u>, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 am	Perez Family
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Priests of the FSSP
6:00 pm	Joseph Damore
Mon. 26 Dec.	<u>St. Stephen</u>, <i>Deacon & Protomartyr, I Class</i>
7:00 am	Trisha Smith
12:15 pm	Dan Att
6:30 pm	Altar Guild (Solemn Mass)
Tues. 27 Dec.	<u>St. John the Evangelist</u>, <i>Apostle, II Class</i>
7:00 am	†George Klopf
6:30 pm	Melchor Mascorinas Jr.
Wed. 28 Dec.	<u>Holy Innocents</u>, <i>Martyrs, II Class</i>
7:00 am	†Charles Dunbar
12:15 pm	Gary Soria
Thurs 29 Dec.	<u>5th Day in the Octave of Christmas</u>, <i>II Class</i>
7:00 am	†David Wood
6:30 pm	Priests of FSSP
Fri. 30 Dec.	<u>6th Day in the Octave of Christmas</u>, <i>II Class</i>
7:00 am	†Alice Suzanne Gondie
12:15 pm	†Ricky Lemon
6:30 pm	Anne Vansteyn
Sat. 31 Dec.	<u>7th Day in the Octave of Christmas</u>, <i>II Class</i>
7:00 am	†Joseph Michael Jaeger
9:00 am	†Manuel Trovao
Sun. 1 Jan.	<u>Octave Day of Christmas</u>, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 am	Charlie Houk
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Tess Rowland
6:00 pm	†Marilyn McHugh

...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 Klopf, †Nell Keim, †John Reyes,
†Margaret Melusky

Important Upcoming Dates

Jan. 5—Blessing of Epiphany Water
Jan. 7—Christmas Party
Jan. 8—Organ Recital
Jan. 21—West Coast Walk for Life
Feb. 2—Feast of the Purification—Candlemas
March 11—Confirmation
April 23—Live Performance of “Faustina”
May 6—First Holy Communion
June 18—24 Camp Sacred Heart
July 23—27—Annual Retreat

The Nativity of Our Lord

The three Christmas Masses place before us a majestic picture: the touching description of the birth of Jesus as man alternates with the sublime one of the eternal birth of the Word in the bosom of the Father; and there are also allusions to Christ’s birth in our souls by grace. However, this three-fold birth is but one single manifestation of God who is Charity. No one on earth could know God’s love; but the Word, who is in the bosom of the Father, knows it and can reveal it to us. The Word was made flesh and has shown to us the love of God. Through the Word, God’s incomprehensible, invisible charity is made manifest and tangible in the sweet little Babe, who from the manger holds out His arms to us. Today’s Preface solemnly declares it: “O eternal God, because of the mystery of the Word made flesh, the light of Thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind: that while we acknowledge Him to be God visible, He may draw us to the love of things invisible.” Yes, this “Child, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger” is our God, who, for us, has made Himself visible: our God, who shows us in the most concrete way His infinite charity. One cannot contemplate little Jesus without being captivated and enraptured by the infinite love which has given Him to us. The Infant Jesus reveals to us God’s love, he manifests it in the clearest, most touching way. St. Paul says in the Epistle of the Third Mass: “God, in these days hath spoken to us by His Son. . . the brightness of His glory, and the figure of His substance.” Jesus, the Incarnate Word, in His silence as a helpless Child speaks to us and reveals to us the substance of God: His charity.

“You, who are so great and rich, have made Yourself little and poor for us! You chose to be born far from home, in a stable, to be wrapped in swaddling clothes, to be nourished at Your Virgin Mother’s breast, to be laid in a manger between an ox and an ass. Today is the dawn of the new redemption, of the old restoration, of eternal happiness; today, the heavens have distilled honey throughout the whole world! Then, O my soul, kiss this divine manger, press your lips to the Infant’s feet and embrace them. Meditate on the shepherds watching their flocks, contemplate singing with your lips and with your heart: ‘Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will’” (*St. Bonaventure*) (taken from *Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

Wishing everyone a most blessed and joyful Christmas and New Years! Thank you for your prayers and many other signs of support. Be assured of our prayers for all of you.

Fr. John Lyons, FSSP
Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP
Fr. Dominic Savoie, FSSP

Organ Recital

Mr. Jacob Kasak will be giving an organ recital here on Sunday, Jan. 8th at 3:00 pm. All are invited.

Chesterton Society Meeting:
Jan. 10th at 7:30pm

We are continuing with the book: *The Everlasting Man*
Chapter 2 Part 4 “*The Witness of the Heretics*”
Also: Fr. Brown: “*The Mask of Midas*”
Go to: <http://www.sacfssp.com/>
For online book and Fr. Brown stories
All Are Welcome!

Brown Bag Lunch Program

Please don’t forget that the “Brown Bag Lunch Program” is an on-going apostolate of St. Stephens Parish. The list of items which are needed is posted in the vestibule. A monetary gift to purchase food may also be given.
Your donations are very much appreciated!

Rachel’s Vineyard Healing Retreat

The impact and pain of abortion hurts—even years after the experience. If you, or a loved one have been hurt by abortion, this weekend is for you! Come and experience God’s healing love and forgiveness. Open to men and women. The cost is \$175.00 per person and financial assistance is available to anyone who needs it. Call Paula Segno or send an email for more information. (916)733-0161 or projectrachel@scd.org All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Envelopes

There are still offering envelopes waiting to be picked up in the vestibule.

If you did not find a set with your name and would like some, please stop in the bookstore. Using envelopes is very helpful to our bookkeeping system. Please always mark the amount on the outside of the envelope. Thank you!

Also, if your address or contact information has changed, please fill out another registration form.

Around the Parish

Congratulations to Joshua & Hannah (Long) Nisbett !
Joshua & Hannah were married at St. Stephen’s on December 19th.

Registration Open for 1st Communion Classes

Parents of children who will be 7 by May 1st of 2017 may register their child for class. Classes will begin January 15, 2017. Baptismal certificates are needed at the time of registration, unless your child was baptized at St. Stephen’s.

Saint Francis Xavier Mission Trips 2017

Now taking applications through January 15, 2017
Can't go? Donors and prayer warriors are valuable partners in this mission work.

Guadalajara, Mexico

~April 7-19 (Holy Week and Easter Week)
~July 19-August 1

Cost: \$950 (does not include airfare)
For Families and individuals 16 and up. Cost slightly less for children.

Piura, Peru

~July 21-August 3
~August 5-18
Cost: \$2350 (includes airfare from Miami)
For Youth 16-21

For details or more information, contact Anne Roundtree.
(530)417-1671 Or go to our website www.sfxmission.com.

Parish Christmas Party

Mark your calendars! The festivities will begin at 5:30 pm, Saturday, January 7th, 2017. Tickets are on sale in the vestibule after Sunday Masses.

Volunteers are needed! Sign-up sheets are on the back tables; please help make this a wonderful community event. For more information please call or e-mail Yesenia Rangel at 916-682-9600 YeseniaLovesLife@gmail.com

***Auditions:** If you would like to participate in the talent program, please contact Yesenia for audition times.

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Mike McGrath, Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, Patricia Becker, Paulette Brady, James Reslock, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, Beverly Longtin, John Newaz, Marne Merino, Jim Carlson, DarrylGallagher, Fr. Goodwin, FSSP, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Joe Cuellar

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St. Joseph, powerful patron, thank you for favors granted!

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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.

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.