

Sunday, March 26, 2017
4th Sunday in Lent
Laetare Sunday



Sun. 26 Mar. **4th Sunday of Lent, I Class**
8:00 am Sean Kinsella
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. John Dunlap
6:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Christenson

Mon. 27 Mar. **Feria of Lent, III Class**
7:00 am †Thomas & Martha Zeitz
12:15 pm Ed Wedinsky

Tues. 28 Mar. **Feria of Lent, III Class**
7:00 am Benefactor—in Thanksgiving
6:30 pm Loretta Cantoni

Wed. 29 Mar. **Feria of Lent, III Class**
7:00 am †Marilyn Bennett
12:15 pm Rose Wedinsky

Thurs 30 Mar. **Feria of Lent, III Class**
7:00 am FSSP
6:30 pm Francois Xavier de Sagey

Fri. 31 Mar. **Feria of Lent, III Class**
7:00 am Ola Pejee Adesanya
12:15 pm Intentions of Cardinal Burke
6:30 pm Sean Kinsella

Sat. 1 Apr. **Feria of Lent, III Class**
7:00 am †Debbie Rovenstine
9:00 am Elaine Miller

Sun. 2 Apr. **Passion Sunday, I Class**
8:00 am James & Monica Blazejack
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm Fr. John Lyons, FSSP
6:00 pm Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP

...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

Important Upcoming Dates

March 31—Stations of the Cross after 12:15 & 6:30 pm Masses
April 9—Palm Sunday
April 13—Holy Thursday
April 16—Easter Sunday
April 23—Live Performance of “Faustina”
May 6—First Holy Communion
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

Difficulties in Obedience

Although obedience is precious because it places our whole life in God’s will, nevertheless, in practice it has its difficulties and these arise chiefly because the command itself does not come directly from God but through His representatives. Thus it often happens that we fail to see God in our superiors and to recognize His authority in them. For example, when, as often happens in religious life, we have as our superior a former colleague or perhaps even a former pupil, younger and less experienced than we, one whose weaknesses and defects we know only too well, we could easily be tempted to have insufficient respect for his authority and his commands. Then a life of obedience becomes especially difficult: it is hard for us to obey, we do not have recourse to the superior with childlike trust, and what is worse, we justify this attitude to ourselves. Here we are making a great mistake in perspective; we forget that, no matter who the superior is, he is invested with authority which comes from God, authority placed on him solely because he has been called to this office. This authority is unchangeable and has the same force whether the superior is old or young, experienced and virtuous or inexperienced and less virtuous. Basically, if we find ourselves in these difficulties, we must lay the blame on our lack of a supernatural spirit, a spirit of faith. We are judging spiritual matters according to natural standards and from the point of view of human values, which makes it impossible for us to live a life of real obedience, a life entirely based on supernatural values and motives. We must learn how to rise above human views concerning the person of our superior—his good qualities or his faults, his actions in the past, and so forth—to look upon him only as the representative of God and of His divine authority. It is true, we often find it absolutely necessary to use all our strength and efforts to do this if we do not wish to lose the fruit of a life of obedience. It is certain that the more we force ourselves to see in our superiors the authority which comes from God, so much the more perfect and meritorious our obedience will be, and God Himself will guide us through them.

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

From the Pastor

The practical details for next year’s General Chapter for the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter are now being finalized and made available to its members. The General Chapter, a body of elected and *de jure* representatives from every district and region of the FSSP, convenes every six years. During its brief three week assembly, it shapes the character and vision of the Fraternity according to the received experience and exigencies of all the priests and deacons that belong to it. Amongst other things, the Chapter: elects the superior general to a term of six years, as well as the assistants and counselors that compose his extraordinary general council; proposes revisions to the Constitutions (which must then be ratified by Rome); actually revises the Directories, which are legislative documents subordinate to the Constitutions; erects and suppresses provinces; and regulates the most important spiritual, apostolic, and administrative matters of the Fraternity. Without a doubt, the Chapter is the supreme governing body of the FSSP. The principal responsibility of the superior general is to execute the vision and directives established by the Chapter which elected him.

The approximately one hundred members of the North American District will be responsible for sending somewhere between eight and ten elected representatives to the General Chapter. All of them will meet in early January of 2018 in order to discuss and vote upon these representatives. Please keep your priests and the FSSP as a whole in your prayers during the time leading up to this process.

Rifle Marksmanship Class Today

There will be a rifle marksmanship class starting this Sunday, March 26th, after the 10:30 am Mass at St. Stephen’s, in one of the classrooms. This 6 session class will cover basic firearm safety and the understanding of the rifle. This course is open to anyone in the parish. Let your friends know and consider attending yourself. There will be plenty of information to learn or relearn. Please contact Brendan McDonough if you have any questions or want to sign up at: 530-258-9414.

Sacramento Life Center Baby Bottle Project

Thank you to all who have participated in the Baby Bottle Project! The RMGS will be collecting baby bottles before the Masses on April 2nd in the vestibule. If you cannot bring your bottle that day, please bring it into the book store before Holy Week. It is important to return the bottle even if it is empty, as it costs the Life Center money to replace the bottle.

Friday Evening Soup Suppers

Friday soup suppers during Lent follow evening Mass & Stations. For more information call: 916-335-4553 or 916-204-9125

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

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross devotions are scheduled for all Fridays during Lent after the 12:15 and 6:30 pm Masses.

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, there is a great need, especially for large families. Your help is very much appreciated!

**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

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Mike McGrath, 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
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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

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.

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.