

Sunday, January 10, 2016
The Holy Family



- Sun. 10 Jan. The Holy Family, II Class**
 8:30 am Kathleen Barrett
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm †Marilyn Goyette
- 3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction
- Mon. 11 Dec. St. Hyginus, Pope & Martyr, IV Class**
 7:00 am The Brake Family
 12:15 am George Small
- Tues. 12 Dec. Mass of 1st Sunday after Epiphany, IV Class**
 7:00 am †Peter Rupport
 6:30 pm Nicholas Di Giovanni
- Wed. 13 Dec. Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord, II Class**
 7:00 am Jeff Bogaczyk
 12:15 pm †Marilyn Goyette & Family
- Thurs. 14 Jan. St. Hilary, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III Class**
 7:00 am Samuel Adesanya
 6:30 pm †Christopher Gerard & Torres Family
- Fri. 15 Jan. St. Paul, the First Hermit, Confessor, III Class**
 7:00 am †Clay Erhart
 12:15 pm Mary Cozad
 6:30 pm †Mr. Hans-Wilfried Huch
- Sat. 16 Jan. St. Marcellus I, Pope & Martyr, III Class**
 7:00 am Jeff & Belen Brake
 9:00 am †Theodore & Mildred Egan
- Sun. 17 Jan. 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, II Class**
 8:30 am †Hans-Wilfried Huch
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm †Marilyn Goyette
- 3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

...In Memoriam

- †Joan Blackburn, †Thomas Joseph Greco, †Bruce Perry,
 †Catherine Owen, †Gregory Nicholas,
 †Jeannemarie Crabtree, †Dr. George Alexeff,
 †Edward Coleman, †Marilyn Goyette, †Gilbert Perry
 †Ruth Rodgers, †Concepcion Cristi, †Mary Gilbert,
 †Mary Foose, †William Munsill

Important Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 19—Chesterton Society meeting 7:30 pm
 Jan. 21—CSP Evening of Recollection
 Jan. 23—West Coast Walk for Life
 Feb. 2—Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 March 13—Confirmation
 May 7—First Holy Communion

The Mystical Body of Christ

“I am the vine; you, the branches.” On these words of Jesus, which describe our union with Him, the whole doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ is founded. Only the figure is changed: instead of the vine, we speak of the Body of which Christ is the Head and we are the members. In explaining this doctrine, St. Paul aptly paraphrases what Jesus had previously said. “As the body is one, and hath many members; and all the members of the body, whereas they are many, yet are one body, so also is Christ... Now you are the Body of Christ, and members of member.”

Our union with Christ, the Head of the Mystical Body, is certainly not to be understood as being identical with the union that exists among the various members of a physical body. In fact, although we are incorporated in Him, each one of us preserves “intact his own personality.” But neither should we understand this union to be a mere moral union, such as exists, for example, among members of the some organization. No, it is something much more profound, it is a mysterious union, and in this sense is called *mystical*, but it is no less *real* and *vital*. It is a union which comes from there being present in all the parts of the Body of the Church “a distinct internal principle, which exists effectively in the whole and in each of its parts, and whose excellence is such, that of itself it is vastly superior to whatever bonds of union may be found in a physical or moral body. This principle is...not of the natural but of the supernatural order. Essentially it is something infinite, uncreated: it is the Spirit of God, who, as the Angelic Doctor says, ‘one and the same for all, fills and unifies the whole Church.’”

The Holy Spirit, “the soul of the Church,” is the bond which intimately and really unites and vivifies all the members of Christ, diffusing grace and charity in them. He has been “given to the Church with most copious effusion, so that its members from day to day might become always more like the Redeemer.” Therefore, it is not a question of a symbolical, metaphorical union, but of a real union, so real that it surpasses all the others “as grace surpasses nature, and immortal realities surpass perishable realities.” It is a reality so great that it embraces not only our earthly life but, provided we preserve it, it continues to be the source of our happiness for all eternity. Indeed, “grace is the seed of glory.”

We are members of Christ. This is our greatness and our glory, infinitely surpassing all earthly dignity and glory. (taken from *Divine Intimacy*, written by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.)

