


Sunday, January 31, 2016

Sexagesima Sunday



Sun. 31 Jan.

Sexagesima Sunday, II Class

8:30 am Grace Brennan

10:30 am Pro Populo

1:00 pm Edie Granby

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 1 Feb.

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am †Bill Munsill

12:15 am Rose Wedinsky

Tues. 2 Feb.

Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class

7:00 am Priests of FSSP

6:30 pm Patricia Dunlap

Wed. 3 Feb.

St. Blase, Bishop & Martyr, IV Class

7:00 am Mary Mareno

12:15 pm Barbara Ryan

Thurs. 4 Feb.

St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop & Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Katie Roundtree

6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality

Fri. 5 Feb.

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr, III Class

7:00 am Colette Aranas

12:15 pm Michael Szumowski

6:30 pm Durke Pilegaard

Sat. 6 Feb.

St. Titus, Bishop & Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Mr. Fua

9:00 am Grace Brennan

Sun. 7 Feb.

Quinquagesima Sunday, II Class

8:30 am †Bill Munsill

10:30 am Pro Populo

1:00 pm Ruby Family

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

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 2—Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feb. 3—Blessing of Throats after both Masses

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

July 10—14 Annual Silent Retreat

The Spirit of Poverty

“Opening His mouth, He taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Thus begins the Sermon on the Mount; then Jesus explained several times how this poverty of spirit is to be understood. “Lay not up to yourselves treasures on earth: where the rust and moth consume, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up to yourselves treasures in heaven: where neither the rust nor moth doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where thy treasure is, there is thy heart also.”

Consider that Jesus addressed these words not only to the Apostles, but also to His disciples and the crowds that followed Him, proving that although everyone is not called to make the vow of poverty—family life does not permit this—the practice of the “spirit of poverty” is incumbent upon all, namely, that affective detachment from the goods of earth which enables one to use these goods with moderation and detachment. Those who, like fathers and mothers of families, have the obligation to administer goods and to increase them by honest work, must do so rightly, taking care that these material affairs do not make them neglect their own spiritual good and their duties to God. “What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his own soul?” The spirit of poverty also demands that they who have few possessions and live in material want accept their condition serenely and patiently, seeing in it an invitation to imitate Jesus’ life of poverty more closely.

Consider furthermore that when the divine Master said, “Sell what thou hast and give it to the poor,” He joined the exercise of charity to that of poverty. If we detach our hearts from earthly goods, the spirit of poverty will make us generous toward the needy.

“O Lord, the spirit of poverty is such a great treasure! When we possess it, we rely not on human means, but we place all our trust in Your divine Providence. I beg You to give me a great love for this precious treasure. It is so noble that it has You, O sovereign God,” for its servant (cf. St. Francis).

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

Feast of St. Blaise

Almighty and most gentle God, Who didst create the multiplicity of things through Thine only Word, and didst will that same Word through Whom all things were made to take flesh for the refashioning of man; Thou, Who art great and without measure, terrible and worthy of praise, a Worker of wonders: the glorious martyr and bishop Blaise, not fearing to suffer all sorts of diverse tortures because of his profession of faith in Thee, was suited happily to bear the palm of martyrdom: and Thou didst grant to him, among other graces, the favor that he should by Thy power cure all kinds of illnesses of the throat: we humbly beg Thy Majesty not to look upon our sins, but to be pleased by his merits and prayers and to deign in Thy venerable kindness to bless + and sanctify + this creature of wax by the outpouring of Thy grace; that all whose necks in good faith are touched by it may be freed by the merits of his sufferings from any illness of the throat, and that healthy and strong they may offer thanks to Thee within Thy Holy Church, and praise Thy glorious name, which is blessed forever and ever. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

Blessing of throats after both Masses on February 3rd.

Babysitting on St. Valentine’s Day vigil

Parents would you like to spend a few hours alone with your spouse on Saturday, February 13th? The Parish Youth Group will be offering babysitting in the gym, from 5:30-9:00 pm, as an opportunity for parents to celebrate a special evening together. Several adults will assist the teens in babysitting. Snacks will be served. Donations accepted. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

If you are interested in buying candles to be blessed on the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary stop by the bookstore and let us know. We will have 100% beeswax candles for purchase, you may also bring your own candles to be blessed. Make sure you bring them early (6:20 pm or earlier).

The blessing of candles will take place at the beginning of the 6:30 pm Mass on Feb. 2nd, we will then process into the church for Holy Mass. You will be able to pick your candles up following the Mass.

Baby Bottle Project

Don’t forget - the Rosa Mystica Girls’ Society will be distributing baby bottles for the purpose of collecting funds throughout the Lenten season of almsgiving. 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*. 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.

Come for Breakfast stay for your Legacy...

Planning the Future - Where there’s a Will, there’s a Way

Very simply, if you don’t make provisions for distributing your assets, the Government will. Make a plan to steward your gifts for your family and loved ones.

If You Already Have a Will

Life and laws change. We will review important areas for periodic updates.

Have you considered leaving a gift to your Parish?

Stewardship Gifts can be left to the Church, Parish, or Parish Ministry

- Charitable Gift Annuities—How to make a charitable gift to your favorite ministry, get a tax write off, and receive income for life.
- Bequests—How to use Bequest language in your will.

Plan to join us:

Where: St. Stephen the First Martyr - Classroom 3

When: Sunday, February 7th, 2016

Time: 9:45 AM (after the 8:30 AM Mass)

Come hungry, there will be fresh fruit, croissants, danishes, juice, coffee and tea provided

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

Brown Bag Lunch Program

to Feed the Hungry

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

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, Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, John Reyes, Patricia Becker, Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar, Paulette Brady, James Reslock, Sandy Sneary, Joseph Michael Jaeger, Barbara Jeong, Eleanor Roberts, Fr. Carota, Beverly Longtin, Mary Daley, Ramon Daley

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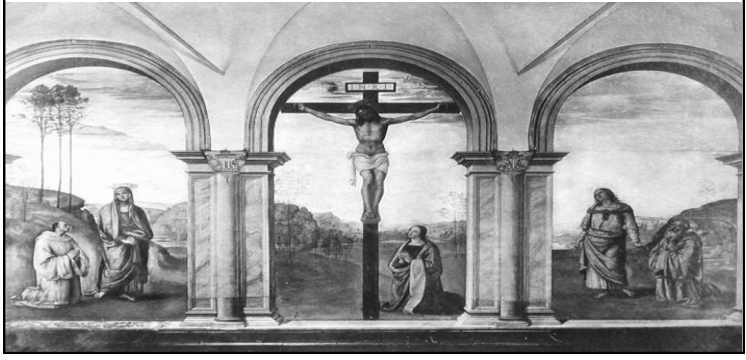
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Mass Schedule Traditional Roman Rite

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

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.

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