

Sunday, October 19, 2014
19th Sunday after Pentecost



Sun. 19 Oct.	19th Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:30 am	Christopher & Nweni Magabo
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:00 pm	†Gabriel Vargas
3:00 pm	Vespers & Benediction
Mon. 20 Oct.	St. John Cantius, Confessor, III Class
7:00 am	Katie McClosky
12:15 pm	†Father K. Walker
Tues. 21 Oct.	St. Hilarion, Abbot, IV Class
7:00 am	†Clark Baccay
6:30 pm	Adriel Dao
Wed. 22 Oct.	Feria, IV Class
7:00 am	†Father Kozina
12:15 pm	Gian Paulo Flores & Family
Thurs. 23 Oct.	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop & Confessor, III Class
7:00 am	†Gerald Graichen
6:30 pm	Krisalyn Dao
Fri. 24 Oct.	St. Raphael the Archangel, III Class
7:00 am	Father Joseph Terra
12:15 pm	†Florencia Mascarina
6:30 pm	†Remedios Mortensen
Sat. 25 Oct.	SS. Chrysanthus & Daria, Martyrs, IV Class
7:00 am	†Francis J. Covy
9:00 am	†Sosimo Valenzona
Sun. 26 Oct.	Christ the King, I Class
8:30 am	†Lucina Mascarinas
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:00 pm	Greco Family (Living & Deceased)
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.

Important Upcoming Dates

October 21—Chesterton Society Meeting
 October 31—All Saints Eve Party
 November 1—All Saints Day: Holy Day
 November 3—Commemoration of All Souls
 January 24—11th Annual Walk For Life
 April 13—Confirmation at 6:30 pm
 May 30—FSSP Priestly Ordinations

Various Forms of the Apostolate

When we speak of the apostolate, we think almost exclusively of external activity; this is certainly necessary, but it is not the only kind of apostolate. We must always bear in mind that Jesus saved us not only by the activity of the last three years of His life, which were dedicated to the evangelization of the multitudes and the formation of the first nucleus of the Church, but also by prayer, suffering, vigils—by His whole life. Jesus was always an *apostle*, always the *one sent* by the Father for our salvation. His apostolate began at Bethlehem in the dreariness of a cave; as a tiny Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, He was already suffering for us; it continued during the thirty years spent at Nazareth in prayer, in retirement, in the hidden life; it took an external form in His direct contact with souls during His public life, and reached its culmination in His agony in the Garden of Olives and His death on the Cross. Jesus was an apostle in the stable of Bethlehem, in the shop of St. Joseph, in His anguish in Gethsemane and on Calvary no less than when He was going through Palestine, teaching the multitudes or disputing with the doctors of the law.

Our apostolate consists in associating ourselves with what Jesus has done for the redemption of mankind; therefore, it is not limited to external activity, but it also consists, and essentially so, in prayer and sacrifice. Thus one clearly sees that there are two fundamental forms of apostolate: the interior apostolate of prayer and immolation, which is a prolongation of the hidden life and of the Passion of Jesus; and the exterior apostolate of word and of work, which is a prolongation of His public life. Both are a participation in the redemptive work of Jesus, but there is a great difference between them. The interior apostolate is the indispensable foundation of the exterior apostolate; no one, in fact, can hope to save souls by exterior works which are not sustained by prayer and sacrifice. On the other hand, there are cases where external works can be dispensed with, without, on that account, lessening the interior apostolate of prayer and sacrifice, which can still be very intense and fruitful. Every Christian is an apostle, not only in virtue of the activity in which he engages, but principally because of his participation in the prayer and sacrifice by which Jesus has redeemed the world.

The interior apostolate can subsist by itself; in fact, there are states of life that justify the absence of an exterior apostolate. One of these is the purely contemplative life, which has always flourished in the Church. Like a mother, she jealously defends it against the attacks of those who condemn it as an escape from the field of action. Those who follow God's call and retire from active works to give themselves to this kind of life are not deserters; if they leave the ranks of the external apostolate, they do this only in order to give themselves to a more intensive apostolate, that of prayer and continual immolation.

"Those in the Church who perform the function of prayer and continual penance, contribute to the growth of the Church and the salvation of the human race to a *greater degree* than those who cultivate the Lord's field by their activity; for, if they did not draw down from heaven an abundance of divine grace to irrigate the field, the evangelical workers would certainly receive less fruit from their labors." This authorized statement of a great Pope can leave no doubt as to the immense apostolic value of the contemplative life; but, on the other hand, it is but just to remark that such value is realized only when contemplatives engage themselves with all their strength in prayer and continual immolation. When the contemplative life is lived with such intensity it is, in an eminent way, an apostolic life.
 (*Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD)

All Souls Novena of Masses

Since the Commemoration of All Souls occurs on a Sunday this year, the feast day has been transferred to Monday, November 3rd. Envelopes are available in the vestibule for the **All Souls Novena of Masses**. Please turn in by November 1st.

