

Sunday, August 12, 2012
11th Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 12 August, 11th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am †Jonan Sneeringer
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Bishop Soto

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 13 August, SS. Hippolytus & Cassian, Martyrs, IV Class

7:00 am †Frank Farinha
 12:15 pm Elizabeth McDonough
 7:00 pm "special intention"

Tues. 14 August, Vigil of the Assumption, II Class

7:00 am Butchy Family
 6:30 pm †Agustin Daos

Wed. 15 August, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I Class

7:00 am †Jonan Sneeringer
 12:15 pm Andrea Miranda
 7:00 pm Pro Populo

Thurs. 16 August, St. Joachim, Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class

7:00 am Daniel Anthony Long
 6:30 pm CSP Intentions

Fri. 17 August, St. Hyacinth, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Sarah Catonio
 12:15 pm Brian Boyd
 6:30 pm Nicolini Brothers

Sat. 18 August, St. Agapitus, Martyr, or Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class

7:00 am Paul and Flavia Morelli
 9:00 am †Frank Farina

Sun. 19 August, 12th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am †Marion & John O'Connor
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Ian Convy

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.

...In Memoriam

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

Important Upcoming Dates

Aug. 13—Fatima Procession
 Aug. 14—Chesterton Society meeting
 Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—High Mass
 Aug. 16—CSP Evening of Recollection
 Aug. 18—Parish Clean-up Day + Altar Guild + Ladies Altar Society
 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
 Oct. 27—*Salute to Life* Dinner & Auction

Bear Ye One Another's Burdens

Everyone has some burden, more or less heavy, to bear: physical or moral weakness, the press of duties and responsibilities, fatigue or other troubles which weigh on his shoulders. Everyone feels the need of a friendly hand to help him carry this weight. This hand should be held out to him in fraternal charity, which for the love of God, knows how to be all things to all men. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so you shall fulfill the law of Christ" St. Paul exhorts us. A Christian knows that he is not isolated, but is a member of a unique body, the Mystical Body of Christ. "So we being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." This knowledge of his solidarity with the brethren makes a Christian live, not enclosed in the tiny circle of his own interests, but with his heart open to the needs and interests of others. The mystery of our incorporation in Christ is more than an individual fact; by its very nature, it is a social fact. Incorporation in Christ by grace and charity connotes reciprocal incorporation among brethren, like the branches of a vine, which, sprung from the same stock, are so closely united one to another that they live, grow and develop together. Love for Christ is the vital expression of our union with Him; the closer this union becomes, the more our love increases; so too, fraternal charity is the vital expression of our reciprocal union with the brethren in Christ, to such a point that if this charity were not living and operative, we would have to say that our union in Christ and with Christ was very weak or even absolutely null.

If charity and grace unite us to Christ in such intimate and vital relations, it is evident that we must live this union, first with Him who is our Head, and then with our brethren, who like us have also been engrafted into Christ. Hence there will be a supernatural affection which will bind us to one another and make us one heart and one soul, ready to labor and suffer for one another, to help and sustain one another. "Rejoice with them that rejoice; weep with them that weep." Thus the Apostle teaches us to share the joys and sorrows, the cares and anxieties of others as if they were our own. They are, in fact, our own, because they are the joys, sorrows, cares, and anxieties of that one Mystical Body of Christ to which we belong and which, therefore, is *ours*.

Bearing one another's burdens also means enduring the faults of others calmly and kindly. Faults are the inevitable consequence of human limitations. The *Imitation of Christ* tells us, "what a man cannot amend in himself or others, he must bear with patience till God ordains otherwise." In the last months of her life, St. Therese of the Child Jesus wrote, "Now I know that true charity consists in bearing all my neighbor's defects, in not being surprised at mistakes, but in being edified at the smallest virtues."

"O Lord, teach me to love my neighbor with all my heart, not merely as myself, but more than myself, thus obeying Your commandment: 'Love one another, as I have loved you.'" (*"Divine Intimacy"* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD)

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.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, taken up body and soul into heaven, was first finished. It first began to be celebrated in the Church after the Ecumenical Council of Trent declared Mary the Mother of God. By the sixth century, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Dormition, "her falling asleep," was celebrated to celebrate this feast around 650. The Assumption was formally proclaimed as a dogma in 1950.

In today's society, many idolize the material and indulgence. In contrast, the celebration of the Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin Mary reminds us of these temporary, earthly attachments and the dignity and destiny of our human body, especially in our womanhood. It turns our eyes upon the life beyond the grave – eternal life.

May we take heart that one day we will be reunited with God after death. On the feast of Our Mother for the grace to keep our hearts in hers, forever united in the glory of the Resurrection.

Confirmation

Registration is now open for Confirmation. Those age 12 and up may pick up a registration form at the bookstore. The first class will be scheduled for September with 9:00 am Mass.

Adults who have not been confirmed may also be contacted by one of the priests.

Chesterton Society

The next meeting of the newly formed Chesterton Society will meet after the evening Mass on Tuesday, August 14th (7:00 pm), in one of the classrooms. Please contact the office for more information.

Theatre Classes

Theatre classes, \$150.00 for 23-week sessions, meet in the auditorium (South Sutter Charter School, Bernadette Celestin, St. Stephen's parish). Registration begins October 1st—Registration: \$150.00. For more information 916-637-9945.

Fatima + Santiago de Compostela

Just a little time left to sign up for the Fatima + Santiago de Compostela (St. James) pilgrimage to Austria, Lisbon (St. Anthony).

It's not too late, but call now! [www.http://syversentouring.com](http://www.syversentouring.com)
 More information is available in the office or by calling 916-223-3112

St. Stephen Parish

"A Deeper Look at the Our Father"

August 20th—
 Please pray for the success of our intentions of our retreat master, Fr. Gabriel. We have 45+ retreatants signed up for the retreat. Slots left, let us know soon if you are interested. More information is available at the parish office or by calling 916-455-5114 - stephenproto@yahoo.com

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Kaehle, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen, Patricia Benny Stinson, Michael Gould; Sister Mary Richard Becker; Charles Cantoni, Hayde, John Reyes; Lori Bates; Fred & T...