

**Sunday, October 26, 2014
Feast of Christ the King**



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
Mon. 27 Oct.	Feria, IV Class
7:00 am	Le Xuan Culbreath
12:15 pm	FSSP
Tues. 28 Oct.	SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles, II Class
7:00 am	Jean-Lus Meauze & family
6:30 pm	Charles Watts Family
Wed. 29 Oct.	Feria, IV Class
7:00 am	†Father Kozina
12:15 pm	†John Burns
Thurs. 30 Oct.	Feria, IV Class
7:00 am	Father Joseph Terra
6:30 pm	†Glenna Burns
Fri. 31 Oct.	Feria, IV Class
7:00 am	Patricia Becker
12:15 pm	Dennis & Rebecca Watts
Sat. 1 Nov.	All Saints, I Class
7:00 am	Holy Souls
9:00 am	Aranas family
10:30 am	Solemn High Mass
Sun. 2 Nov.	21st Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:30 am	†James R. Sheldon
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:00 pm	†Daryl Stephens
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 31—All Saints Eve Party
November 1—All Saints Day
November 2—Day Light Saving Time **Ends**
November 3—Commemoration of All Souls
December 8—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 12—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
January 24—11th Annual Walk For Life
April 13—Confirmation at 6:30 pm
May 30—FSSP Priestly Ordinations

Humility in the Apostolate

Humility is the indispensable foundation of the whole spiritual life; hence it is the basic condition of every apostolate and constitutes the principal part of the program of abnegation and forgetfulness of self which the apostolate requires. Because the apostle is placed, as it were, on a candlestick, he needs more than others to protect himself from pride and vainglory by a deep humility. In glancing through the Gospels, it is significant to note how much Jesus insisted on this point relative to the training of His Apostles. While they were debating among themselves who would be the greatest in the messianic kingdom, the Master answered: "Unless you be converted and become as little children, You shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." On another occasion, when the mother of James and John asked the first places for her sons, Jesus replied: "He that will be first among you shall be your servant." And on the evening of the Last Supper, while washing the feet of the Apostles, He showed them to what extent they should make themselves *servants*: "If then, I, being your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." Finally, before sending them into His vineyard to bear "much fruit," He repeatedly told them, "Without Me you can do nothing."

Oh! If we were truly convinced that, although God may will to make use of us, He alone possesses the power to make our action fruitful, He alone can produce fruits of eternal life, He alone can give grace to souls, and we are nothing but instruments! How many ambitions and point of honor, how much vain self-complacency, how many desires for applause and for advancement in recognition of our personal worth are broken, like waves on the rocks, by these words! Jesus does not tell us that "without Him we can do little," but, *nothing*, absolutely *nothing*, and if in appearance the works flourish, admirers increase, churches and halls are filled, in reality not the least atom of grace can descend into hearts if God does not intervene.

Charged with the education of the novices, St. Therese of the Child Jesus exclaimed: "You see, Lord, that I am too small to feed Your little ones, but if through me You wish to give to each what is suitable, then fill my hands, and without leaving the shelter of Your arms, or even turning my head, I will distribute Your treasures to the souls who come to me asking for food." Such should be the attitude of every apostle; and what is more, the higher his mission, the more important and delicate it is, the more necessary is this humble consciousness of his personal misery, this confident recourse to God, this constant union with Him. If God does not use us to accomplish great works, is it because, being insufficiently convinced of our nothingness, we would take to ourselves the glory due to Him alone, attributing our success to our own merits? If our apostolic activity produces few fruits, is it because, relying too much on ourselves, we do not constantly strive to keep close to God by means of humility and prayer?

"Abide in Me," Jesus repeats to us. "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abide in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me." It does not suffice for the apostle to be united to Jesus through the state of grace; he must remain united to Him, plunged in profound humility which makes him realize that he can do nothing, absolutely nothing, without continual help.
(*Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD)

PLEASE NOTE

October 31st
6:30 PM Evening Mass
Has been cancelled
Due to the All Saints Eve Party

All Souls Novena of Masses

Since November 2nd 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.

Death to Life Everlasting

With the emphasis on looking young and beautiful and on personal achievement and fulfillment in this life, most of us tend to avoid the reality of death. But all of the glamorous advertisements and proud achievements in this life can't begin to compare to the joys of life-everlasting union with the God of perfect beauty and majesty. The good things of this life are simply a dress rehearsal for the next, and death is the curtain call.

All the saints felt the pull of eternity and wanted to bring all those they knew into a similar longing for what really can fulfill. It is reported that St. Teresa of Avila sometimes used to watch the clock and remark that her only consolation for the tedium of life was to realize that with each passing moment she was closer to eternity. St. Augustine thought that the only real joy was the hope of eternity.

~ Let us consider, beloved, how the Lord is continually revealing to us the resurrection that is to be. Of this He has constituted the Lord Jesus Christ the first fruits, by raising Him from the dead. **Pope St. Clement I**

~ The root of all good works is the hope of the resurrection; for the expectation of the reward [moves] the soul to good works. **St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

~ For it is for him to fear death who is not willing to go to Christ. **St. Cyprian**

~ To the good man to die is gain. The foolish fear death as the greatest of evils, the wise desire it as a rest after labors and the end of ills. **St. Ambrose**

~ Of what consequence is it what kind of death puts an end to life, since he who has died once is not forced to go through the same ordeal a second time.

~ The bodies of the saints will therefore rise again free from every defect, from every deformity, as well as from every corruption, encumbrance, or hindrance. In this respect their freedom of action will be as complete as their happiness. **St. Augustine**

~ Life is union and junction of mind [spirit], soul and body; death is the disruption of their union; God preserves it all even after this disruption. **St. Anthony the Great**

~ A gentle maiden [Mary], having lodged a God in her womb, asks as its price, peace for the world, salvation for those who are lost, and life for the deal. **St. Peter Chrysologus**

(*Quotable Saints* by Ronda De Sola Chervin)

Eucharistic Adoration at Abortion Site

This Wednesday, October 29th at 6pm the Blessed Eucharist will be brought to the abortion site at 1442 Ethan Way for adoration. It would be great if thousands of people would turn out for this prayer event!

All Saints Eve Party

The All Saints Eve Party will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday, Oct. 31st with the praying of the Litany of Saints in church. From there we will go to the gym where the children will have an opportunity to tell the name of their saint and some interesting fact or story about him/her, if they wish. Afterwards, there will be games and food for all. Since it is a Friday, and meat will be served, you are encouraged to offer another sacrifice or prayer with which to replace it. We plan to conclude the evening with the praying of the Rosary around the campfire—a good way to conclude the month of October and for those who stay, it would also be a way to replace abstinence from meat.

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!

Saint Francis Xavier Mission Trip

3 Trips for 2015:

1. Guadalajara, Mexico—Holy Week / Easter Week 2015 March 28—April 11. Cost \$900.00 plus airfare. Ages 16 and up. Or families (see website for more details)
 2. Piura, Peru—July 28—Aug. 10 Cost \$2,300. (ages 16—21)
 3. Piura, Peru—Aug. 14—24 Cost \$2,100. (ages 21 and up)
- www.sfxmission.com
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Led by Fr. Heenan, FSSP & Fr. Lillard, FSSP
Application deadline—December 19, 2014

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.

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, 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

...In Memoriam

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