From the Pastor

By this time next year (most likely) we will have a new president. Who will it be? For a long time, we Christians have been admonished by the secularists not to “force our morality” on others. Now we find, that the immorality of the secularists has been forced upon us. We are, for example, expected to pay for contraception and abortion through the present government “health care” program; if we own a business and refuse to render services that would involve us in a “same-sex marriage” we are fined and may face imprisonment. Increasingly, Christians are forbidden from expressing, let alone promoting, their long held beliefs in the public square. Will our country continue its present descent into the secular abyss; or, will it change course, returning to the practice of the Christian beliefs on which it was founded? It all depends upon us Christians. Are we willing to fight for what’s right? The best way to fight is with the weapons of prayer and penance. If you now pray the Rosary daily, be sure to add to your intentions the success of this November’s elections (“success” means that those who will help to reestablish Christian morality will be elected). If you do not now pray the Rosary daily, begin to do so for the above mentioned intention. God has given great efficacy to the praying of the Rosary – if only enough people will commit themselves to praying it. Further, offer up a little sacrifice every day for this same intention. Even though we don’t deserve it, we pray that God may have mercy upon these United States of America!

2016 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your offering envelopes in the vestibule today. If you are not registered, forms are available in the bookstore, along with envelopes.

Epiphany Chalk Blessing

The lintel of the main door of the house is marked with the blessed chalk by the father of the household in the following manner:

- 20+C+M+B+16 while saying the following prayer:
 The Three Wise Men
 C Caspar
 M Melchior
 B & Balthasaar, followed the star of God’s Son who became Man
 20 Two-thousand
 16 and sixteen years ago
 + May Christ
 + Bless our home
 + and remain with us
 + through the new year.

Almighty God, incline Thine ear. Bless us and all who are gathered here. Send Thy holy angel who will defend us, and fill with grace all who dwell here. Amen.

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

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!

Reminder— Chesterton Society Meeting:

January 19 at 7:30pm

We are beginning with the book: *The Everlasting Man*
 Read *The Introduction*

Also: Fr. Brown— “The Red Moon of Meru”

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

For online book and Fr. Brown stories

All are welcome!

**Saint Francis Xavier
 Mission Trips 2016**

The FSSP is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the following four trips:

1. **Guadalajara, Mexico** March 19—April 1. Cost \$750 plus airfare. Families or ages 16 and up.
2. **Guadalajara, Mexico** August 6—19. Cost \$1,100 plus airfare. Ages 16—Adult.
3. **Piura, Peru** July 28—August 11 Cost \$2,350 travel included from Miami Ages 16—21.
4. **Piura, Peru** December 27-January 7, 2017. Cost \$2,350 travel included from Miami Ages 16—Adult.

For more information, or to apply visit
SFXMISSION.COM or email
SFXMISSION@GMAIL.COM

All mission trips include the Traditional Mass offered daily by chaplains from the FSSP.

“Some give by going, others go by giving.” Please consider making a donation to support the work of the St. Francis Xavier Mission Trip and the spread of the Traditional Latin Mass. Visit **SFXMISSION.COM**

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

- Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Mike McGrath,
 Barbara Graichen, Richard Corbin, Renee Burns,
 Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson, Sandy Sneary,
 Di Giovanni Family, John Reyes, Patricia Becker,
 Augustine Guzman, Luis Salazar, Paulette Brady,
 Joseph Michael Jaeger, Norman Sayles,
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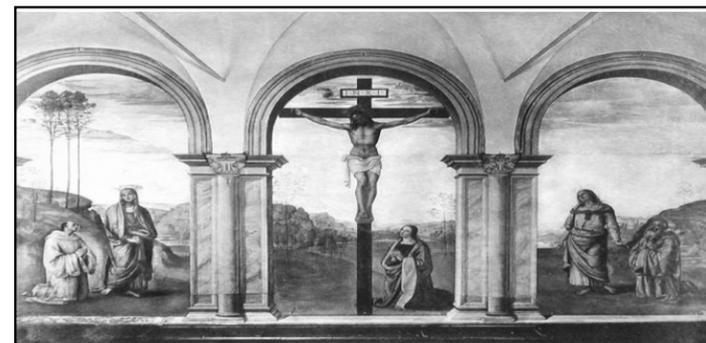
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Devotions

- Rosary:** Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., after the 1p.m. Mass and five minutes after many weekday Masses
- Monday at 7:00 pm Rosary for World Peace
- 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

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.

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