Sunday, July 8, 2012
6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sun. 8 July, 6th Sunday after Pentecost, *II Class*
8:30 am Jim & Jane Cummings
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm Doug Espinoza

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 9 July, Feria, *IV Class*
7:00 am Elizabeth McDonough
12:15 pm †Beatrice Bailey

Tues. 10 July, Seven Holy Brothers, *Martyrs, &* **SS. Rufina & Secunda,** *Virgins & Martyrs, III Class*
7:00 am David Abdallah
6:30 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wed. 11 July, Pope Pius I, *Pope & Martyr, IV Class*
7:00 am Sonnenburg Family
12:15 pm †Joseph Pietanza

Thurs. 12 July, St. John Gualbert, *Abbot, III Class*
7:00 am †Jonan Sneeringer
6:30 pm Fr. Kozina

Fri. 13 July, Feria, *IV Class*
7:00 am Thanksgiving Mass—Diolazo Family
12:15 pm Luke Schuberg
6:30 pm Norma Lucio

Sat. 14 July, St. Bonaventure, *Bishops & Confessor & Doctor, III Class*
7:00 am William Belarde
9:00 am Sanctification of Priests & Priestly Vocations

Sun. 15 July, 7th Sunday after Pentecost, *II Class*
8:30 am Justin Dugyon
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:00 pm †Jonan Sneeringer

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Sick Calls

If anyone is in need of the Sacrament (i.e. homebound) please call the parish office. If it is an ***emergency***, outside of office hours, dial (916) 455-5114, then press 1, leave a message, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.

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Important Upcoming Dates

July 3– 18 General Chapter FSSP
July 13—Fatima Procession
Aug. 5—Patronal Feast—Pig Roast & Square Dance
Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug. 20—24—Adult Retreat "A Deeper Look at the Our Father"
Sept. 17—27—CSP Pilgrimage to Fatima, Madeira & Spain

The Compassion of Jesus

One thought emerges from today's liturgy in a special way and dominates all: God is a merciful Father who takes pity on us and nourishes our souls. Our souls are always famished, we are always in need of nourishment to sustain our supernatural life.

God alone can give us the proper nourishment as the Church tells us in the beautiful prayer of the day: "O God of all power and might, the giver of all good things; implant in our hearts a deep love of Your name; increase in us true religion and sincere virtue; nourish us with all goodness and...keep us in Your loving care." The heavenly Father graciously hears our plea and answers by directing us to His divine, only-begotten Son whom He sent into the world that we might have life in Him. In the Epistle, St. Paul reminds us that as "we are baptized in Christ Jesus. . .in His death... so we also may walk in newness of life," that in Him we may "live unto God." It is in Jesus and in His Redemption that we find everything we need for the nourishment and life of our souls; it is in Him that we shall find the grace, love, faith, and the encouragement to virtue which we have petitioned in the Collect. It is a great joy for us to hear again that we are reborn in Christ to "newness of life"; it is a great comfort for our weakness. One point, however, remains obscure. How does it happen that we are always falling? Why are we always so miserable? A more attentive reading of the Epistle will reveal the reason: because we are not yet wholly "dead" with Christ, because the "old man" in us has not yet been "crucified" to the point of our no longer being "slaves of sin." In a word, if we wish to live fully the life that Christ acquired for us by His death, we must first die with Him. As this does not mean material death of the body but spiritual death to our faults and passions, this death must be continually renewed: "*Quotidie morior,"* I die daily. The weakness of our spiritual life is caused by the insufficiency of this death to self.

In the Gospel we hear the words of Jesus, so full of kindness: "I have compassion on the multitude." Jesus has compassion on us, our weakness, our cowardice, our unstable wills. He sees that our souls are weary, hungry, in need of help, and as He spoke to the crowds who gathered to hear Him, so He repeats to us: "I have compassion!" Jesus pities first of all our spiritual needs. Although His Passion and death have abundantly provided for them, He still continues to take care of us every day in the most direct and personal way—by offering Himself as food for our souls. The Gospel speaks to us about the second multiplication of the loaves. However, we are more fortunate than the people of Palestine; Jesus has reserved for us a bread infinitely more nourishing and precious: the Eucharist.

Fascinated by the words of Jesus, the crowd had followed Him, forgetting even their necessities; three days they remained with Him and had nothing to eat. What a lesson for us who are often much more solicitous for our material food than for our spiritual nourishment! And Jesus, after having provided abundantly for the needs of their souls, thought also of their bodily needs. His disciples, however, were astonished: "From whence can anyone fill them with bread here in the wilderness?" They had already assisted at the first multiplication of the loaves, but here they seemed to have no remembrance of it and remained distrustful. How many times have we too seen miracles of grace and the wonders of divine Providence! And yet, when we are placed in new, bewildering, or difficult circumstances, how often we remain hesitant; it seems as if we doubted God's almighty power. Let us think, for example of our spiritual life; there are still things to be overcome. . . We have tried so many times, and perhaps we no longer have the courage to begin again. Oh! if our faith were only greater, if we would only cast ourselves upon God with more confidence! One good act of total abandonment might be all we need to win the victory! Jesus is looking at us and saying, "I have compassion on the multitude" and His compassion is not sterile, but vital action, actual grace for our soul.
("Divine Intimacy" by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD)

Please Remember to Keep the FSSP General Chapter In Your Daily Prayers—through the month of July God bless you!

The Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen

Tickets on Sale for Our Annual Pig Roast & Square Dance
First to buy your ticket—First call to eat!

We also need lots of help! Please sign up for one of the events/committees. Sign-up sheets in vestibule of the church. This is our biggest even of the year, please help!

Registration for Girls Clubs Through July 31st

Little Flowers	**ages 5—8**
Rosa Mystica Girls Society	**ages 9-13**
Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary	**ages 14-18**

To register, please stop by the office or bookstore or call 916-455-5114.

St. Stephen Parish Retreat 2012
"A Deeper Look at the Our Father"
August 20th—24th

In the fever and agitation of modern life, the need of meditation and spiritual repose impresses itself on Christian souls who desire to reflect on their eternal destiny, and direct their life in this world towards God. Here is your opportunity to do just that, don't put it off.

Fr. Gerard Saguto, FSSP will preach our 2012 Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center. This silent retreat is open to all adult men and women. Each retreatant will have a private room/ bath and all meals will be provided.

Daily Latin Mass, opportunity for Confession & Spiritual direction

More information is available at the parish office or bookstore.
916-455-5114 - stephenproto@yahoo.com

New to St. Stephen's?

Please stop by the office or bookstore and pick up a registration form. It is very helpful for us to have contact information for your family, even if you cannot come to St. Stephen's every week.

If you do not have envelopes and would like them you can pick up a box in the bookstore. The use of envelopes is very helpful for our bookkeeping system.

~ Summer Dress Code ~

Please recall that all are required to dress with modesty and dignity. A sign in the vestibule gives some details for proper dress. The spirit of these rules is to produce an atmosphere befitting the house of God and the worship of Him through the Sacrifice of the Mass. Our choice of clothing becomes an expression of our worship. Therefore it is not a matter of trying to follow arbitrary rules, but doing our best for God in such a privileged place. Especially for women, this requires us to be counter-cultural. It is also important to dress well on the church grounds too.

At the same time, we request that you leave the business of making any corrections of individuals to the priests at St. Stephen's or their delegates. It will not be helpful to have all take on the duty of policing the church.

...In Memoriam

†Mark Trachera; †Fr. Lawrence Ryan (Sacramento Diocese); †Joseph Cortese; †Frank Farinha; †Cesar Chaves; †Msgr. Gerard Schons; †Rodolfo Servande; †Felice Johnson; †Jim Chun

Confraternity of St. Peter Pilgrimage 2012

Join Fr. James Fryar, FSSP & Fr. Gregory Pendergraft, FSSP on this exciting and holy pilgrimage.

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Please place all plastic & glass bottles and all cans in the place provided. We will also have to separate cardboard and "junk mail" type paper.
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First announcement for enrollment in Ward I/Pre-Chorister Class to begin in September

This is the first call for registering your child/children for the WARD I/Pre-Chorister class which is for all children, boys and girls who are potentially interested in being a child chorister at St Stephen's Church. As enrollment will be limited this year, this class is ONLY FOR THOSE CHILDREN INTERESTED IN BEING A CHORISTER. The chorister program is open to boys and girls 8-12. Some exceptions might be made on an individual basis to the age requirement at the discretion of the director. The Ward I class is a beginning music class which teaches children solfege singing (do, re, mi, fa, etc), rhythm, musical notation both modern and Gregorian and musical theory. It's purpose is to prepare the children to take their place alongside the Choir in singing the services at St Stephen's on Sundays and feast days. The opportunity this presents a child is unequaled, many of our former choristers have moved on to universities or colleges or soon will, winning scholarships and places based on their work and training as a chorister.

The Ward Method was developed by Justine Bayard Ward in the early 1900's as a method for teaching music in Catholic Schools. It was used in the best schools until the early 1970's with amazing results. It's popularity waned as more popular forms of music took the place of Gregorian Chant and polyphony. It is now being rediscovered once again and is favored by many in secular academia (not to mention Catholic academia!) over the more known methods of Orff and Kodaly, and as it has at its heart the teaching of Gregorian Chant, is a perfect beginning for pre-choristers.

The Ward I/Pre-Chorister class will Begin on Thursday, 27 September from 4-5 pm, and will take place TWICE A WEEK on Thursdays 4-5 and on Sundays from 12.15-1.00pm. Attendance at both classes weekly is required. Please register at the bookstore. The text required for the course is THAT ALL MAY SING WORKBOOK and may be ordered at the time of registration. There is no charge for the class and is offered by the parish.

Enrollment in piano lessons concurrently is highly recommended for the successful chorister.

Please call me if you have any questions, Jeffrey Morse 916-835-0841, I am always happy to talk to parents about the chorister program.

Please Keep in Your Prayers …

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Kaehler Family, Katy Fiori, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen, Patricia Becker, Munsill Family, Benny Stinson, Michael Gould; Sister Marie Jeanne, Elizabeth Pierini, Richard Becker; Charles Cantoni, Hayden Garcia, Mitzi Vandenburgh, John Reyes; Lori Bates; Fred & Terry Bose