

Sunday, April 23, 2017
2nd Sunday after Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday



Sun. 30 Apr. 2nd Sunday after Easter, II Class
 8:00 am President Donald Trump
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm Richard & Louise Szabo
 6:00 pm President Donald Trump

Mon. 1 May St. Joseph the Worker, I Class
 7:00 am †Bill Granby
 12:15 pm Glen Hopkins

Tues. 2 May St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, II Class
 7:00 am Mary Brennan
 6:30 pm FSSP

Wed. 3 May Feria in Paschaltide, IV Class
 7:00 am Mary Given McQuown
 12:15 pm Fernando & Paz Magana

Thurs 4 May St. Monica, Widow, III Class
 7:00 am †John Pentland
 6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality

Fri. 5 May St. Pius V, Pope & Confessor, III Class
 7:00 am CSP Intentions
 12:15 pm Confraternity of St. Peter
 6:30 pm Rosa Mystica Volunteers

Sat. 6 May 1st Saturday of Our Lady, III Class
 7:00 am Holy Souls
 9:00 am Katie Scarry

Sun. 7 May 3rd Sunday after Easter, II Class
 8:00 am Marta Ferazza
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm Fernando Ferazza
 6:00 pm Virginia Mancenido

...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

Important Upcoming Dates

May 6—First Holy Communion
 May 13—Annual Great Marian Procession
 May 25—Ascension of Our Lord
 June 18-24 Camp Sacred Heart
 June 23—Feast of the Sacred Heart
 July 1—Feast of the Precious Blood
 July 23-27—Annual Retreat

Life of Prayer

A soul who longs for a life of intimacy with God is not satisfied to limit its relations with Him to the time of prayer, but tries to extend them throughout the whole day. This is a rightful desire, for one who loves tries to prolong continuously his relations with the beloved. This is true, therefore, of a soul who loves God; and its desire is the more easily realized, since God Himself is always with us; He is always present and working in us. We are treating, it is true, of a presence which is spiritual and invisible; it is, however, real and not merely affective and moral, as is the presence of a loved one in the heart and mind of a lover.

If God is always with us, why can we not be always in continual contact with Him? This contact is realized by thought and love, but much more by the latter than by the former. In fact, it is impossible to be always thinking of God, partly because the mind becomes tired and partly because our many occupations demand all the application of our intellect, which cannot pay attention to two different things at the same time. The heart, on the other hand, can always love, even when the mind is busy elsewhere; and it never grows weary of tending toward the object of its love. Since supernatural love does not consist in sentiment, but in an intimate orientation of the will toward God, we know that this turning is possible, even during the performance of duties which absorb all our attention. The will can strengthen this orientation of itself toward God precisely by the desire to fulfill each duty for love of Him, to please Him and give glory to Him. St. Thomas says that the heart can always tend Godward by "the desire of charity," that is, by the desire to love Him, to serve Him, and to be united to Him in every action. "Prayer is nothing but a desire of the heart; if your desire is continuous, your prayer is continuous. Do you wish never to cease praying? Then never cease desiring." (St. Augustine)

Since prayer does not consist in thinking much but in loving much, a life of continual prayer will consist much more in love than in thought. Nevertheless, a certain amount of mental activity is necessary, either to direct the heart toward God, or to maintain it in this direction.

The soul who applies itself well to mental prayer will easily be able to collect in itself some good thoughts which it can use during the day to keep its heart turning toward God. Therefore, it will be useful for the soul to try to recall these thoughts often in the midst of its occupation, and to apply them practically to its life.

