

**Sunday, May 26, 2013**  
**Trinity Sunday**



**Sun. 26 May, Trinity Sunday, I Class**

8:30 am Dixon Haun & Family  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:00 pm Catherine Kaehler

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**Mon. 27 May, St. Bede the Venerable, Confessor & Doctor, III Class**

7:00 am Edward Haun  
12:15 pm Nina Solari

**Tues. 28 May, St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop & Confessor, III Class**

7:00 am Chuck Desepte & Family  
6:30 pm Nick Gannes

**Wed. 29 May, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin, III Class**

7:00 am James Harris & Family  
12:15 pm Andy Solari & Anna Colavita

**Thurs. 30 May, Corpus Christi, I Class**

7:00 am Family of Nick Solari  
6:30 pm †Charlie Burns

**Fri. 31 May, Queenship of Mary, II Class**

7:00 am Jose A. Gomez & Family  
12:15 pm Souls in Purgatory  
6:30 pm Fr. Ricardo Magdelano

**Sat. 1 June, St. Angela Merici, Virgin, III Class**

*(First Saturday)*  
7:00 am Saralyn Taormina  
9:00 am Family of Joseph Bumb

**Sun. 2 June, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, II Class**

8:30 am Christina Nicolini  
10:30 am Pro Populo (**External Solemnity of Corpus Christi**)  
1:00 pm Teresa Vandenburg

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**Help is needed with cleaning around the parish (gym, bathrooms, etc. ) and also yard work/maintenance. Would you be willing to give a little of your time?**

**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**

†Ray Keller, †Elin Frances Terra, †Martha Robison,  
†Gabriel Vargas, †Olympia Gonzalez, †Forrest Long,  
†Jenna Telles, †Bernard Beronio, †Georgia Munsill  
†Patricia Greco, †Draga Kozina, †Doug McNeely

**Important Upcoming Dates**

June 1—Ordinations in Nebraska  
June 7—Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
June 13—Fatima Procession  
June 16-22—Camp Sacred Heart  
July 8—12 Annual Parish Retreat (Preached by Fr. Goodwin)  
July 26—27—N.CA Home School Conference—St. Stephens  
Aug. 4—Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen—Pig Roast & Square Dance  
Oct. 31—All Saints Eve Party

**The Holy Spirit and Prayer**

Our relations with God are essentially filial ones, trustful and confident, for we are not strangers, but “domestics of God;” we belong to God’s family. Our prayer then ought to express the feelings of a happy child who enjoys talking heart to heart with his father, and can throw himself into his father’s arms with complete abandon. Unfortunately, we are always poor sinners, and the knowledge of our wretchedness and unfaithfulness may paralyze this filial affection, causing a certain fear to arise in our souls, a fear which, sometimes, spontaneously puts on our lips Peter’s cry: “Depart from me, O Lord, for I am a sinful man.” This happens especially when the soul is going through dark periods of struggle, temptations, and difficulties, all of which tend to throw it into agitation and confusion, impeding, in spite of its efforts, that confident outpouring of the heart which submerges all its worries in God. Then one day, during prayer, the soul becomes recollected under the influence of a new light which drives away all fear, not a new thought, but an intimate realization of truth never before experienced: God is my Father, I am His child. It is the influence of the gift of piety, set in motion by the Holy Spirit. St. Paul speaking to the first Christians told them: “You have not received the spirit of bondage again in fear; but you have received the spirit of adoption of sons, whereby we cry: Abba, Father. For the Spirit Himself giveth testimony to our spirit, that we are the sons of God.” Hence it is the Holy Spirit who infuses into the soul this strong feeling of filial piety, of full confidence in its heavenly Father; furthermore, He Himself, with unspeakable groanings, whispers within it: “Father!” “God hath sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father!” Thus the soul feels itself transformed, and its relations with God become filial.

Interior prayer is intimate converse of the soul with God. But who will teach man, so coarse and earthly minded, of heaven and earth? There will never be a ritual nor a devout book capable of regulating the intimate relations of friendship between the Creator and His creature. But there is one Master, whose ability is fully proportioned to His aim, and whose instruction is within the reach of ever Christian soul.

This Master is the Holy Spirit. “The Spirit also helpeth our infirmity, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit Himself asketh for us with unspeakable groanings.” This is a consoling truth for the soul which feels its powerlessness, its inability to treat with God, its need of a prayer which is fully suitable to the sovereign Majesty, the infinite transcendence of the Most High. This is how the Holy Spirit alternates in the soul sentiments of complete confidence and of profound adoration, of loving friendship and of recognition of God’s supreme greatness. He repeats within us: “Pater,” and also, “*Tu solus Sanctus, Tu solus Dominus, Tu solus Altissimus.*” Thou alone art holy, Thou alone art God, Thou alone art the Most High. Even when we are in a state of aridity, when our heart is cold and our mind in darkness, the Holy Spirit is praying within us, and we can always offer His prayer to God—prayer that is the truest and the most precious, prayer which will most certainly be heard, because the Holy Spirit cannot inspire sentiments and desires contrary to the divine will, but “He asketh for us according to God.”

