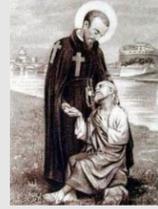


Sunday, July 15, 2012
7th Sunday after Pentecost



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

Mon. 16 July, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, IV Class

7:00 am Eleanor Abdallah
 12:15 pm Shantel Tibbetts

Tues. 17 July, St. Alexis, Confessor, IV Class

7:00 am Very Rev. Fr. John Berg, FSSP
 6:30 pm The Pineda Family

Wed. 18 July, St. Camillus de Lellis, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Theodore Culbreath & Family
 12:15 pm Mike Cummings

Thurs. 19 July, St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am †Alicia Woods
 6:30 pm FSSP

Fri. 20 July, St. Jerome Emiliani, Confessor & Doctor, III Class

7:00 am Draga Kozina
 12:15 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory
 6:30 pm Fr. Berg

Sat. 21 July, St. Laurence of Brindisi, Bishops & Confessor & Doctor, III Class

7:00 am Doug Espinoza
 9:00 am Roundtree Family

Sun. 22 July, 8th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am Luke Schuberg
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Jane Frances Dugyon

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.

New CD by Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary

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Help support our seminary and our parish by purchasing a copy of this beautiful CD. It makes a great gift too!

Available at St. Stephen's Bookstore.

Important Upcoming Dates

July 21—Altar Guild
 Aug. 5—Patronal Feast—Pig Roast & Square Dance
 Aug. 13—Fatima Procession
 Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Aug. 20—24—Adult Retreat “A Deeper Look at the Our Father”
 Sept. 1—Rosa Mystica & Little Flowers
 Sept. 17—27—CSP Pilgrimage to Fatima, Madeira & Spain

Faith in Practice

Faith ought to be the light which envelops not only our moments of prayer but our whole life as well. In prayer we say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty;” but a few minutes afterwards, in the face of some difficult task, a tiresome person, or something which upsets our plans, we forget that these have all been willed and planned by God for our good. We forget that God is our Father, and therefore is more concerned about our welfare than we are ourselves. We forget that God is all-powerful and can help us in every difficulty. In losing sight of the light of faith, which makes us see everything as dependent upon God and ordered by Him for our good, we lose ourselves in merely human considerations and protests, as if God had nothing to do with our life or had very little place in it. We give way to discouragement as though we had no faith. Yes, we believe in God, the Father Almighty, but we do not believe to the point of seeing His will, or at least His permission, in every circumstance. And yet, until faith becomes such a factor in our life that it makes us see all things in relation to God, and as dependent upon Him, we will not be able to say that the light of faith is the guide of our life. It is of course, but only partially. How often this true light, which participates in the very light of God, remains hidden under the bushel of a mentality which is still too human, too earthly! Jesus said, “Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but upon a candlestick, that it may shine to all that are in the house.” The light of faith was enkindled within us at Baptism; we must hold it aloft, above all our thoughts and reasonings, so that it may illumine our whole life, our whole house, that is, the interior dwelling of our soul and the exterior world in which we live, with all its persons, places, and things.

One who lives by faith can repeat the beautiful words of Sr. Elizabeth of the Trinity: “Everything that happens is a message to me of God’s great love for my soul.” To attain this living and profound gaze of faith, we must accustom ourselves, in our relations with creatures, to pass over secondary causes in order to reach the first cause, God, who by His Providence rules and orders everything for His own holy ends. Since we know and believe that He who directs all things is our Father, we will entrust ourselves to His direction with absolute confidence, and thus we will remain serene even in adversity, strong in the conviction that He can make use of evil, of man’s errors, and even of sins and malice for the good of the elect. “To them that love God, all things work together unto good!” The gaze of faith is most comprehensive and real, because it takes into account the *total* reality of creatures and events, considering them not only in their material entity, but also in relation to their dependence on God. The more we know how to look at everything in this light, so much the more closely will we approach the eternal thought and infinite wisdom of God, judging everything according to God’s infallible truth. With this view of faith it will be easier for us to accept the painful situations and hardships of life, for we will be able to see in them God’s paternal hand ordering everything for our sanctification. If, judging things from a human point of view, we are tempted to protest, to bring forward our own reasons and our rights, to rebel against treatment which in itself is unjust; we should raise our eyes to God, and consider that He permits all this for the exercise of virtue and to spur us on to sanctity. Then we would find the strength to accept everything peacefully, and to maintain a kindly attitude toward those who make us suffer.

