

**Sunday, August 31, 2014**  
**12th Sunday after Pentecost**



A certain Samaritan brought him to an inn

**Sun. 31 Aug. 12th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class**

8:30 am †Robert Porter  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm Renee Burns

3:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

**Mon. 1 Sept. St. Giles, Confessor, IV Class**

7:00 am Francis Dugyon  
 12:15 pm Paulo Dichoso

**Tues. 2 Sept. St. Stephen of Hungary, King & Confessor, IV Class**

7:00 am James Austin Klaas  
 6:30 pm Sue McGrath

**Wed. 3 Sept. St. Pius X, Pope & Confessor, III Class**

7:00 am Mary  
 12:15 pm Kira

**Thurs. 4 Sept. Jesus Christ, the High Priest, III Class**

7:00 am Ann Cusmano  
 6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality

**Fri. 5 Sept. St. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop & Confessor, III Class**

7:00 am Lenora  
 12:15 pm Michael Nigra  
 6:30 pm †Father Kozina

**Sat. 6 Sept. Immaculate Heart of Mary, III Class**

7:00 am †Thomas Simperts  
 9:00 am Phil Scarry

**Sun. 7 Sept. 13th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class**

8:30 am †Claude Meauze & family  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:00 pm †Draga Kozina

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, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.

**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.

**...In Memoriam**

†Charles Cantoni, †Manuel Nino, †Margaret Correa,  
 †Cindy Yumoto, †Fr. Vladimir Kozina, †Philip Rutschow,  
 †Jennie Tomasi

**Important Upcoming Dates**

September 6—Girls' Club resumes  
 September 7—Confirmation Classes begin  
 September 13—Fatima Procession  
 September 16—Chesterton Society Meeting  
 October 18—26th Anniversary of the FSSP  
 October 31—All Saints Eve Party  
 April 13—Confirmation at 6:30 pm  
 May 30—FSSP Priestly Ordinations

**Perfect Justice**

The justice of a soul aspiring to perfection is not cold and dry, not insistent about receiving all that is its due, but it is broad, liberal, generous, and vivified by the expansive breath of charity. Hence it reaches far beyond material justice, which does not come from the heart but limits itself to exterior acts. Primarily, the former is interior justice, that is, uprightness of heart and mind, justice in thoughts, desires, feelings, and intentions. The soul who possesses it has not listened in vain to the words of Jesus: "Unless your justice abound more than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." The justice of the Pharisees was insufficient, because it was limited to a purely exterior observance of the law. They had no scruple about secretly trampling upon their most sacred religious duties. These men covered their public conduct with the cloak of justice, without troubling themselves to make it the motive of their private conduct, their affections and the desires of their hearts.

What good, then, is the outer display of justice if its interior spirit is lacking? For example, what use is it to pose in public as a defender of the rights of the people, if in private life a man does not pay workmen a just wage, or is dishonest in commerce, in business, in exercising his profession? What use is it to pour out fine words and promises—or even gifts—on anyone, when we are not willing to recognize and respect his rights?

The soul that thirsts for justice has a horror of all such proceedings, and, far from being satisfied to appear just in acts which can be judged by others, wants to be just in all actions, even those which are not seen by others, but are known only to God. He seeks above all justice of heart and of mind, for exterior justice proceeds solely from interior justice.

If we ourselves should fulfill justice rigorously in all our actions, interior as well as exterior, this does not give us the right to demand justice from our neighbor. More than anyone, Jesus brought justice into the world, yet no one was more gentle and kind than He. Even when it is our duty to safeguard or establish justice in specific circumstances, we should be careful not to be severe, but to act with kindness, trying to persuade rather than to impose. If we attempt to administer justice by force, we shall obtain nothing, or at most, a strained situation which will soon collapse. Following the example of Jesus, we must try to make justice penetrate into souls and into society by means of charity, love, and an understanding of the weaknesses of others. If we want to be realistic, we must remember that, no matter how much we do, we shall never, even under the best of circumstances, obtain absolute justice in this world. Perfect justice is found only in heaven; even Jesus bore with the unjust acts of Judas and the Pharisees. Although He could have acted otherwise, He did not wish the cockle to be uprooted from the field until the time of the harvest. We then, must be very patient and merciful, especially when the injustice is aimed against ourselves. For a soul aspiring to sanctity, it can well be said that the greatest justice consists in bearing patiently and humbly all the injustices of which it is the target, for it would be absurd to think of reaching perfection without following in the footsteps of Jesus. If He, Innocence itself, suffered so much injustice without complaining, is it not just that we who are sinners should, at least, suffer something without posing as victims, but remaining calm and serene? Justice itself, then, urges us to bear injustices.

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

**Flame of White**  
**A Life of Saint Pius X**

The translation of Brennendes Feuer, which is a graphic life of St. Pius X, has been a work of love and inspiration. The lessons given us by the great Pontiff in his poverty, charity and burning zeal for souls should animate all who strive for personal holiness and the saving of many souls.

When Pope St. Pius was a boy, the neighbors call him Beppo Sarto. He was full of fire but he burned with a steady glow. People loved him because he loved people. The purpose of this biography is to widen the circle of boys and girls, men and women, to know him better and to love him the more in gratitude for the unspeakable privilege of daily, holy Communion.

