

**Sunday, November 5, 2017**  
**22nd Sunday After Pentecost**



- Sun. 5 Nov.** **22nd Sunday After Pentecost, II Class**  
 8:00 am Colin & Catherine McNamara  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:30 pm †Hans-Wilfried Huch  
 6:00 pm †Emilie Grosshauten
- Mon 6 Nov.** **Feria, IV Class**  
 7:00 am Priest Private FSSP Intention  
 12:15 pm Priest Private FSSP Intention
- Tues. 7 Nov.** **Feria, IV Class**  
 7:00 am All Souls Novena  
 6:30 pm †Margarete Kubis
- Wed. 8 Nov.** **Feria, IV Class**  
 7:00 am †Jose C. Dichoso  
 12:15 pm †Gertrud Huch
- Thurs. 9 Nov.** **Dedication of the Archbasilica of Our Holy Savior, II Class**  
 7:00 am †Mario Carota  
 6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality
- Fri. 10 Nov.** **St. Andrew Avellino, Confessor, III Class**  
 7:00 am †Jamy & Edela Ferazza  
 12:15 pm Bobby Hommel  
 6:30 pm Bruce & Elvira O'Day & Family
- Sat. 11 Nov.** **St. Martin of Tours, Bishop & Confessor, III Class**  
 7:00 am Angelica Barcena  
 9:00 am Deceased FSSP Members
- Sun. 12 Nov.** **23rd Sunday After Pentecost, II Class**  
 8:00 am Conrad Ortiz  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:30 pm Conrad Ortiz  
 6:00 pm Father Savoie's Grandmother

**...In Memoriam**

- †Maria Lopresti, †George Klopff, †Nell Keim, †John Reyes,  
 †Margaret Melusky, †Robert O'Kane, †Savino Salierno,  
 †Beverly Longtin, †Donald Strahota, †Ursula Uclaray,  
 †Marina Servande, †Rizal Robancho, †Mike McGrath,  
 †Sarah Vierra, †Mary Daley, †James Greenwell,  
 †Josef Schuchmann, †Paulette Brady, †Felipa Lopez,  
 †Jorge Munoz, †William J. Foy, †Patricia Becker,  
 †David Munoz Ortiz, †Paige Langdon, †Francis Hadano,  
 †Fatima Moitoso

**Important Upcoming Dates**

- Nov. 5—Daylight Saving Time Ends  
 Nov. 11—Annual Women's Day Retreat 9 am to 3:00 pm  
 Nov. 14—Chesterton Society Meeting  
 Nov. 15—Knights of Columbus Admissions Ceremony  
 Nov. 19—Rosa Mystica Bake Sale  
 Nov. 23—Thanksgiving  
 March 20—Confirmation 6:00 pm

**Union With God**

The whole life of man is a return journey to God: he came from God and must go back to Him. The more complete this return, the more intimate his union with God will become and the better will he have attained the end for which he was created: he will be perfect and eternally happy. St. Thomas teaches that a being is perfect when it attains its end; thus the perfection of man consists in rejoining God and uniting himself to Him, his last end. Man finds in union with God all that he can desire: he finds his peace, the assuaging of his hunger for the infinite, of his thirst for love and imperishable felicity. "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in Thee" (St. Augustine). Man finds his eternal happiness in union with God; and the life of heaven is nothing else than this union carried to its ultimate perfection, wherein man gives God the greatest glory and the greatest love which, in turn, redounds to man's own eternal beatitude.

The soul that truly loves God does not resign itself to waiting for heaven in order to be united to Him, but desires ardently to anticipate this union here below. Is this possible? Yes, Jesus has said so: "If anyone love Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him; and We will come to him and will make Our abode with him" (Jn 14,23). Our Lord Himself tells us in these words the condition for living united to Him: love. "He that abideth in charity, abideth in God, and God in him" (I Jn 4,16). Love is the great power which unites us to God even in this life, where, imprisoned in matter, we cannot yet enjoy the direct contact, the face to face vision of Him.

"The end of the spiritual life," says St. Thomas, "is that man unite himself to God by love" (IIa IIae, q.44, a.1. co.). By steps of love, *gressibus amoris*, we advance toward our last end: union with God. Such is the great ideal which should illumine and direct our whole life, the great goal which, with the divine assistance, we can attain even here below, as far as is possible in our state as pilgrims.

St. John of the Cross explains wherein union of love with God consists. It is not a question of the *substantial union* which always exists between God and everything created and by means of which He is preserving their being. That kind of union is *natural* and can never be lacking in any creature, not even in the greatest sinner. The union of love, however, is *supernatural* and only takes place in souls "when there is produced that likeness that comes from love," that is, in souls that are in the state of grace.... "God communicates Himself most to that soul that has progressed farthest in love" (AS II, 5,3.4).