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

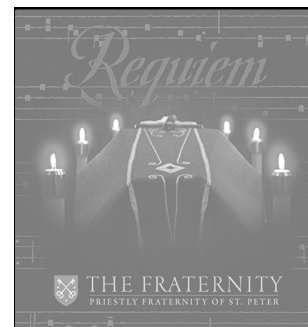
From the Pastor

Tomorrow, Monday, begins the month of May, the month of Mary. It begins with a feast in honor of Mary's husband, St. Joseph the Worker. Let's honor him by going to Mass! We will hold our annual procession in honor of Our Lady (including May Crowning and Mass) on Saturday, May 13th – the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima! The procession route and Mass venue will be different this year from previous years. The procession will begin at St. Mary's cemetery and finish at East Lawn cemetery where Mass will be offered. Mothers' Day will be on the following day, Sunday, May 14th. On that day - besides our earthly mother - we honor the heavenly mother of us all in the order of grace. No mother loves her children more tenderly than Our Blessed Mother; no mother is more solicitous for their eternal welfare than she. The month concludes with the feast of the Queenship of Mary, on May 31. As queen, she can obtain for us whatever she asks from Our Lord, the King. What great confidence we should have in her intercessory power! Finally, let us be firmly resolved to pray the Rosary every day during this month in order to honor the request Our Lady made at Fatima to pray it daily. How much we, our families, our parish, our poor country, and our entire world are in need of prayer! Heaven has given us the Rosary to help us, it's up to us to make use of it.

Month of May, month of Mary! Pray the Rosary daily!

First Friday & First Saturday

Have you made the First Friday & First Saturday devotions yet? If not this Friday (May 5) and Saturday (May 6) would be a good time to begin. The promises attached to these devotions are out of this world!



New Album—"Requiem"
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Order your copy at St. Stephen's Book & Gift Store today. Stop by or call 916-223-3112. Copies available to pick up on May 12, 2017.

Camp Sacred Heart 2017

Camp Sacred Heart will be held June 18-24 this year. Registration is open to boys age 9-18. Boys unknown to the chaplain must get a letter of recommendation from a priest.

For more information call the parish office or 916-223-3112. You may stop by the parish office or bookstore for registration forms.

Sponsors needed for Camp

If you are able to help sponsor a boy for camp, please consider doing so. There is a great need, especially for large families. Your help is very much appreciated!

Brown Bag Lunch Project

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is very thankful to St. Stephen parishioners for our help with their Brown Bag Lunch Project. Our parish has been supplying them with 240 lunches each month for the homeless in Sacramento.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who help with organizing the store room, bagging, transporting, and with supplying food! As our needs for donations are ongoing, please continue to help keep our shelves stocked. Below is a list of the food needed.

Must be non-perishable

Tuna, chicken, salmon, other easy-to-open, single portion meats, or lunchables
 Apple sauce cups or other fruit cups
 Healthy snacks like fruit rolls, breakfast bars, soft granola bars
 Crackers or chips
 Deserts like cookies
 Bottles of water
 Plastic utensils, packages of lunch bags, and napkins
 Jars of peanut butter, jelly/preserves

Cash donations also welcome at the office or bookstore

Annual Retreat—July 23-27

This year's retreat will be preached by Fr. Joseph Mary Brown, CSJ. Father Brown preached the retreat for the FSSP deacons' retreat the year Fr. Curtis was ordained to the diaconate. Father Curtis says that it was the best retreat he ever went to! Let's have a full house in order to take full advantage of having such a wonderful priest.

Secure your place at the retreat by filling out a form and leaving a deposit as soon as possible. Forms are available in the parish office or bookstore.

If you are unable to go on the retreat, but would like to help make it possible for someone else to go, stop by the parish office or bookstore.

Confraternity of St. Peter 2017 Pilgrimage to Italy & Slovenia

With Fr. James Fryar, FSSP—CSP Chaplain
 Sept. 9-18, 2017

For more info—brochures available in the bookstore or call 800-334-5425

Special discount if you register before May 31st!

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Paulette Brady, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Marne Merino, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Sandra De Monaco, Mitzi Vandenburg, Gerald Foy, Pamela Lewis, Strahota Family, Helen DeCarlo, Jim Greenwell, Barbara Cogan, Mary, Ramon and Robert Daley, Barbara Chu



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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

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.

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

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.

For on-line giving go to the parish website:
www.sacfssp.com

St. Bernadette Fund – to aid parishioners in need!
 Donations may be made on-line.