

Sunday, May 14, 2017  
4th Sunday after Easter



**Sun. 14 May**    **4th Sunday after Easter, II Class**  
8:00 am    Christine Cipperly  
10:30 am    Pro Populo  
1:30 pm    James Raasch  
6:00 pm    Travis Raasch

**Mon. 15 May**    **St. John Baptist de la Salle, Confessor, III Class**  
7:00 am    Esther Harris  
12:15 pm    †James Pesola

**Tues. 16 May**    **St. Ubald, Bishop, & Confessor, III Class**  
7:00 am    Souls in Purgatory  
6:30 pm    Amparo & Ramon Coria

**Wed. 17 May**    **St. Paschal Baylon, Confessor, III Class**  
7:00 am    President Donald Trump  
12:15 pm    Weston Pope

**Thurs 18 May**    **St. Venantius, Martyr, III Class**  
7:00 am    Teddy Mancenido  
6:30 pm    Jessie & Sean Pope

**Fri. 19 May**    **St. Peter Celestine, Pope & Confessor, III Class**  
7:00 am    †Savino Salierno  
12:15 pm    †Ilene Tatosian  
6:30 pm    †Shannon Magner

**Sat. 20 May**    **St. Bernardine of Siena, Confessor, III Class**  
7:00 am    †Amy Scott  
9:00 am    Rita Casagrande

**Sun. 21 May**    **5th Sunday after Easter, II Class**  
8:00 am    †Romy Ang  
10:30 am    Pro Populo  
1:30 pm    Katie Roundtree  
6:00 pm    †Joe Avansino

**...In Memoriam**

†Maria Lopresti, †George Klopf, †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 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

**Mary Our Guide and Model**

Month of May, month of Mary! The heart of every Christian turns spontaneously toward his heavenly Mother, with a desire to live in closer intimacy with her and to strengthen the sweet ties which bind him to her. It is a great comfort on our spiritual way, which is often fatiguing and bristling with difficulties, to meet the gentle presence of a mother. One is so at ease near one’s mother. With her, everything becomes easier; the weary, discouraged heart, disturbed by storms, finds new hope and strength, and continues the journey with fresh courage.

“If the winds of temptation arise,” sings St. Bernard, “if you run into the reefs of trials, look to the star, call upon Mary. In danger, sorrow, or perplexity, think of Mary, call upon Mary.” There are times when the hard road of the “nothing” frightens us, miserable as we are; and then, more than ever, we need her help, the help of our Mother. The Blessed Virgin Mary has, before us, trodden the straight and narrow path which leads to sanctity; before us she has carried the cross, before us she has known the ascents of the spirit through suffering. Sometimes, perhaps, we do not dare to look at Jesus the God-Man, who because of His divinity seems too far above us; but near Him is Mary, His Mother and our Mother, a privileged creature surely, yet a creature like ourselves, and therefore a model more accessible for our weakness.

Mary comes to meet us during this month, to take us by the hand, to initiate us into the secret of her interior life, which must become the model and norm of our own

We shall consider Mary especially as the ideal and the model of our interior life. No one has understood, as she did, the depth of meaning in the world of Jesus: “But one thing is necessary,” and no one has lived by these words better than she. From the very first moment of her life, Mary we entirely God’s and lived only for Him. Consider the years spent in the Temple in silence and prayer, the months passed at Nazareth in recollection, and in adoration of the eternal Word incarnate within her, the thirty years lived in sweet intimacy with Jesus, her Son and her God; then the sharing of His apostolic life, the union with Him in His Passion, and finally, her last years with St. John, during which, by her prayers, she was the support of the infant Church. Although the scenes in which she moved changed in appearance, although the external circumstances varied, her life remained unchanged in its substance, in her interior search for the “one thing necessary,” and in her adherence to God alone.

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

**Altar Guild Picnic**

This coming Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, will be the last Altar Guild meeting before summer break. No new members will be accepted on this day. We will have a shortened training period followed by a picnic and outdoor dodgeball. Bring play clothes to change into. Regular meetings will resume in September.

