

**Sunday, January 8, 2017
The Holy Family**



Sun. 8 Jan.	The Holy Family, II Class
8:00 am	Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	†Maria Lopresti
6:00 pm	Intentions of Indre McCluskey
Mon. 9 Jan.	Feria after the Epiphany, IV Class (Mass of 1st Sunday after Epiphany)
7:00 am	Tina Houk
12:15 pm	Amparo Coria
Tues. 10 Jan.	Feria after the Epiphany, IV Class
7:00 am	Cesar Oliva
12:15 pm	†Bob O’Kane
6:30 pm	†Anna Lee Welch
Wed. 11 Jan.	Feria after the Epiphany, IV Class
7:00 am	†Patricia Ruth Louks
12:15 pm	Kirana Rogers
Thurs 12 Jan.	Feria after the Epiphany, IV Class
7:00 am	Alison & Penny Parker
6:30 pm	Charlie Houk
Fri. 13 Jan.	Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord, II Class
7:00 am	†Maria Lopresti
12:15 pm	Daniel Rogers
6:30 pm	Martin McFadden Jr. & His Children
Sat. 14 Jan.	St. Hilary, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III Class
7:00 am	Joseph Damore
9:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Mariner
Sun. 15 Jan.	2nd Sunday after Epiphany, II Class
8:00 am	Marcellinus Cuatto
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	†Maria Lopresti
6:00 pm	Intentions of Indre McCluskey

...In Memoriam

†Maria Lopresti, †George Klopff, †Nell Keim, †John Reyes,
†Margaret Melusky, †Robert O’Kane

Important Upcoming Dates

Jan. 8—Organ Recital
Jan. 14—Girls Groups Meet
Jan. 15—First Communion classes begin
Jan. 21—West Coast Walk for Life
Feb. 2—Feast of the Purification—Candlemas
Feb. 22—Feast of the Chair of St. Peter
March 1—Ash Wednesday
March 11—Confirmation
April 23—Live Performance of “Faustina”
May 6—First Holy Communion
June 18—24 Camp Sacred Heart
July 23—27—Annual Retreat

Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

On this day for the last time in the cycle of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to contemplate the mystery of Jesus’ humble, hidden life. A feeling of close intimacy and tenderness characterizes this feast and is expressed in the liturgy of the day: “. . . it is good for us to recall the little home at Nazareth and the humble life of those who lived there. . . In it, Jesus learned Joseph’s humble trade, and grew in age, and was happy sharing the work of a carpenter: ‘Let the sweat,’ He seemed to say, ‘trickle over My limbs before they are drenched with the torrent of My Blood, and the pain of this labor shall go to atone for the sins of men!’ ” Let us enter the little house; in the presence of such humility, which conceals Jesus’ infinite Majesty, let us repeat the words of the sacred text: “Thou art indeed a hidden King, O God the Savior, King of Israel.”

Today’s liturgy particularly emphasizes one typical aspect of the humble life of this hidden God: obedience. “Although He was the Son of God. . . He learned to obey; He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death.” The Gospel stresses this obedience of Jesus at Nazareth in words which carry for all time the strength of their first utterance. “He was subject to them.” Let us ask ourselves with St. Bernard, “Who obeyed? Whom did He obey?” The Saint replies, “God obeyed man! Yes, the God to whom the angels are subject. . . was subject to Mary, and not only to Mary, but also to Joseph. For God to obey a woman is humility without parallel. . . Learn then, man, to obey; learn, O earth to be submissive, God subjected Himself to men; and do you desiring to rule others, place yourself above you Creator?”

O Jesus, how I love to contemplate You as a Child, in the poor house of Nazareth, with Mary and Joseph! Your simple, humble life was just like that of any other child of Your age. You, the splendor of the Father, did not wish anything to distinguish You from the children of men; You, uncreated wisdom, wished to learn from Mary and Joseph, Your creatures, the ordinary little details of life. Joseph showed You how to handle his tools and You watched Him attentively, You learned, You obeyed. O most sweet Jesus, grant that I may imitate, at least to some degree, Your infinite humility.
(Divine Intimacy by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD.

From the Pastor

- **A Requiem Mass** will be offered for Bob O’Kane this Tuesday afternoon at 12:15.
- **Please continue to pray the Rosary daily** for the new presidential administration about to take office. The 54 Day Rosary novena ends on inauguration day, January 20th. Even if you haven’t participated in the novena so far, please offer a Rosary daily for this intention beginning today. What happens to our country and our world very much depends upon the decisions that will be made by this new administration. Our prayer, of course, can better assure that the right decisions be made.

Organ Recital

Mr. Jacob Kasak will be giving an organ recital here today, Sunday, Jan. 8th at 3:00 pm.
All are invited.

Candles for the Feast of the Purification

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 place your order. We will have 100% beeswax candles for purchase, also 7 day candles are available.

Registration Open for 1st Communion Classes

Parents of children who will be 7 by May 1st of 2017 may register their child for class. Classes will begin January 15, 2017. Baptismal certificates are needed at the time of registration, unless your child was baptized at St. Stephen’s.

Envelopes

There are still offering envelopes waiting to be picked up in the vestibule.
If you did not find a set with your name and would like some, please stop in the bookstore. Using envelopes is very helpful to our bookkeeping system. Please always mark the amount on the outside of the envelope. Thank you!
Also, if your address or contact information has changed, please fill out another registration form.

Brown Bag Lunch Program

Please don’t forget that the “Brown Bag Lunch Program” is an on-going apostolate of St. Stephens Parish. The list of items which are needed is posted in the vestibule. A monetary gift to purchase food may also be given.
Your donations are very much appreciated!

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+17 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
17 and seventeen 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.

Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Priest: Let us pray for priestly and religious vocations.
All: O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless the Church with many priests, brothers, and sisters, who will love Thee with their whole hearts, be faithful to their vocations, and gladly spend their entire lives to teach Thy truths, serve Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved.
Priest: Bless our families, bless our children.
All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.
Priest: O Mary, Queen of priestly and religious vocations:
All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us the grace of many more. Amen.
(Please offer your reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations)

Prayer of Parents for Priestly and Religious Vocations

O God, grant that at least one of our sons may become a priest or religious brother, and one of our daughters a religious sister. We ourselves want to live as good Christians, and to guide our children always to do what is right, so that we may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give Thee a holy priest, brother, or sister! Amen.
*(Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)
(based on a prayer recited by the parents of Lu Monferrato, Italy)*

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike Hayes, Mike McGrath, Renee Burns,
Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson,
Patricia Becker, Paulette Brady, James Reslock, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, Beverly Longtin, John Newaz,
Marne Merino, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher,
Fr. Goodwin, FSSP, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun



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MASS SCHEDULE
TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE

- Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Low Mass
 10:30 a.m. High Mass
 1:30 p.m. Low Mass
 6:00 p.m. Low Mass
- 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. and 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

CONFESSION

- One half hour before all Masses
- Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
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. 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: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass
 - Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays
- Holy Face Novena:** 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday
- St. Monica Novena:** First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday
- Fatima Procession:** 13th of every month- May to October - following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on weekdays, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays, and the 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays
- Men's Holy League:** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm

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.

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