


Sunday, May 8, 2016
Sunday after the Ascension



Sun. 8 May

8:30 am
10:30 am
1:00 pm

Sunday after the Ascension, II Class

Rose Wedinsky
Pro Populo
†Joseph Michael Jaeger

3:00 pm

Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 9 May

7:00 am
12:15 pm

St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III Class

†Jack Gabriel Geiger
Lance Henry Sansonssi

Tues. 10 May

7:00 am
6:30 pm

St. Antoninus, Bishop & Confessor, III Class

James Austin Klaas
FSSP

Wed. 11 May

7:00 am
12:15 pm

SS Philip & James, Apostles, II Class

Family of Jeffrey & Elena Inferrera
†Daryl Stephens

Thurs. 12 May

7:00 am
6:30 pm

SS. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, Virgin, & Pancras, Martyrs, III Class

†Margaret Gertken
Dominic & Maria Guadagno

Fri. 13 May

7:00 am
12:15 pm
6:30 pm

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III Class

Suffering Souls
Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
Suffering Souls

Sat. 14 May

7:00 am
9:00 am

Vigil Mass of Pentecost, I Class

Austin Roundtree & Family
Rosa Mystica Confirmation Girls

Sun. 15 May

8:30 am
10:30 am
1:00 pm

Pentecost Sunday, I Class

†Jerry Risse
Pro Populo
Esther Harris

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 14—May Procession & Solemn Mass
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”
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

Sweet Guest of the Soul

The Encyclical *Mystici Corporis* states that “the Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church.” Because soul means “principle of life,” this statement equivalently says that the divine Paraclete is the One who gives life to the Church. As the soul is the principle of life in the body, so the Holy Spirit is the principle of life in the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ.

The Church, because she is the “society” of the faithful, is constituted by their union; it is the faithful, it is we ourselves, who form the Church. Hence, to say that Jesus merited the Holy Spirit for His Church is equivalent to saying that He merited Him for us; to say that Jesus, together with the Father, has sent and continues to send His Spirit to the Church, is equivalent to affirming that He has sent and continues to send Him to us. The Encyclical *Mystici Corporis* asserts that the Holy Spirit “is communicated to the Church abundantly, so that she herself and *each one of her members* may become, day by day, more like our Redeemer.” Thus the Holy Spirit exercises His influence not only in the Body of the Church, but also in each soul in which He dwells as the “sweet Guest.” He is in us: to take possession of our souls, to sanctify them, to form them in the likeness of Christ, and to urge us to continue His redemptive mission; He is that impulse of love which urges us to do God’s will, guides us towards the glorification of the Most Holy Trinity, and brings us to God.

But if the Holy Spirit is an impulse of love that comes into us to sanctify us and bring us to God, why do we not all become saints? The mystery of human responsibility enters here. The Holy Spirit, with the Father and the Son, has created us free beings and He wishes us so; therefore, in coming to us, He respects our liberty and does no violence to it. Although He is eager to enter our soul and to possess it, He will not act thus unless we give Him free access. It is an example of the great principle on which St. Teresa of Jesus liked to insist: “God does not force anyone, He takes what we give Him; but He does not give Himself wholly to us, until we give ourselves wholly to Him.” If we do not become saints, it is not because the Holy Spirit does not will it. (taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

A blessed Mothers’ Day to all of you who are mothers! Yours is a beautiful vocation. May the Good Lord reward you for your many sacrifices. You are all remembered in a special way in prayer today.

Remember that this coming Saturday, May 14, is our annual Marian procession, May crowning, and Solemn High Mass at the Cathedral. We have this great opportunity to publicly proclaim our faith, and to show our love and devotion to Our Blessed Mother. We can be sure that many graces will be obtained because of it – for ourselves, our parish, our diocese, and the entire state of California. Invite as many people as you can to participate.

MONTH OF MAY, MONTH OF MARY
PRAY THE ROSARY!

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!

Fr. Josef Bisig, FSSP to Visit St. Stephens

Fr. Bisig, co-founder of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter and Rector of Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary will visit St. Stephens and be celebrant at the Solemn Mass at the Cathedral on May 14th.

Father will also give a talk after Vespers on the 15th about the foundation of the Fraternity. Following the talk we will have a potluck in the gym.

Please bring your family to meet Fr. Bisig!

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 June 19—25, 2016

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!

Rose Sale today—All proceeds go to the Sacramento Life Center. Beautiful Mother’s Day gift for only \$5.00.

St. Robert Bellarmine, SJ

St. Robert Bellarmine, SJ, was one of the most important cardinals of the Catholic Reformation and became a Doctor of the Church.

Robert Bellarmine was born to an impoverished noble Italian family. His early intellectual accomplishments gave his father hope that Bellarmine would restore the family’s fortunes through a political career. His mother’s wish that he enter the Society of Jesus prevailed.

On completion of his studies, Bellarmine taught first at the University of Louvain in Belgium. In 1576 he accepted the invitation of Pope Gregory XIII (1572-1585) to teach polemical theology at the new Roman College.

Robert Bellarmine spent the next 11 years teaching and writing his monumental *Disputations on the Controversies*, a three-volume defense of the Catholic faith against the arguments of the Protestant reformers. A confidant to the popes, Bellarmine held a number of important positions.

Through his writings Bellarmine was involved in the political, religious, and social issues of the time. He argued with King James I of England and was a judge at the trial of Giordano Bruno. Bellarmine also communicated the decree of condemning the Copernican doctrine of the movements of the earth and sun, issued by Congregation of the Index to Galileo Galilei in 1616.

Although he was one of the most powerful men in Rome, Bellarmine lived an austere life. He gave most of his money to the poor. While he took little regard for his own comforts, he always saw to it that his servants and aides had everything they needed.

St. Robert Bellarmine was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1930 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1931.

8th Annual Great Marian Procession
Saturday—May 14

8:00 am—Arrive East Lawn Cemetery, 4300 Folsom Blvd.
8:30 am—Procession begins 3 1/2 mile walking rosary pilgrimage
11:00 am—Solemn Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

* Help make it possible!

Donations are needed to cover event expenses; please find donation envelopes located at the entrance to St. Stephen Church or donate online.

* Don’t miss out on this spectacular day honoring our glorious Mother Mary! Find all information & video on the site:

www.BringMary.com

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