**Altar Guild Registration**

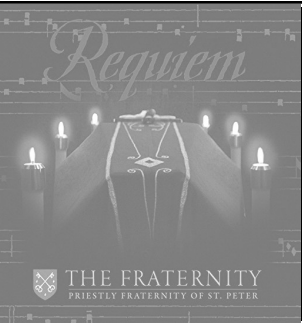
When registration for the Altar Guild opens in August we will continue to follow our old policy of allowing boys who have made their First Communion to join. However, after the first meeting in September, a boy must have completed his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday in order to join.

**Mother’s Day Rose Sale**

Special roses will be sold after all Masses today to benefit the Sacramento Life Center. These “Mother’s Day” roses will be a perfect gift for any special lady in your life and let’s not forget the statue or image of Our Blessed Mother in your home! The cost is still only \$5.00 per rose. Please help us to support “LIFE”!

**Ignatian Retreat for Men—Denton, NE**

Anyone who wishes to register for an Ignatian retreat preached by Fr. James Buckley, FSSP at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, should contact Dennis Kilcoyne at the following e-mail: [business@fsspolgs.org](mailto:business@fsspolgs.org)  
The retreat is June 8-11, 2017 and the cost is \$195.00.



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**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!

**Around the Parish**

***Congratulations*** to Jeremy & Marissa Cristi on the birth of their first child, Isaiah Alejandro Jose! Isaiah was baptized at St. Stephen’s on May 5th.

***Congratulations*** to Gary & Lena on the birth of their eighth child, Gavino Marco! Gavine was baptized on May 10th.

**Month of May—Month of Mary!**

Pray the Rosary for the conversion of the U.S., of Russia, and the entire world through the pure and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**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.

**~ Summer Dress Code ~**

Please recall that everyone is expected to dress with modesty and in a way befitting the house of God. Our choice of clothing is an expression of our worship; it may also affect the ability of others to worship. Dress should conceal rather than reveal. There is a sign in the vestibule that gives more details regarding proper dress. It is further expected that modesty in dress be maintained on the church grounds at all times.

We do request that the correction of visitors in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.

**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, Liz Nicolini



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MASS SCHEDULE TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE	DEVOTIONS
<p><b>Sunday:</b> 8:00 a.m. Low Mass            10:30 a.m. High Mass            1:30 p.m. Low Mass            6:00 p.m. Low Mass</p> <p><b>Monday:</b> 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.  <b>Tuesday:</b> 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  <b>Wednesday:</b> 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.  <b>Thursday:</b> 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  <b>Friday:</b> 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.  <b>Saturday:</b> 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.  <b>Holy Days:</b> Please call the office or consult the bulletin or website</p>	<p><b>Rosary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass</li> <li>Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays</li> </ul> <p><b>Holy Face Novena:</b> 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday</p> <p><b>St. Monica Novena:</b> First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:</b> after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday</p> <p><b>Fatima Procession:</b> 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</p> <p><b>Men's Holy League:</b> 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm</p>
CONFESSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One half hour before all Masses</li> <li>Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.</li> </ul>	
EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT	
<p><b>Thursday:</b> 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.  <b>Friday:</b> After 6:30 p.m. Mass  <b>Saturday:</b> After 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. (Holy Hour for Vocations)  <b>First Friday:</b> Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass</p>	
SICK CALLS	
<p>If anyone is in need of the Sacraments (i.e. homebound) please call the parish office. If it is an <b>emergency</b>, outside of office hours, dial (916) 455-5114, then press 1, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.</p>	
NEW TO ST. STEPHEN'S?	
<p>Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>	
ENVELOPES AND ON-LINE GIVING	
<p>Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping. PLEASE pick them up in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>	
<p>For on-line giving go to the parish website:  <a href="http://www.sacfssp.com">www.sacfssp.com</a></p>	
<p><b>St. Bernadette Fund – to aid parishioners in need!</b>  <b>Donations may be made on-line.</b></p>	