

**Sunday, May 15, 2016
Pentecost Sunday**



- Sun. 15 May Pentecost Sunday, I Class**
8:30 am †Jerry Risse
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm Esther Harris

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction
- Mon. 16 May Pentecost Monday, I Class 7:00 am**
Joan Pacheco
12:15 pm Mary Kaehler
- Tues. 17 May Pentecost Tuesday, I Class**
7:00 am Jeffrey & Elena Inferrera Family
6:30 pm †Isabela Lara
- Wed. 18 May Pentecost Wednesday, I Class (Ember Day)**
7:00 am †Margaret Gertken
12:15 pm †Paul Zaragosa
- Thurs. 19 May Pentecost Thursday, I Class**
7:00 am †Conrade Zapata
6:30 pm Paz Magana
- Fri. 20 May Pentecost Friday, I Class (Ember Day)**
7:00 am Kim, Robin, Zina
12:15 pm †Charles Guidry
6:30 pm Raymond Alatorre & Family
- Sat. 21 May Pentecost Saturday, I Class (Ember Day)**
7:00 am Coral A. Klaas
9:00 am FSSP
- Sun. 22 May Trinity Sunday, I Class**
8:30 am †Jerry Risse
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm Charles Watts

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

May 17—Chesterton Society Meeting
May 19—CSP Evening of Recollection
May 26—Corpus Christi
May 28—FSSP Priestly Ordinations
May 28—Graduation Mass 1:30 pm
June 3—5 “Saints of Mercy Relics” at St. Stephens
June 12—First Mass of Fr. Alex Estrella & 1st Blessings
June 19-25—Camp Sacred Heart
July 10—14—Silent Retreat
Aug. 7—Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen—Pig Roast & Square Dance
Sept. 5-14—CSP Pilgrimage to Ireland

The Initiatives of the Holy Spirit

Although our soul is supernaturalized by sanctifying grace, our powers strengthened by the infused virtues, and our actions preceded and accompanied by actual grace, still the manner of our acting always remains human, and is therefore incapable of uniting us perfectly with God, of bringing us to sanctity. In fact, our intellects, although invested with the virtue of faith, are always inadequate in regard to infinite Being, and are always incapable of knowing God as he really is. Even following the truths of revelation, which tell us that God is One and Three, the ideas which we form about the Most Holy Trinity, the three divine Persons, and the perfections of God, always remain far short of the reality. As long as we are on earth, we shall know God “through a glass in a dark manner”; only in heaven shall we see Him “face to face.” The inadequacy of our knowledge of God extends equally to our ideas of sanctity; the same short-sightedness that characterizes our view of divine things affects our notions of the way of perfection. In many cases we cannot even discern what is more perfect, and despite our good will, we often make mistakes, believing some things to be good and holy which really are not.

However, complete union with God, which is sanctity, requires a perfect orientation toward Him, according to the first and greatest commandment of Jesus: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind”; we have seen that this perfect orientation exceeds our powers, precisely because our knowledge of God and of the way which leads to Him is far too imperfect. Must we then renounce sanctity? Not at all! God, who wants our sanctification, has provided us with the means of attaining it: He has given us the Holy Spirit. Jesus said: “You shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you.”

The Holy Spirit, who “searcheth...the deep things of God,” has a perfect knowledge of the divine nature and mysteries; He who penetrates all things and knows perfectly the delicacy and secrets of the highest virtue, as well as the needs and deficiencies of our souls, comes to take us by the hand and lead us to sanctity.

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

From the Pastor

I’m sometimes asked how one should vote if he/she doesn’t think any of the viable candidates are suitable to hold a particular office. In such a case, the voter has several options: he may legitimately choose the candidate he believes will do the least harm; he may choose a third party candidate or write in a name; or, he may simply skip that particular office. Let us pray hard during this presidential election year for the conversion of our country – its people and its elected officials. Undeserving as we are, may God have mercy on us!

**Month of May, Month of Mary
Pray the Rosary!**

Healing After Abortion Retreat

July 8—10

Do you know someone who is carrying the secret burden of shame, anger, grief and the inability to forgive themselves and others because of a past abortion(s)? In this Year of Mercy, we invite you to consider participating in the Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat weekend sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento, July 8—10th. Come experience this unique and effective healing retreat that presents the mercy, compassion and healing of God. Open to anyone touched by abortion. Cost is \$175. per person, financial assistance is available. For more information visit our website: www.scddec.org/post-abortion-care or contact Paul Segno at 916-733-0161 or e-mail projectrachel@scd.org. All inquires and participation are strictly confidential.

Five Lessons in Spiritual Combat

Preached by Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP

July 10-14

Retreat is over HALF full—sign up today!

The retreat is open to men and women age 18 and over. For more information call: 916-223-3112

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~

~ **Congratulations** to Andrew and Jennie Bolen on the birth of their 5th child, Zachary Joseph! Zachary was baptized at St. Stephens on May 5th.

~ **The St. Stephen’s Choir** is always looking for new members. Do you love to sing? Would you like to glorify God with music? Our parish choir director, Keven Smith, is willing to offer a weekly training class for parishioners (teen through adult) who are interested in becoming choir members. For more information, please contact Keven at ksmith_writer@yahoo.com or (916) 202-0187.

Reminder— Chesterton Society Meeting:

May 17 at 7:30pm

We are continuing with the book: *The Everlasting Man* Chapter 4 “God & Comparative Religion.”

Also: Fr. Brown: “The Quick one.”

Go to: <http://www.sacfssp.com/>

For online book and Fr. Brown stories

All are welcome!



**Evening of Recollection
Confraternity of St. Peter**

May 19, 2016

Don’t miss out on the spiritual benefits of our CSP Evening of Recollection on Thursday, May 19, beginning with Holy Mass at 6:30 pm. Each month we are given a wonderful sermon and conference along with Holy Mass and CSP prayers.

The Confraternity of St. Peter is a group of lay men and women united to the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

For more information visit www.confraternityofstpeter.com or call the parish office 916-455-5114.

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

**With Fr. Simon Harkins, FSSP
Sept. 5—14, 2016**

Discover the land that St. Patrick converted to Christianity in the 5th century; a magnificent land whose spectacular scenery hints of Heaven’s beauty!

For more information call:
916-223-3112 or 1-800-334-5425

Or visit: www.syversentouring.com/confraternity

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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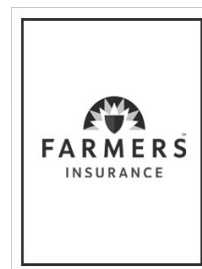
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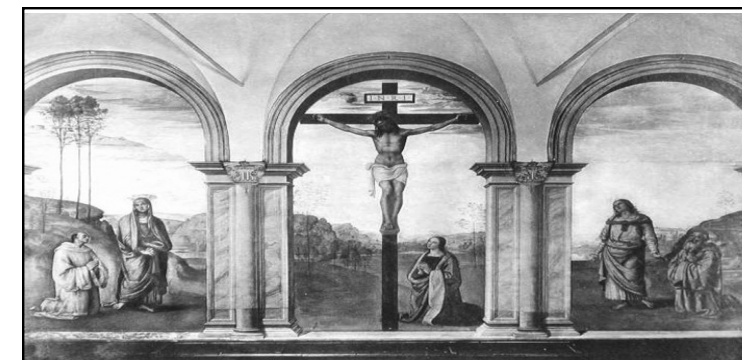
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Devotions

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

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.