

Sunday, July 23, 2017
7th Sunday After Pentecost



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| Sun. 23 July 8:00 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm | <u>7th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class</u> In Thanksgiving for Primrose Pro Populo Chris, Malani, & Baby †Anne Cummings |
| Mon. 24 July 7:00 am 12:15 pm | <u>Feria, IV Class</u> Jean Gomez Richard Cummings |
| Tues. 25 July 7:00 am 6:30 pm | <u>St. James the Greater, Apostle, II Class</u> Ryan Lucina Michael Scheile |
| Wed. 26 July 7:00 am 12:15 pm | <u>St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class</u> † Donald Jackson Nicholas Cristi |
| Thurs. 27 July 7:00 am 6:30 pm | <u>Feria, IV Class</u> †Mary Ann Iacometti Lucy Mae Egan |
| Fri. 28 July 7:00 am 12:15 pm 6:30 pm | <u>SS. Nazarius & Celsus, Martyrs, St. Victor I, Pope & Martyr, & St. Innocent I, Pope & Confessor, III Class</u> Jeremy Cristi Jacqueline Cristi Marcial Cristi |
| Sat. 29 July 7:00 am 9:00 am | <u>St. Martha, Virgin, III Class</u> Barbara Cristi Cristi Family |
| Sun. 30 July 8:00 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm | <u>8th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class</u> Erlinda Baccay Pro Populo Christine Pope Linda Bardet |

...*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
NO 6 pm Mass today, will resume Aug. 13th
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

Faith

“Without faith, it is impossible to please God” because faith is the foundation of all our relations with Him. For the man without faith, God has neither meaning, nor value, nor place in his life. On the other hand, the more lively our faith is, the more God enters into our life, until finally He becomes our all, the one great reality for which we live, and the One for whom we courageously face sorrow and death. It is only when faith has deeply penetrated a soul that it can exclaim with St. Paul , “For whether we live, we live unto the Lord, or whether we die, we die unto the Lord”. We do not lack faith, but it is not sufficiently alive and practical to make us see God in everything and over everything, thus giving us the sense of His essential, transcendent, and eternal reality, which infinitely surpasses all the immediate, contingent, and passing realities of this life. Faith does not depend upon data received through the senses, on what we can see and touch, nor it is reduced to what we can understand with the intellect, but surpassing all this, it makes us share in God’s own knowledge, in His thoughts, in His understanding. Having raised us to the state of divine sonship, God has made us capable of sharing His intimate life, His life of knowledge and love. For this purpose He has given us the theological virtues together with grace. Faith allows us to share His life of knowledge, and charity, His life of love. Faith enables us to know God as He knows Himself, although certainly not exhaustively. God knows Himself not only as the Creator, but also as the Trinity and as the Author of grace; it is under these aspects that faith presents Him to us. By faith we know creatures as He knows them, that is, in relation to Him and dependent upon Him. Our intellect can give us only natural light on God and creatures; faith, on the contrary, gives us the supernatural light that is a participation in the light of God, in the knowledge God has of Himself and of creatures.

The more lively our faith is, the more we shall enjoy here below an anticipation of the knowledge of God which we shall possess in heaven. The more lively our faith and the more imbued with love it is, the higher will be our degree of glory and hence, of our vision of God. Today’s faith must prepare us for the beatific vision of tomorrow; it should make us enter, even on earth, into communion with the thought and the knowledge of God. In this way, faith elevates us immeasurably above our human reasonings, our human thoughts.
(*Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD.)

Announcement

There will be no 6 pm Mass on Sunday, August 6, due to the parish pig roast. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. The 6 pm Mass will resume the following Sunday.



**St. James the Greater Prayer
Feast Day—July 25th**

O glorious Apostle, St. James, who by reason of thy fervent and generous heart wast chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His glory on Mount Tabor, and of His agony in Gethsemane; thou, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory: obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven. Amen.

Chesterton Society Meeting:

August 8th at 7:30pm

We will discuss the seventh and eighth chapters of *The Ballad of the White Horse*.
All are welcome!

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.

**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)

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!

TICKETS ON SALE TODAY

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 sosusews@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.

~ **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.

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, William (Pat) Cummings



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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.

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