

Sunday, July 16, 2017  
6th Sunday After Pentecost



<b>Sun. 16 July</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	<b>6th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class</b> Ryan Lucina Pro Populo Cecilio Garcia Dolores De Anda
<b>Mon. 17 July</b> 7:00 am 12:15 pm	<b>Feria, IV Class</b> Francis McDonough Brendan McDonough
<b>Tues. 18 July</b> 7:00 am 6:30 pm	<b>St. Camillus de Lellis, Confessor, III Class</b> In Thanksgiving for Primrose Confraternity of St. Peter
<b>Wed. 19 July</b> 7:00 am 12:15 pm	<b>St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor, III Class</b> Maureen Anne Olguin †Anne Cummings
<b>Thurs. 20 July</b> 7:00 am 6:30 pm	<b>St. Jerome Emiliani, Confessor, IV Class</b> †Mary Ann Iacometti Lucy Mae Egan
<b>Fri. 21 July</b> 7:00 am 12:15 pm 6:30 pm	<b>St. Laurence of Brindisi, Confessor &amp; Doctor, III Class</b> Sarina Bronson & Family Maria Long Jacqueline Cristi
<b>Sat. 22 July</b> 7:00 am 9:00 am	<b>St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent, III Class</b> Willow Magdaleine Cristi Anne Roundtree
<b>Sun. 23 July</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	<b>7th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class</b> In Thanksgiving for Primrose Pro Populo Chris, Malani, & Baby †Anne Cummings

...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

Important Upcoming Dates

July 23-27—Annual Retreat  
Aug. 2 - 4—Chant Camp  
Aug. 6—Patronal Feast—Pig Roast & Square Dance  
Aug. 13—Fatima Procession  
August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
Sept. 2—Girls groups meet  
Sept. 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Sept. 10—Confirmation classes begin  
Sept. 16—Altar Guild resumes  
Oct. 18—29th Anniversary of FSSP

**Infinite Love**

Sacred Scripture tells us: “*God is charity*”. God is love, eternal, infinite, substantial love. Just as everything in God is beautiful, good, perfect, and holy, so also everything in God is love—His beauty, wisdom, power, providence; even His justice is love. Love is perfect and holy when it turns with all its strength toward the sovereign good, and prefers it to every other good. This is the love with which God loves Himself, precisely because He is the one supreme and eternal Good, to which no other good can be preferred. The infinite love which God has for Himself is therefore, by its very nature, completely holy and has nothing in common with what we call self-love or egoism, that disordered love by which we prefer ourselves—more or less, and sometimes wholly—to God the supreme good. We are egoists because we have a tendency to love ourselves to the exclusion of every other affection, but God is so free from every shadow of egoism that, even though He loves Himself infinitely and is wholly satisfied with His infinite good, He tends by nature to diffuse His love outside Himself. It is thus that God loves creatures; He does not love them because there is some good in them which attracts Him, but it is He Himself who, loving them, creates good in them. “The love of God,” says St. Thomas, “is the cause which infuses and creates good in creatures”. See, then, how God loves us, with love entirely gratuitous and free, with love supremely pure, with love that is both benevolence and beneficence: *benevolence* which *desires* our good, *beneficence* which *does* us good. By loving us, God calls us to life, He infuses His grace in us, invites us to do good, urges us to be saints, draws us to Himself and gives us a share in His eternal happiness. Everything we are and have is the gift of His infinite love.

God “first loved us,” exclaims St. John the Apostle; and, in fact, He has loved us from all eternity. Even when we were not yet in existence, we were already in the mind of God, and seeing us, He loved us and willed to call us into existence in preference to innumerable other beings. This is how God reveals to us the story of our life, which is simply the story of His love for us. This story, once begun, never ends, because God’s love has no end; sin alone has the sad possibility of interrupting it, but even then God never ceases to love us with an infinite, eternal immutable, most faithful love.

To believe in God’s love, to believe in it strongly even when He strikes us in what we hold most dear; such is the program of the soul who wishes to entrust itself blindly to infinite love!

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

*From the Pastor*

The key to success in the spiritual life (and almost everything else) is perseverance. During this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady’s apparitions at Fatima, let us persevere in our praying of the Rosary daily. Make up your mind not to let a day go by without praying it – even if you have to kneel beside your bed to keep from falling asleep at night because you forgot to pray it earlier. Pray it for your personal needs (both spiritual and material), pray if for your family, pray it for your country, pray it for the conversion of Russia, pray it for Holy Mother Church. How can we dare complain about the dire situations in our country, the Church, and the world at large if we’re not doing what heaven has requested of us in order to ameliorate these situations? Pray the Rosary daily! Pope Pius XI declared that if he had an army praying the Rosary he could conquer the world. He wasn’t exaggerating. Sufficient numbers of people praying the Rosary can solve any problem, overcome every difficulty. Pray the Rosary daily! You’ll be eternally thankful that you did.

**Pray the Rosary Daily!**

**Knights of Columbus & Men’s Holy League**  
**Wednesday, July 19th**

Brother Knights, please come to the Knights of Columbus monthly meeting at 6:00 pm in one of the classrooms.

Also on this Wednesday, the Men’s Holy League will meet for a Holy Hour at 7:00 pm followed by a talk by one of the priests and fellowship. All men are invited!

**Annual Retreat—July 23-27**

This is your last opportunity to sign up for our annual silent retreat. It is a wonderful opportunity to get your spiritual life back on track!

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.

**Registration for Confirmation Classes**

Registration is now open for children aged 12 by June 1, 2018. Confirmation class will begin on September 10th. In order to register, you must have a copy of your child’s Baptism certificate. Please pick up forms in the 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.

*Around the Parish*

**Congratulations** to George & Chrissy Wing on the birth of their 3rd child, George Giambattista! George was baptized at St. Stephen’s on July 8th.

**Chant Camp!**

SAVE THE DATE: The second annual St. Stephen’s Chant Camp will take place Wednesday, August 2 thru Friday, August 4. The program will be for boys and girls ages 8-18, running in the morning hours on each day and culminating with the participants singing a High Mass at 12:15 on Friday, August 4.

Registration forms available in the bookstore.

**The Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen**

The Patronal Feast of our parish is coming soon - August 6th! Let us come together once again to give thanks to God and celebrate another year under the patronage of St. Stephen the First Martyr. To make this a truly communal celebration, we ask your help. If you can lend a hand setting up, preparing the food and drinks, serving meals, coordinating activities, or cleaning up, please contact Judy Kasak at (916) 989-1086. Thank you!

**Rosa Mystica Girls’ Society**

Rosa Mystica Girls’ Society, for girls age 9—13, will be accepting applications for the 2017-2018 session. Sign-up fee will be \$20.00. Registration deadline is July 30th. Should you have any question regarding RMGS, please contact Sue McGrath, 916-351-3946 or sosuesews@yahoo.com.

**Little Flower Registration**

For girls 5-8: Little Flower registration forms are available in the bookstore, or contact Katy Scarry 530-945-6947 or faithfilledfam@yahoo.com. Please try to register ASAP to allow adequate time to order materials.

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.

*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 DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, Josef Schuchmann, Julie Jeong



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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**

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