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

**Please Keep in Your Prayers ...**

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Kaehler Family, Mike McGrath, Barbara Graichen, Munsill Family, Sister Marie Jeanne, Elizabeth Pierini, Charles Cantoni, Hayden Garcia, Mitzi Vandenburg, John Reyes; Lori Bates; Ken Taylor, Dr. Gerald Foy,

**The Doctrine of the Real Presence**

A certain man was once thrown into prison. He there suffered so much from hunger, thirst and cold that at last he was almost dead. One day the king determined to pay a visit to the captive, in order to find out how he bore his sufferings. Having put off his royal apparel, he went in disguise to the prison and asked the poor man how he fared, but the prisoner, being very sad and melancholy, scarcely deigned to answer him. When the king had gone away, the jailor said to the criminal: “Do you know who was speaking to you? It was the king himself.” “The king!” exclaimed the captive. “O wretch that I am! If I had known that I would have thrown myself at his feet and clasped his knees, and I would not have let him go until he had pardoned me. Alas! What a favorable opportunity I have lost of freeing myself from this dungeon.” It was thus the poor captive lamented in anguish and despair, but all was unavailing.

I think, dear Reader, you understand the meaning of this story. The sufferings of this captive represent the wretchedness of man’s condition on this earth. Our true country is Heaven, and as long as we are living on earth, we are captives and exiles. We are far from Jesus Christ, our King; far from Mary, our good Mother; far from the Angels and Saints of Heaven; and far from our dear departed friends. But very many Christians are also, in another respect, like the captive of whom I have spoken. They do not know Jesus Christ, their true King, who not only visits them, but dwells very near them. “But,” you will ask, “how can Jesus Christ dwell near them without their knowing Him?” It is because He has put on a strange garment and appears in disguise. Our Lord Jesus Christ abides in two places: in Heaven, where He shows Himself undisguised, as He is in reality; and on earth in the Blessed Sacrament, in which He conceals Himself under the appearance of bread. One day a certain nun said to St. Teresa: “I wish that I had lived at the time of Jesus Christ, my dear Savior, for then I could have seen how amiable and lovely He is.” St. Teresa, on hearing this, laughed outright. “What!” said she, “do you not know then, dear sister, that the same Jesus Christ is still with us on earth, that he lives quite near us, in our churches, on our altars, in the Blessed Sacrament?” Yes, the Blessed Sacrament, or Holy Eucharist, is the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who is truly, really and substantially present under the outward appearances of bread and wine.

Our dear Savior, hidden under the Sacramental veils, seem to reproach us: “your God and Redeemer, have been so long with you in the Blessed Sacrament, and yet you do not know Me? Do you not know that when you see the Blessed Sacrament, you see Me, your Jesus? Do you not know that, when you are in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, you are in My Divine Presence?” Alas, this reproach is but too just! How true are the words of the Evangelist: “He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.” May you, my dear Reader, never deserve this reproach, but rather, may you be of the number of those of whom the same Evangelist says: “But as many as received Him, to them He hath given power to be made the sons of God.” May you live on earth as a child of God, and after death may you be received into the kingdom of your heavenly Father, where, in reward for your faith, you will see, face to face, Him whom you have adored in the Blessed Sacrament and will hear from His lips the consoling words: “Come, My well-beloved, blessed art thou, because though thou hast not seen, thou hast yet believed.”

(“*The Blessed Eucharist—Our Greatest Treasure*”, by Fr. Mueller)

**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.

**Start Saving!!**

Start saving white elephant prizes gently used or new for the *Fatima’s Bazaar Booth* at the Pig Roast.

Help will be needed as well. For more information call Fatima 916-451-9752. Prizes may be left at the parish office.

**Confraternity of St. Peter FSSP Anniversary Pilgrimage 25 Years**

Travel to Rome, Italy to attend a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at the Fraternity of St. Peter’s Rome Parish on the 25th anniversary of the order’s founding. See the most important religious sites of the Eternal City and then travel south to visit the shrines of Pompei, Nettuno, Materdomini, Naples & Amalfi.

**Highlights:** General Audience with Pope Francis, Four Major Churches of Rome, Catacombs, Holy Staircase (Scalla Santa), Shrines of St. Gerard Majella, St. Maria Goretti & St. Philomena.; Rosary Basilica of Pompei (tomb of Bl. Bartolo Longo); home of St. Guiseppe Moscati; tomb of St. Andrew the Apostle.

For more information call 916-223-3112 or visit the website @ [www.syversentouring.com/confraternity](http://www.syversentouring.com/confraternity)

**Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen Annual Feast Day Celebration August 4, 2013**

The Finding or Transferal of the Relics of St. Stephen is our biggest event of the year at St. Stephens. Because it is our patronal feast, everyone should be involved in making it a special celebration. Please look at the list of possible committees below and see how you might help. Please let us know either at the parish office or bookstore or sign up in the vestibule.

- ◆ Advertising/Tickets
- ◆ Set-up/Decoration
- ◆ Clean-up
- ◆ Food
  - \* Pig Roast / Meat
  - \* Side Dishes
  - \* Dessert
  - \* Drinks
- ◆ Booths
  - \* Snow Cone
  - \* Games
  - \* Raffle
  - \* Fatima’s Bazaar
- ◆ Entertainment
  - \* Square Dance
  - \* Music (Bag pipe, banjo etc.)

**“Holy Mass - Gate to Heaven”**

**2013 Annual Retreat—July 8—12**

**About 5 more spaces available—sign-up today!**

Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP will be preaching our retreat this year. It will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center. This is a silent retreat, each retreatant will have a private room/bath. If you would like to hold a space call the parish office or stop in the bookstore. Space is limited. For more information call 916-455-5114.

**~ Summer Dress Code ~**

Please recall that everyone is expected to dress with modesty and in a way befitting the house of God. Our choice of clothing is an expression of our worship; it may also affect the ability of others to worship. Dress should conceal rather than reveal. There is a sign in the vestibule that gives more details regarding proper dress. It is further expected that modesty in dress be maintained on the church grounds at all times.

We do request that the correction of strangers in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.