

**Sunday, April 3, 2016**  
**Low Sunday**  
*Divine Mercy Sunday*



- Sun. 3 Apr. Low Sunday, (Octave Day of Easter), I Class**  
 8:30 am Mary Pamela Bellard  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm †Ana Salierno & Donna Salierno  
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Vespers & Benediction
- Mon. 4 Apr. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (transferred), I Class**  
 7:00 am Bridget Scarry  
 12:15 pm Violet Corr
- Tues. 5 Apr. St. Vincent Ferrer, Confessor, III Class**  
 7:00 am †Mike Lehmkuhl  
 6:30 pm Shirley Allen
- Wed. 6 Apr. Feria, IV Class**  
 7:00 am Don Clark  
 12:15 pm Marie Kalinowski
- Thurs. 7 Apr. Jesus Christ the High Priest, III Class**  
 7:00 am Elise Kalinowski  
 6:30 pm Saint Monica Sodality
- Fri. 8 Apr. Feria, IV Class**  
 7:00 am Mariana Koch & Gabriela Koch  
 12:15 pm Matthew & Catherine Zuiker  
 6:30 pm Olivia Harbaugh
- Sat. 9 Apr. Our Lady on Saturday, IV Class**  
 7:00 am Luke Barnard  
 9:00 am Nick Butler
- Sun. 10 Apr. Second Sunday after Easter, (Good Shepherd Sunday), II Class**  
 8:30 am Ella Artho  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm Mary & Philip Patch  
 3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**...In Memoriam**

- †Edward Coleman, †Marilyn Goyette, †Gilbert Perry  
 †Ruth Rodgers, †Concepcion Cristi, †Mary Gilbert,  
 †Mary Foose, †William Munsill, †Richard Corbin,  
 †Mikyla Pina Mutuc, †Joseph Michael Jaeger  
 †Jerry Risse, †Anne Cummings

**Important Upcoming Dates**

- April 4—Annunciation of the BVM (transferred)  
 April 19—Chesterton Society Meeting  
 April 21—CSP Evening of Recollection  
 May 5—Ascension of Our Lord  
 May 7—First Holy Communion  
 May 14—May Procession & Solemn Mass  
 May 28—FSSP Priestly Ordinations  
 May 28—Graduation Mass 1:30 pm  
 June 19-25—Camp Sacred Heart  
 July 10—14—Silent Retreat  
 Sept. 5-14—CSP Pilgrimage to Ireland

**Prayer of Recollection**

St. Teresa of Jesus warmly recommends to interior souls another kind of prayer, much simpler and more profitable—the prayer of recollection. The foundation of this prayer is the divine presence in our souls: the *presence of immensity*, by which God is in us as Creator and Preserver in so real and essential a manner that “in Him we live, and move, and are,” so that if He ceased to be present in us, we should cease to exist; the *presence of friendship*, by which in a soul in the state of grace, God is present as a Father, as a Friend and as a sweet Guest, who invites that soul to dwell with the three divine Persons: with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is the consoling promise of Jesus to the soul who loves Him: “If anyone love Me...My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and will make our abode with him.”

The prayer of recollection consists in the realization of this great truth: God is in me, my soul is His temple; I recollect myself in the intimacy of this temple to adore Him, love Him, and unite myself to Him. “O soul, most beautiful of all creatures,” exclaims St. John of the Cross, “that so greatly desireth to know the place where your Beloved is, in order to seek Him and be united with Him.... It is a matter of great contentment and joy for you to see that He is so near you as to be within you. Rejoice and be glad in your inward recollection with Him, since you have Him so near. There desire Him, there adore Him, and do not go to seek Him outside yourself.” The soul who has the sense of the presence of God within it, possesses one of the most efficacious means of making prayer. “Do you believe,” says St. Teresa of Jesus, “that it is of little importance for a soul who is easily distracted, to understand this truth [that God is in it] and to know that, in order to speak with its heavenly Father and to enjoy His company, it does not have to go up to heaven or even to raise its voice? No matter how softly it speaks, He always hears it, because He is so near. It does not need wings to go to contemplate Him in itself.”

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

**From the Pastor**

Most of us have benefited, in one way or another, from the work of the late Mother Angelica (passed away on Easter). With no particular expertise in communications, and no money in her pocket, Mother Angelica succeeded in building the largest Christian communications network in the world. Truly, the finger of God can be seen at work here. Mother Angelica helped to preserve the true faith (and spread it!) at a time when the faith was being severely undermined. Mother was successful because she spoke to the hearts of the faithful – a very different message than was coming from the ecclesiastical elitists. If you would like to read more about the life of Mother Angelica, I would recommend her biography, **Mother Angelica: The Remarkable Story of a Nun, Her Nerve, and a Network of Miracles**, by Raymond Arroyo. It's a delightful book. Requiescat in pace!

**Brown Bag Lunch Program**

Please remember to put something in your cart for the homeless and drop it off in the vestibule as often as possible.  
 Remember, all food must be non-perishable and in easy to open packages, jars, or flip-top cans.



**Divine Mercy Sunday**

To celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday as a continuation of the graces of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, we are singing the chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join us Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd at 3:00 for this devotion, followed by Vespers and Benediction.  
 The Church has granted a plenary indulgence on this day for those who participate in devotions to the Divine Mercy.

**Camp Sacred Heart 2016**

Camp Sacred Heart will be held June 19—25 this year. Registration is open to boys age 9—18, boys unknown to the chaplain must get a letter of recommendation from a priest.  
 For more information call the parish office or 916-223-3112. Forms may be obtained by e-mail @ stephenproto@yahoo.com  
 You may also stop by the parish office or bookstore.  
**Sponsors needed for Camp**  
 If you are able to help sponsor a boy for camp, there is a great need, especially for large families. Your help is very much appreciated!

**~Around the Parish~**

~ A new council of the Knights of Columbus has been established here at St. Stephen's—Council #16419. The members are eager to be of service to our parish. Men, 18 years of age and older, are welcome to join. Speak with any K of C member to find out how.

**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.

**A Confraternity of St. Peter pilgrimage to...**

**Holy Ireland**

*With Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP*  
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 916-223-3112 or 1-800-334-5425  
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**Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat**

Preached by Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP

July 10-14

**Retreat is almost half full—sign up today!**

The concept of intentionally spending an extended period of time in silence and prayer is almost unimaginable to a loud and busy world, but silent retreats are, and always have been, an important part of Catholic prayer life.

**Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat** will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center. Each retreatant will have a private room and bath. Space is limited, so hold your place as soon as possible with a deposit. Forms are now available in the office or bookstore. The retreat is open to men and women age 18 and over. For more information call: 916-223-3112

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

- Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath, Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar, Paulette Brady, James Reslock, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, Eleanor Roberts, Fr. Carota, Beverly Longtin, Mary Daley, Ramon Daley, John Newaz

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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

**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](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)

**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.