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

**From the Pastor**

Over the years I've sometimes heard people say that they're just hoping to make it to purgatory. There are several problems with this mentality. First of all, it shows little love for God by seemingly resigning oneself to a life of mediocrity. Secondly, it puts one's salvation into jeopardy. If one aims for heaven and falls a little short, he will land in purgatory and still be saved. On the other hand, if he aims for purgatory and falls short, he's really in big trouble. For those who may be a bit cavalier about their going to purgatory, I would suggest taking a look at the many and often well documented accounts of souls from purgatory who have appeared to people here on earth; as well as some saints who were given a glimpse of purgatory. For those who have internet access, you can simply google "stories of purgatory." Hopefully, this reading will not only motivate you to make every effort to go straight to heaven, but to do all you can to help the souls that are in purgatory now.

Mary, Queen of all souls, pray for us!

**Women's Day Retreat**

Our Women's Day Retreat will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11th. There is no fee to attend but we do ask you to register so we have an accurate count of the number who will be here for lunch. Registration forms may be found in the vestibule and may be dropped off in the office or bookstore.

**1st Holy Communion Class Registration**

Parishioners with children who will be 7 years of age by June 1, 2018, may register them for 1st Communion classes. Forms are available in the office or bookstore. Classes begin in January. A copy of the child's baptism certificate must accompany the registration.

**Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations**

**Priest:** Let us pray for priestly and religious vocations.  
**All:** O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless the Church with many priests, brothers, and sisters, who will love Thee with their whole hearts, be faithful to their vocations, and gladly spend their entire lives to teach Thy truths, serve Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved.

**Priest:** Bless our families, bless our children.  
**All:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

**Priest:** O Mary, Queen of priestly and religious vocations:  
**All:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us the grace of many more. Amen.

(Please offer your reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations)

**Prayer of Parents for Priestly and Religious Vocations**

O God, grant that at least one of our sons may become a priest or religious brother, and one of our daughters a religious sister. We ourselves want to live as good Christians, and to guide our children always to do what is right, so that we may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give Thee a holy priest, brother, or sister! Amen. (Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

Prayer to St. Joseph  
 V. He made him lord of his house.  
 R. And prince over all his possessions.

Let us pray:

O God, in Thy marvelous providence, Thou hast deigned to choose St. Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother. We ask Thee to grant that we may deserve to have him for our intercessor in heaven, whom on earth we venerate as our protector; who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

**Thank You Letter**

Dear Fr. Lyons,

I wish to express thanks to the faithful in your parish for the generous gift of \$3,027.91, received in October, to the flood/disaster relief efforts of Regina Caeli Parish, the Houston apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. The gift from your parish, combined with that of others, enabled us to provide immediate assistance to families and individuals harmed by flooding, and to continue to offer on-going assistance as needed, while homes undergo repair and disrupted lives return to normal.

Your prayers were especially appreciated. It is the combination of prayers and people reaching out to help each other in whatever way they can that makes a devastating event bearable, even hopeful, and uplifts the spirit. God's might is all-powerful, but His mercy and love are greater. In Domino confidens,

Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

**Walk for Life Bus News!**

Congratulations! Because of your generous support and participation, we have exceeded the goal to pay for the bus and other associated expenses. This means that Walk-for-Life bus tickets are FREE! First come/First serve. Please contact Mike or Kathleen at 916-335-4553 or 916-204-9125. The overages will be divided between St. Stephens and the Knights of Columbus. Thank you again for all of your involvement and support.

**Knights of Columbus News**

The Knights of Columbus Council will be holding an Admissions Ceremony for those men 18 and older who would like to join the Knights and help our parish. When: 5:45 pm, Wednesday November 15th in one of the classrooms. Please contact Greg Bronson to RSVP. [530-503-7473](tel:530-503-7473) or [greg.bronson@kofc.org](mailto:greg.bronson@kofc.org)

**Chesterton Society Meeting: November 14th at 7:30pm**

We will meet in one of the classrooms right after the 6:30 pm Mass. We will discuss chapter 2 of Chesterton's "The World of St. Francis Found."

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

Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Sandy Snearly, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Sandra De Monaco, Pamela Lewis, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, Julie Jeong, William (Pat) Cummings, Lorraine Peterson, John Testa, Mike Trainor, Michael Cuellar



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE**

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
 10:30 a.m. High Mass  
 1:30 p.m. Low Mass  
 6:00 p.m. Low Mass

**Monday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Thursday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Days:** Please call the office or consult the bulletin or website

**DEVOTIONS**

**Rosary:**

- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass
- Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays

**Holy Face Novena:** 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday

**St. Monica Novena:** First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday

**Fatima Procession:** 13th of every month- May to October - following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on weekdays, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays, and the 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays

**Men's Holy League:** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm

**Knights of Columbus:** 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6 pm

**CONFESSION**

- One half hour before all Masses
- Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**  
**THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Thursday:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

**Friday:** After 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Saturday:** After 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. (Holy Hour for Vocations)

**First Friday:** Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass

**SICK CALLS**

If anyone is in need of the Sacraments (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?**

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

**ENVELOPES AND ON-LINE GIVING**

Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping. PLEASE pick them up in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

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