

Sunday, January 24, 2016  
Septuagesima Sunday



<b>Sun. 24 Jan.</b>	<b><u>Septuagesima Sunday, II Class</u></b>
8:30 am	Mirco & Karen Terenzoni
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:00 pm	Patricia Becker
3:00 pm	Vespers & Benediction
<b>Mon. 25 Jan.</b>	<b><u>Conversion of St. Paul, III Class</u></b>
7:00 am	U.S. Men & Women in Uniform
12:15 am	Eddie Joseph Pierini III & Family
<b>Tues. 26 Jan.</b>	<b><u>St. Polycarp, Bishop &amp; Martyr, III Class</u></b>
7:00 am	†Dr. James Rooney & Family
6:30 pm	†Mr. Martinez
<b>Wed. 27 Jan.</b>	<b><u>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Confessor &amp; Doctor, III Class</u></b>
7:00 am	Christopher Magabo
12:15 pm	Nha Dao
<b>Thurs. 28 Jan.</b>	<b><u>St. Peter Nolasco, Confessor, III Class</u></b>
7:00 am	†Mercedes Baccay
6:30 pm	†Leonida Magabo
<b>Fri. 29 Jan.</b>	<b><u>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Confessor &amp; Doctor, III Class</u></b>
7:00 am	FSSP
12:15 pm	Tom & Monique Rance
6:30 pm	Atanacio Trujillo
<b>Sat. 30 Jan.</b>	<b><u>St. Martina, Virgin &amp; Martyr, III Class</u></b>
7:00 am	Raquel Magabo
9:00 am	†Connie Cristi
<b>Sun. 31 Jan.</b>	<b><u>Sexagesima Sunday, II Class</u></b>
8:30 am	Grace Brennan
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:00 pm	Eddie Granby
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

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 2—Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Feb. 7—Baby Bottle Project begins  
Feb. 10—Ash Wednesday  
Feb. 22—Chair of Peter The Apostle  
March 13—Confirmation  
March 19—St. Joseph Spouse of the BVM  
March 20—Palm Sunday  
March 25—Good Friday  
March 27—Easter Sunday  
May 7—First Holy Communion  
May 14—Procession to the Cathedral of the Bl. Sacrament

The Necessity For Interior Purification

St. John of the Cross compares the soul to a glass window with a ray of sunlight shining on it. If the glass is dirty, “the ray cannot illuminate it, nor transform it to its clearness. If, on the other hand, it is absolutely clean and spotless, it will be illuminated and transformed in such a way as to appear to be the luminous ray itself, and to give the same light.” God is the divine Sun shining upon our souls, desiring to invade them and penetrate them, completely transforming them into His light and love. Before He does this, however, He waits until the soul resolves to free itself from every “creature stain,” that is, the stains of sin and inordinate attachments. As soon as God finds that a soul is free from mortal sin, He immediately fills it with His grace. This precious gift is the first step in the great transformation which the Lord desires to bring about in us. The more we become purified of all sin and imperfection, and of even the slightest attachment; that is, in proportion as we conform our will to the will of God, not only in serious matters of obligation but even in the least details of perfection, the more capable we become of being entirely penetrated and transformed by divine Grace.

Grace, the gift of God which makes the soul a participant in the divine nature, is poured forth into the soul in proportion to its degree of interior purity, which always corresponds to its degree of conformity with God’s will. Therefore, the soul that wishes to be totally possessed and transformed by divine Grace, must in practice strive to conform fully to the will of God, according to the teaching of St. John of the Cross, “so that there may be nothing in the soul that is contrary to the will of God, but that in all and through all its movement may be that of the will of God alone.”

God not only illumines our soul with the rays of His divine Grace, but He Himself, Unity and Trinity, takes up His abode within us, according to the promise of Jesus. Even if we possess but one single degree of grace, God dwells in us and invites us to live in real union with Him; nevertheless, He does not give Himself completely to us; He does not consummate us in His unity nor transform us completely into Himself as long as He finds in us the slightest thing contrary to His will.  
(taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

~Around the Parish~

~ **Congratulations** to James & Andrea Campbell on the birth of their fourth child, Mark Alexander! Mark was baptized on January 17th at St. Stephens.

~ **Please** remember in your prayers, Richard Corbin, whose funeral was held at St. Stephen’s last Wednesday, January 20th.

SPRING “40 DAYS FOR LIFE”

When: Ash Wednesday, February 10th through March 20th  
Where: 1442 Ethan Way, Sacramento (park at Theatre on Arden or on Hallmark Drive)

What time: 7am to 7pm, Monday thru Friday (Sat. optional)  
Sign up for hours at:

<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/sacramento/>  
Questions? Call Susan at 530-320-1614  
Or email at: [susanalive@gmail.com](mailto:susanalive@gmail.com)  
Come and help women who are dealing with a crisis pregnancy And HELP SAVE THE LIVES OF BABIES! LET US SUCCESSFULLY LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL OF LIFE!

Baby Bottle Project

This Lent our parish will participate in the Sacramento Life Center’s Baby Bottle Project. Between Masses on Sunday, February 7, the Rosa Mystica Girls’ Society will be distributing baby bottles for the purpose of collecting funds throughout the Lenten season of almsgiving. This is a wonderful way children can give back to their community and help others in need. Families are asked to fill the baby bottles with paper money, checks or coins throughout the first 5 weeks of Lent. Please return all baby bottles at the end of the fundraiser, *including any empty bottles*. Participating family’s are eligible to enter drawings for prizes. This fundraiser supports the mission of the Sacramento Life Center, which is to offer compassion, support and free medical services to women and men facing unplanned or unsupported pregnancies in the greater Sacramento area. Go to [www.saclife.org](http://www.saclife.org) or call Lynne at (916) 451-4357 for more information.

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

In honor of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, St Stephens the First Martyr Parish is embarking on a work of mercy to help feed the hungry. We will be supporting the Brown Bag Lunch Program at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. All parishioners are invited to contribute items weekly or monthly, if able to. You are also invited to help assemble bag lunches to be delivered to the Cathedral, which distributes them daily to the homeless in the Sacramento area. A container will be in the vestibule for collecting items, and a list posted of those items needed. There will also be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assemble lunches, or you may email or call the parish office. Please consider putting an extra item in your cart when you shop, to feed the hungry — remembering the mercy our Lord has given to us who have much— *And the king answering, shall say to them: Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me. Mathew 25:40*

Food and items needed

*All food must be non-perishable and in easy to open packages, jars, or flip-top cans*  
Tuna, chicken, salmon, other easy-to-open meat  
Apple sauce cups or fruit cups  
Healthy snacks like raisins or nuts  
Granola bars or crackers  
Deserts like cookies  
Bottles of water  
Plastic utensils, packages of brown bags, and napkins.  
Jars of peanut butter, jelly/preserves

To learn more about the Brown Bag Lunch program, visit:  
<http://www.cathedralsacramento.org/#!brown-bag-lunch-program/y352m>  
If you would like to make a cash donation, please call or email the parish office. This would help to purchase needed items that have not been donated.

*Please Keep in Your Prayers ...*

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath,  
Barbara Graichen, , Renee Burns,  
Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, Sandy Sneary,  
Di Giovanni Family, John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar, Paulette Brady,  
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Mother of Perpetual Help! Thank you for all the Blessings for our Family!

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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.

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7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

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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