

**Sunday, March 13, 2016
Passion Sunday**



Sun. 13 Mar. Passion Sunday, I Class
 8:30 am †Jose Torres
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Joe & Dixon Haun
 3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 14 Mar. Feria of Passion Week, III Class
 7:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
 12:15 pm Lucila & Andres Garcia

Tues. 15 Mar. Feria of Passion Week, III Class
 7:00 am Judy Smith
 6:30 pm Philip Harvey

Wed. 16 Mar. Feria of Passion Week, III Class
 7:00 am Perez Family
 12:15 pm Christine Pope

Thurs. 17 Mar. St. Patrick, Bishop I Class
 7:00 am Stephen Perez
 12:15 pm †Gerald Risse
 6:30 pm Casey

Fri. 18 Mar. Feria of Passion Week, III Class
 7:00 am Angelica White
 12:15 pm FSSP
 6:30 pm † Jerry Risse

Sat. 19 Mar. St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I Class
 7:00 am Violet Corr
 9:00 am Connie Presley
 10:30 am †James Sheldon

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

...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 15—Chesterton Society Meeting
 March 17—CSP Evening of Recollection—St. Patrick's Day
 March 18—Stations of the Cross after 12:15 & 6:30 Masses
 March 19—Feast of St. Joseph
 March 20—Palm Sunday
 March 25—Good Friday
 March 27—Easter Sunday
 April 4—Annunciation of the BVM (transferred)
 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

Patience

Patience is the virtue which makes us accept for love of God, generously and peacefully, everything that is displeasing to our nature, without allowing ourselves to be depressed by the sadness which easily comes over us when we meet with disagreeable things.

Patience is a special aspect of the virtue of fortitude which prevents our deviating from the right road when we encounter obstacles. It is an illusion to believe in a life without difficulties. These are usually all the greater and the more frequent as our undertakings are more generous. Great works, magnanimous and heroic virtues, always grow in the midst of difficulties. In the presence of these, fortitude has a double function: to *face* them and to *bear* them. Many difficulties are surmounted and overcome by an act of courage; others, on the contrary, cannot be mastered. We must learn to *bear* with them, and this is the role of patience—an arduous task, because it is easier to face obstacles directly, than to support the inevitable oppositions and sufferings of life, which, in time, tend to discourage and sadden us.

Only by fixing our glance on Jesus, the divinely patient One, can we learn to practice patience. When we see Him who came into the world to save us, living from the first moment of His earthly existence in want, privation, and poverty, and later in the midst of misunderstanding and persecution; when we see Him become the object of the hatred of His own fellow citizens, calumniated, doomed to death, betrayed by a friend, and tried and condemned as a malefactor, our souls are stirred: we realize that we cannot be His disciples unless we follow the same road. If Jesus, the Innocent One *par excellence*, bore so much for love of us, can we, sinners who are deserving to suffer, not endure something for love of Him? Whatever the total of suffering in our lives, it will always be very small, and even nothing, compared with the infinite sufferings of Jesus; for in His Passion Christ not only endured the suffering of one life, or of several, but that of *all* mankind. (taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

Passion Tide focuses our attention more intensely on the suffering and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us try hard to live these next two weeks with a greater spirit of prayer and sacrifice. If at all possible come to daily Mass, pray the Rosary daily, make the Stations of the Cross, read books or listen to talks that will nourish your spiritual life, abstain from worldly amusements. Be resolved to abstain from committing the smallest, fully deliberate sin; go to confession. More than ever we need the twin remedies of prayer and sacrifice to preserve ourselves from being contaminated by the immorality of the society in which we live, and to obtain the graces necessary to restore society to a semblance of Christianity. Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

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)

St. Patrick's Feast Day

St. Patrick, along with Our Lady of Guadalupe, is the principle patron of our diocese. His feast day (March 17) is, therefore, of the 1st Class. To enable as many as possible to honor St. Patrick we will celebrate an additional Mass at 12:15 pm, this Thursday, March 17.

St. Joseph's Feast Day

On Saturday, March 19, there will be a 10:30 Solemn High Mass to celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day. After Mass, we'll be gathering in the hall for the traditional St. Joseph's Table. Food and beverages will be provided, but, we ask that you help out by bringing a dessert treat such as cookies, biscotti, or cannoli.

~Around the Parish~

~ **Congratulations** to Keven and Maryanne Smith on the birth of their fourth child, Felicity Jane! Felicity was baptized at St. Stephens on March 5th.

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.

Preparations for Palm Sunday

Palms are needed for Saturday, March 19th, the day before Palm Sunday. Please let us know if you can bring a quantity of them.

Also, volunteers will be needed at 8:00 am that Saturday morning, to help prepare the leaves. Please bring gloves and clippers to join in the yearly preparation of palms.

If you have any questions please call the parish office.

God bless you for your assistance with this!

Baby Bottle Project

Thank you to all who participated in the annual Baby Bottle Project! This is a very important fund raiser for the Sacramento Life Center. **Baby bottles are due back today**

Reminder—Chesterton Society Meeting:

March 15 at 7:30pm

We are continuing with the book: *The Everlasting Man*

Chapter 2 "Professors & Prehistoric Men"

Also: Fr. Brown: "The Secret of Flambeau"

Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat

Preached by Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP

July 10-14

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

SOLOS

Fran Cammarota

916-367-2773
Residential Brokerage

- 20% Parish Donation
- 23 Years Experience
- Father of Nine!




MPG PAINTING
a Division of Creative Engineering LLC
CSLB #995073
916-273-0469
markgallagher616@att.net

Your Message Here

Your Greeting Here

Philip E. Carey
Attorney At Law

For All Your Legal Needs
Bankruptcy * Probate * Wills
Living Trusts * Personal Injury

Call 916-564-0706
For a free no obligation consultation

Long Time Parishioner



Peter S. Nazarkewich
Agent
Peter Nazarkewich Insurance Agency
281 Iron Point Road
STE 287
Folsom, CA 95630
Tel 916.993.3721
Fax 916.238.1679
pnazarkewich@farmersagent.com
0j14398



Matt Gallagher
REALTOR®
CalBRE #1988096



916.223.3218 Mobile
916.355.0202 Office
916.353.2377 Fax
Matt.Gallagher@cbnorcal.com
1180 Iron Point Road, Suite 130
Folsom, CA 95630

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



EAST LAWN
Memorial Parks & Mortuaries
Honoring the Catholic Funeral Tradition Since 1904
Call Mike Solton, St. Stephen Parishioner
(916) 732-2000
EastLawn.com Lic.# FD-1242, 136, 1455



Ask about placing your advertisement, or personal anniversary, birthday, or other message in our weekly bulletin—by the week, month or year.

916-455-5114

Saint Stephen the First Martyr Parish

Served by the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

Fr. John Lyons, F.S.S.P., *Pastor*
Fr. Ashley Perry, *Parochial Vicar*
Fr. Zachary Akers, F.S.S.P., *Parochial Vicar*



5461 44th Street, Sacramento, California 95820
(916) 455-5114 ♦ Fax: (916) 455-1018
www.sacfssp.com

If you wish to receive official notifications from the parish, subscribe to email: ststephenfssp-subscribe@yahoo.com

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

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.