After a life of sacrifice, he at last closed his eyes. His memory called up the past. Distant pictures stood before his soul. Again he saw himself with his mother Margherita before the miraculous image of Our Lady of Cendrole. Our Lady seemed to raise her hand and beckon to him. "Yes, holy Mother, I come."

Slowly the hours passed till nightfall. The dying Pontiff listened. Yes, the bell sounded; the big bell of St. Peter's. "Pray, pray! The father of Christendom is dying." "I come, yes, I come," his spirit answered.

Pope Pius turned his eyes to his sisters. He wanted them to come to him; they drew near; he raised his hand to bless them; then it sank motionless. The bells announced midnight. The new day had arrived; it was August 20, 1914.

Pope Pius seemed to listen to sounds in the distance. Did he hear the thunder of the cannon, the cry of the wounded, the death rattle in the throats of the dying? "For them, Lord, my life for them." Pope Pius X gave back his soul into the hands of its Creator.

Someone opened the document of his last will. The Cardinal that broke the seal read with great emotion: "Poor I was born, poor I have lived, and I know that I will die in poverty." On his tomb the following was inscribed: Pope Pius X, poor and rich, meek and humble of heart, the strong defender of Catholic interests, attempted to renew all things in Christ, piously died August 20 in the year of our Lord 1914.

This book, then, is the story of a great, yet simple life. (*Flame of White* by William Hunermann)

**Treasures of the Mass**

The **Introit** is a verse from the Psalms or the Old Testament and varies according to the feast celebrated or the season of the year. It stands in close relationship with, and is so to say, the **key** to a right understanding of the Epistle and Gospel. It expresses the spirit of the feast or the mystery being celebrated — whether of joy, of gratitude, of hope, of longing, of desire, of petition — and the sentiments which ought principally to animate the hearts of the faithful.

On the feasts of saints, the Introit recalls the vocation, the outstanding work, the sufferings, the glorification, etc. of the saint who is being honored. On the various Sundays of the year, the Introit announces some truth of religion, or a Divine promise, or recalls some event which inspires confidence, reverence, resignation, or some other virtue. Sometimes it is a plea for help or for mercy, or again, an invitation to give praise and thanks to God.

During Advent we cry with ardent longing for the Redeemer in the words of Isaias, "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened, and bud forth a Savior." At Christmas we rejoice in the birth of the "Prince of Peace." In the **Introit** of the Mass of Corpus Christi we rejoice in the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, the Heavenly Bread with which we are fed.

(*Treasures of the Mass*, Loreda Publications)

**Confirmation Classes to Begin September 7th**

Registration is now open for Confirmation classes. Students must have completed their 12th birthday by June 1, 2012 in order to enroll. **Baptism Certificates** are required prior to the first class in order to participate.

Registration forms are available in the bookstore.

Classes will be held at 12:30 every Sunday in one of the classrooms.

**Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for young ladies ages 14-20, begins Saturday, Sept 6th and generally meets the First Saturdays of the year through May. by Fr. Lasance: *The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Congregation of the Children of Mary, has for its object to assemble its members at the feet of the Mother of God, to dedicate them in a very special manner to the veneration and service of the Blessed Virgin, and to place them under her particular patronage and protection both in life and at the hour of death.* Thus, the main focus is to deepen our spiritual lives through the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Meetings consist of prayers, activities (like altar linens and flowers), and a spiritual talk. The year will include reading assignments from the Fr. Lasance Girl's Guide and other activities, like singing Christmas carols at a nursing home. Participants will be expected to follow the Sodality Handbook, a copy of which is available in the bookstore. Please review the handbook and sign up in the bookstore.

**The Reed of God**  
**"Our Lady's Seeking"**

Mary and Joseph took the road back to Jerusalem seeking Christ. They looked for Him, as Mary told Him, sorrowing. "Thy Father and I have sought thee sorrowing." However, her search did not end when she found Him in the Temple, and it did not really begin when she lost Him on the road from Jerusalem.

From the hour when Gabriel saluted her, the little girl in Nazareth, she had had to seek for Him through faith: to believe that he was in her; to believe that this little child whom she rocked to sleep was God; that it was God whom she taught to walk, to speak, to hold a spoon.

After the finding in the Temple, He returned to Nazareth and was obedient to her and Joseph. She had to believe that it was God who obeyed them; God who grew and who increased in wisdom.

Later on, she was again seeking for Christ, this time among the crowd that thronged round Him in His public life. She is among those who are trying to get close to Him: therefore, she is among the sick, the crippled, the blind, the poorest beggars—outcasts of every description. For such are the people who follow Christ in every age.

It is just like Our Lady, this: she, who did not seek an exalted or solitary life in which to prepare for Christ's birth, is content now to follow Him in the crowd, to seek Him among strangers in the public street.

In our days there is very little solitude for those who really try to get close to Christ in the world, who want to prove the sincerity of their love by taking their share of the burden on the back of humanity. Like Our Lady, they must come to Him in the crowds. (Excerpt from *The Reed of God* by Caryll Houselander)

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

Mike Hayes, Jim Carlson, Kaehler Family, Mike McGrath,  
 Barbara Graichen, Munsill Family, Sister Marie Jeanne,  
 Mitzi Vandenburg, John Reyes, Dr. Gerald Foy,  
 Carlos Aldana, Liliana, Luz & Cesar Morales, Richard Corbin,  
 Robert Nunez, Renee Burns, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson,  
 John Patrick Corr, Ron Carlon