(“Divine Intimacy” by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD)

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 event 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.

CHOIR & CHORISTERS IN RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER

The Choir & Choristers have finished their Trinity Choral term as of July 1. For the rest of July, the High Masses will be sung by the cantors and volunteer choir members. The last High Masses at St Stephen's this Summer will be August 5, external solemnity of our patronal feast, the Finding of the Relics of St Stephen, and August 15, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. High Masses will resume on September 9.

PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER

Mr. Morse, the Director of Music at St Stephen's, has some slots available in his schedule for piano lessons. Future or existing choristers are strongly encouraged to take piano concurrently with chorister training. Please call Mr Morse on 916.835.0841 if you have questions or would like to reserve a time slot.

St. Stephen Parish Retreat 2012

“A Deeper Look at the Our Father”

August 20th—24th ***Only a few slots left***

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

~ 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.

Highlights— Beautiful island of Madeira, last home, & relics of Bl. Karl of Austria; Santiago de Compostela—relics of St. James, the Apostle & famous Botafumeiro; Fatima, Candlelight Procession at the Sanctuary, chapel of apparitions and basilica where the children are buried, homes of the children in Aljustrel; Lisbon, convent where Bl. Jacinta stayed before her death & birthplace of St. Anthony. All this and much more! Call today or visit [www.http://syversentouring.com/confraternity](http://syversentouring.com/confraternity)
 More information is available in the office or bookstore or by calling 916-223-3112

Recycling Issue

Please **do not** bring your recyclables to St. Stephens. We do not redeem these—they are picked up by our waste service. The more waste we have—the larger the container—the more we are charged.

St. Camillus of Lessis

The early years of Camillus gave no sign of sanctity. At the age of nineteen he took service with his father an Italian noble, against the Turks, and after four years’ hard campaigning found himself, through his violent temper, reckless habits, and inveterate passion for gambling, a discharged soldier, and in such straitened circumstances that he was obliged to work as a laborer on a Capuchin convent which was then building. A few words from a Capuchin friar brought about his conversion, and he resolved to become a religious. Thrice he entered the Capuchin novitiate, but each time an obstinate wound in his leg forced him to leave. He repaired to Rome for medical treatment, and there took St. Philip as his confessor, and entered the hospital of St. Giacomo, of which he became in time the superintendent. The carelessness of the paid chaplains and nurses towards the suffering patients now inspired him with the thought of founding a congregation to minister to their wants. With this end he was ordained priest, and in 1586 his community of the Servants of the Sick was confirmed by the Pope. Its usefulness was soon felt, not only in hospitals, but in private houses. Summoned at every hour of the day and night, the devotion of Camillus never grew cold. With a woman’s tenderness he attended to the needs of his patients. He wept with them, consoled them, and prayed with them. He knew miraculously the state of their souls; and St. Philip saw angels whispering to two Servants of the Sick who were consoling a dying person. One day a sick man said to the Saint, “Father, may I beg you to make up my bed? It is very hard,” Camillus replied, “God forgive you, brother! You beg me! Don’t you know yet that you are to command me, for I am your servant and slave.” “Would to God,” he would cry, “that in the hour of my death one sigh or one blessing of these poor creatures might fall upon me!” His prayer was heard. He was granted the same consolations in his last hour which he had so often procured for others. In the year 1614 he died with the full use of his faculties, after two weeks’ saintly preparation, as the priest was reciting the words of the ritual, “May Jesus Christ appear to thee with a mild and joyful countenance!”

Reflection, - St. Camillus venerated the sick as living images of Christ, and by ministering to them in this spirit did penance for the sins of his youth, led a life precious in merit, and from a violent and quarrelsome soldier became a gentle and tender saint. (*Butler’s Lives of the Saints.*)

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 Vandenburg,
 John Reyes; Lori Bates; Fred & Terry Bose