St. Raphael, God's Physician

Father Faber had a very special and tender devotion to this glorious Archangel as evidenced by the following illuminating and inspiring dedication of his book, *Growth in Holiness*:

To
 My blessed Prince and Patron
 Saint Raphael
 One of the Seven who stand always before God,
 Glorious, Benignant, Beautiful,
 The figure of His Providence,
 Physician, Guide and Joy of souls,
 Companion of wayfaring mortals,
 An angel of their vicissitudes,
 By whom
 The tenderness of the Father, the healing of the Son
 And the gladness of the Holy Ghost
 Are ministered to wandering men
 With the efficacious power of an angelic spirit,
 And the compassionate, pathetic love
 Of a kindly human heart.

St. Raphael is the angel of peace, of health and of joy. "Joy be to thee always," was his salutation to Tobias. He is the angel sent in God's Providence to guide and guard, to heal and save. So it is that he forever typifies the watchfulness, tenderness and helpful affection of our own Guardian Angels. For that reason we look on him with a particular affection.

"He is special in his beauty;
 Like unto him there is none;
 Tender, patient and pathetic,
 Dear St. Raphael stands alone.

"O thou human-hearted Seraph!
 How I long to see thy face,
 Where in silver showers of beauty
 God bedews thee with His grace!

"But I see thee now in spirit
 Mid the Godhead's silent springs,
 With a soft eternal sunset
 Sleeping ever on thy wings."
 —FATHER FABER

Oh, St. Raphael, Medicine of God, Angel of happy meetings, of peace and of joy, we beseech thee, cure our infirmities of soul and body in virtue of the Divine Blood, source of all healing graces.
 (Excerpt from *St. Michael and the Angels* Compiled From Approved Sources)

Reminder— Chesterton Society meeting:

October 21st at 7:30pm

We will be discussing :
 The first half of
 "What's Wrong With the World"
 All are welcome!

...In Memoriam

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

All Saints Eve—Donations and Help Needed

Please help us to celebrate the Communion of Saints by making a **donation of candy and cash**. This is an evening for everyone—young and old alike.

Would you be interested in running a game or snack booth? What fun it is to give treats to miniature St. Therese or St. John Bosco!

Envelopes for **donations** and sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule.

For more information or to help please call Marisol at 916-717-8908.

Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament—Altar Society

Are you interested in ironing, making or mending sacred linens for use at the altar? Would you enjoy arranging flowers for our altar? We need you! There are many other opportunities as well to serve the church by being a part of our altar society. Stop by the parish office or bookstore or call and leave your name. No previous experience is necessary—we will teach you!

40 Days For Life

September 24-November 2

All are asked to be generous with their time, and to come spend just one hour as often as you like! Your presence at an abortion site speaks powerfully of your commitment to the unborn. By God's grace and through the power of prayer 8,973 babies have been saved from abortion, 101 abortion workers have experienced conversion of heart and quit their jobs, and 56 abortuaries have closed down for good!

This life-saving, peaceful, prayerful apostolate will be at 1442 Ethan Way, Sacramento (across the street from Cal Expo), Monday through Friday 7 am—7 pm. We offer women help, compassionate support, and encouragement so that they are better able to choose life for their babies.

Sacred Heart Families

If you are interested in joining the parish e-loop, let us know. It is a moderated loop set up to send out news on parish events and announcements. It is also for sending out prayer requests. All posts are read by moderators before they are put through to the loop. Members are asked to reply privately to prayer requests and other comments which are not meant for the entire group. It's a great way to stay informed!

11th Annual Walk for Life—Save the Date!

Saturday, January 24, 2015

Bus tickets will be on sale in the gym after all Masses in October. For earlier tickets or additional information contact Mike at 916-335-4553 or Kathleen at 916-204-9125.

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 & Ceasar Morales, Richard Corbin,
 Robert Nunez, Renee Burns, Sue McGrath, Lorraine Peterson,
 John Patrick Corr, Ron Carlon, Michael Cuellar, Heather Cuellar,
 Msgr. Kavanaugh, Anaidel Perez Aravelo, Joan Blackburn,
 Luis Salazar