

Sunday, June 9, 2013
3rd Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 9 June, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am Gerardi Family
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Leonard Vandenburg

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. 10 June, St. Margaret of Scotland, Widow, IV Class

7:00 am Carolyn Perez
 12:15 pm Paul Nicolini

Tues. 11 June, St. Barnabas, Apostle, III Class

7:00 am Wedinsky Family
 6:30 pm Alfred Nicolini

Wed. 12 June, St. John of San Facundo, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Michael Szumowski
 12:15 pm Michael Codiphly & Family

Thurs. 13 June, St. Anthony of Padua, Confessor & Doctor, III Class

7:00 am Robert Haun & Family
 6:30 pm Joseph Nicolini

Fri. 14 June, St. Basil the Great, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor, III Class

7:00 am Elizabeth Krieg
 12:15 pm Eliabeth Krieg
 6:30 pm Wynette Sills

Sat. 15 June, Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class

7:00 am Amy Rutschow
 9:00 am Grandpi & Grami Cantoni

Sun. 16 June, 4th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class

8:30 am Noah Reali
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Jim Carlson

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.

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,

...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 13—Fatima Procession

June 16-22—Camp Sacred Heart
 June 18—Chesterton Society Meeting
 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 Heart of Jesus Our Model

A soul consecrated to the Sacred Heart, a soul given to reparation, must feel the need of modeling its life on that of Jesus. How can we say that we are really consecrated to the Sacred Heart, how can we say that we are His victim of reparation, when we retain in our heart feelings, desires, and attractions which are opposed to His?

It is clear that in order to model our heart on the Heart of Christ we cannot limit ourselves to eliminating this or that fault, to acquiring such and such a virtue; rather, we must strive to reform our whole life. However, when the divine Master offered us His Heart as a model, He spoke of two virtues in particular, meekness and humility: "Learn of Me because I am meek and humble of heart." Not without reason has He spoken thus, knowing that when we have removed all movements and feelings of pride and self-love from our heart, we will also have suppressed all our other faults; and when we have acquired a profound humility, we will have acquired all the other virtues as well. Let us pause, then to consider this great lesson of the Heart of Jesus.

First, Jesus speaks to us of meekness. This is the virtue by which man is enabled to master everything that falls under the heading of "anger." Meekness gives the power to restrain and dominate all those passionate movements—even slight ones - which sometimes make us exceed just limits, and lose sight of the divine Guide. Since the guide of a soul desirous of giving itself to the service of God, is God Himself, is the Heart of Jesus, we must never lose sight of Our Lord or withdraw from Him, even for a short time; if we do, we will end by following our own self-love and trivial passions. Meekness, however, gives us self-mastery, enabling us to dominate every kind of irritation. If we examine ourselves carefully, we shall see that these irritations are almost always caused by some little hurt to our pride; the irascible appetite has been aroused by something which has wounded our "ego." Meekness, as we can see, is closely connected with humility.

Our Lord joins the lesson of meekness to that of humility precisely because the immediate foundation of meekness is humility. It takes only a small amount of pride, of self-love, of attachment to our own way of seeing or doing things to make us unable to stand opposition. Then in the face of the shocks inevitably arising from the common life, we lose, to a greater or lesser extent, our serenity, our interior and exterior peace. If serenity is lost calmness of judgment is also lost; therefore, we are no longer able to see clearly the divine light showing us which path to follow in order to give Our Lord what He is asking of us. Our soul wavers, loses its vigor, and allows itself to be ruled somewhat by passion. As long as any traces of pride and self-love remain in us, there will always occur circumstances in which we will lose some of our control and self-mastery; consequently, we shall lack meekness. To profit by the lesson of the Heart of Jesus, and to model our heart on His, we must work assiduously to uproot every trace of pride and self-love. It is a task to which we must give our attention day by day, always beginning again, and never allowing ourselves to be discouraged by the constant recurrence of the attractions and resentments of our "ego." We can only win this battle by never giving up the struggle.

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

Rosa Mystica & Little Flowers

Registration is now open for Rosa Mystica (ages 9-14) & Little Flowers (ages 5—8). Forms are available at the Parish Office, bookstore, or by e-mail. The **deadline** for registration is July 31st and **space is limited**. Registration forms are also available for the Sodality of Our Lady, (ages 14 & up)

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

The only hymn worthy of the Blessed Trinity

The great Cardinal Mercier, a saintly and learned theologian used to say: "Give me a priest fully appreciating the gift of his daily Mass, preparing it well, offering it devoutly, living the grace of his Mass; I tell you, this priest will be ready for canonization when he dies." I apply this statement to the faithful: Give me a Catholic fully realizing the doctrine of the Mass, really and truly living the grace of daily Mass, and I, too, will show you someone who will be a saint at the hour of death.

I am preaching the reign of the Sacred Heart. But the reign of the Sacred Heart presupposes an enlightened mind, a full appreciation of the meaning of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, as much as that is possible. The Mass is the only wonderful thing on earth—the rest is mere shadow. This is the obsession of my life; this is the foundation of the crusade I am preaching. In the measure we give to priests, to religious, to the faithful, the true meaning, the true sense, of this message of faith and love, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we are preaching eloquently, victoriously, through His Blood and Chalice, the reign of the great King Who was crucified for us, the reign of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, Who wrought this miracle.

One day Our Lord appeared to a privileged soul who asked Him this question: "Lord, what can I offer Thee for the glory of Thy Father, for Thine own glory and for my sanctification?" The answer came back: "One more Mass!"

Let us then speak strongly and clearly about Holy Mass. May Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament be close to us to help us properly understand the doctrine and the theology of the Mass. (*"Jesus, King of Love"* by Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey)

Calling all Mothers and Grandmothers & all Ladies of the Parish!

Do you have skills you would like to share with the young ladies of the parish? Homemaking skills of any kind; sewing, knitting, embroidery, crochet, proper table setting, being a good hostess, flower arranging, etc. We need you!

The Rosa Mystica Girls Society meets the 1st Saturday of the month during the school year and is looking for women who would enjoy sharing their time and talent with our young ladies.

For more information please call the parish office.

Opportunity to Serve

St. Stephens is in need of volunteers to help with the cleaning and maintenance in and around the buildings and property. This is an opportunity to serve your parish and earn graces.

Please also help us in the proper disposal of trash and taking care not to leave personal belongings. It is very time consuming trying to stay on top of all of this—your cooperation is very much appreciated.

For more information call the office: 916-455-5114.

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.

Next Chesterton Meeting

Tuesday, June 18th at 7:30

Readings will be----

From Tremendous Trifles:

"The Riddle of the Ivy"

"The Travelers in State"

"The Prehistoric Railway Station"

From Fr. Brown:

"The Sign of the Broken Sword"

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

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.

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

Sacramento Catholic Forum

Paul O'Reilly, Vice President, Thomas Aquinas College will be speaking on *The New Evangelization in an Atheistic Age*. Red Lion Hotel, June 21, 2013, 11:30 am. Cost: \$30.00 in advance, \$40.00 at the door. For reservations or more info: www.sacatholicforum.org

"Holy Mass - Gate to Heaven" 2013 Annual Retreat—July 8—12

About 8 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.