

Sunday, March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday



Sun. 20 Mar. Palm Sunday, *I Class*
8:30 am Violet Corr
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm Sr. Maria Miguel, OP/Sr. Joseph Maria, OP

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 21 Mar. Monday of Holy Week, *I Class*
7:00 am †Mr. Frank Passarelli
12:15 pm Fr. Gordon MacRae

Tues. 22 Mar. Tuesday of Holy Week, *I Class*
7:00 am FSSP
6:30 pm †Sau Hoang

Wed. 23 Mar. Wednesday of Holy Week, *I Class*
7:00 am Sr. Mary Norbert, OPrem
12:15 pm Gertrude Petzold & Family

Thurs. 24 Mar. Holy Thursday, *I Class*
7:00 pm Priests of the FSSP

Fri. 25 Mar. Good Friday, *I Class*

See Holy Week Schedule page 2

Sat. 26 Mar. Holy Saturday & the Easter Vigil, *I Class*
8:30 pm Special Intention

Sun. 27 Mar. Easter Sunday, *I Class*
8:30 am Stella Penrose
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm Pete & Liz Hernandez

No Vespers or Benediction Today

...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

Important Upcoming Dates

March 20—Palm Sunday
March 25—Good Friday
March 27—Easter Sunday
April 4—Annunciation of the BVM (transferred)
May 5—Ascension of Our Lord
May 7—First Holy Communion
May 14—Procession to the Cathedral of the Bl. Sacrament
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

The Meek Lamb

In the Epistle of Tuesday’s Mass, Jeremias speaks to us as the suffering Savior: “I was as a meek lamb that is carried to be a victim.” This sentence expresses the attitude of Jesus toward the bitterness of His Passion. He knew every one of these sufferings in all their most concrete particulars; His heart had undergone them by anticipation, and the thought of them never left Him for an instant during the course of His life on earth. If the Passion, in its historical reality, took place in less than twenty-four hours, in its spiritual reality it spanned His entire life.

Jesus knew what was awaiting Him, His heart was tortured by it; and yet He not only accepted but ardently desired that hour, “His hour”; and He gave Himself into the hands of His enemies with the meekness of a lamb being led to the slaughter. “I have left My house,” He says again through the mouth of Jeremias. “...I have delivered My beloved soul into the hands of My enemies.” Judas betrayed Him, His enemies dragged Him before the tribunal, they condemned Him to death, they tortured His body Horribly; but Jesus, even in His Passion, remained always God, remained always the Master, the Lord. “I have power to lay down My life and to take it up again,” says the liturgy in Tuesday’s Mass. Jesus went to His Passion “because it was His own *will*.” He willed it because, as He Himself said, “This is the command which I have received from My Father.”

However, His ardent desire for the Passion did not prevent Him from tasting all its bitterness. “The sorrows of death have encompassed me.... Insults and terrors I have suffered from those who called themselves my friends.... God of Israel, because of You, I have suffered opprobrium, and shame has covered my face.” Let us try to sound the depths of these sacred texts which we read in Tuesday’s liturgy, in order that we may have a better understanding of the most bitter Passion of Christ.

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

From the Pastor

Liturgically, Holy Week is the holiest time of the year (which is why we call it “holy”). Hopefully, as many as possible will participate in the Easter Triduum which begins with Mass on the evening of Holy Thursday and concludes with vespers on Easter Sunday. For those who are unable to come to church in order to participate on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, it is hoped that they will do so at home by spending some time prayerfully reflecting on Our Lord’s passion and death. Let us all try to live Holy Week in a more recollected manner, as much as possible avoiding the world’s many distractions. Have a holy, Holy Week!

Do You Have Calla Lilies in Your Yard?

Would you like to share some of your lilies for our altar for Easter? Please call the office if you can help us out. We need many to make it beautiful! 916-455-5114

Altar of Repose—Please help us with flowers

Many flowers are also needed for our Altar of Repose. Please bring cut flower, potted Easter Lilies (**not** the type with heavy scent), and flowers of your choice in order to make our **Altar of Repose** really beautiful for Our Lord. Flowers may be brought to the gym during Holy Week—we need them for Holy Thursday evening. Let’s try to have every family participate in this tradition.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – March 24th
Tenebrae: 9:00 am
Confessions: 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm
Solemn High Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7:00 pm

Good Friday – March 25th
Tenebrae: 8:00 am
Stations of the Cross: 12:00 noon
Confessions: 11:30 am – 12:45 pm
Solemn Liturgy: 1:00 pm

Holy Saturday – March 26th
Tenebrae: 9:00 am
Confessions: 7:00 pm – 7:45 pm
Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday – March 27th
8:30 am: Low Mass
10:30 am: High Mass
1:00 pm: Low Mass
(No Vespers Today)

~Around the Parish~

~ **Congratulations** to Arnulfo and Aida Mejia on the birth of their third child, Monica. Monica was baptized at St. Stephens on March 12th.

~ **Congratulations** to the 50 young people who were confirmed here last Sunday by Bishop Cotta. It was a beautiful ceremony. Many thanks to those who helped with the reception that followed.

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.

Brown Bag Lunch Program

For the month of March, our parish collected enough food to make 200 lunches for the poor. This month, we hope to double this number! Please remember to put something in your cart for the homeless and drop it off in the vestibule.

We will assemble the next lunches after the first week of April, so please donate items prior to that week.

God bless you!

Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat

Preached by Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP

July 10-14

Retreat is 1/3 full—Register as soon as possible

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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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

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

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

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