

Sunday, April 2, 2017
Passion Sunday



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

Mon. 3 Apr. Monday of Passion Week, III Class
7:00 am Cecilia Reyes & all godparents
12:15 pm Marcellinus Cuatto

Tues. 4 Apr. Tuesday of Passion Week, III Class
7:00 am †Gail Miranda
6:30 pm †Sr. Lydia Schneider, IM

Wed. 5 Apr. Wednesday of Passion Week, III Class
7:00 am Sean Kinsella
12:15 pm Loretta Cantoni

Thurs 6 Apr. Thursday of Passion Week, III Class
7:00 am †Norma Idzinga
6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality

Fri. 7 Apr. Friday of Passion Week, III Class
7:00 am Ola Pejee Adesanya
12:15 pm Gladys Olizares
6:30 pm Fr. Dominic Savoie, FSSP

Sat. 8 Apr. Saturday of Passion Week, III Class
7:00 am FSSP
9:00 am Barbara Graichen

Sun. 9 Apr. Palm Sunday, I Class
8:00 am Agnes Costa
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm Paz & Eli Gonzalez
6:00 pm Marina Lucina

...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

April 5—Stations of the Cross after 12:15 & 6:30 pm Masses
April 9—Palm Sunday
April 13—Holy Thursday
April 16—Easter Sunday
April 19—Men’s Holy League
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

The Daily Cross

“He that taketh not up his cross, and followeth Me, is not worthy of Me.” By these words, the divine Master expressly declares that one of the indispensable conditions for being His disciple is to carry the cross. The word *cross*, however, should not make us think only of special sufferings, which, while not excluded, are not generally our portion. First of all, we must think of those common daily disagreeable things which are part of everyone’s life and which we must try to accept as so many means to progress and spiritual fruitfulness.

It is often easier to accept, in a burst of generosity, the great sacrifices and sufferings of singular occurrence, than the little, insignificant sufferings, closely connected with our state of life and the fulfillment of our duty: sufferings which occur daily under the same form, with the same intensity and insistence, among endless and unchanging circumstances. These may include physical ailments caused by poor health, economic restrictions, the fatigue attendant upon overwork or anxiety; they may be moral sufferings resulting from differences of opinion, clash of temperaments, or misunderstandings. Herein lies the genuine cross that Jesus offers us daily, inviting us to carry it after Him—an unpretentious cross, which does not require great heroism, but which does demand that we repeat our *Fiat* every day, meekly bowing our shoulders to carry its weight with generosity and love. The value, the fruitfulness of our daily sacrifices comes from this unreserved acceptance, which makes us receive them just as God offers them to us, without trying to avoid them or to lessen their weight. “Yea, Father, for so hath it seemed good in Thy sight.”

“I see You, O Jesus, my Guide, raising the standard of the Cross and saying lovingly to me: ‘Take the cross I hold out to you, and no matter how heavy it seems to you, follow Me and do not doubt.’ In response to Your invitation, I promise You, O my heavenly Spouse, to resist Your love no longer. I see You as You once made Your way to Calvary, and I long to follow You promptly.
(*Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD.)

From the Pastor

I recently came across the following quote from St. Louise de Marillac. St. Louise was St. Vincent de Paul’s most fervent collaborator. Her words may be a source of consolation to parents who suffer because one or more of their children have fallen away from the faith, or are not living Christian lives. They also may serve as further incentive to pray the Rosary daily.

“The faults of children are not always imputed to the parents, especially when they have instructed them and given good example. Our Lord, in His wondrous Providence, allows children to break the hearts of devout fathers and mothers. Thus the decisions your children have made don’t make you a failure as a parent in God’s eyes. You are entitled to feel sorrow, but not necessarily guilt. Do not cease praying for your children; God’s grace can touch a hardened heart. Commend your children to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. When parents pray the Rosary, at the end of each decade they should hold the Rosary aloft and say to her, ‘With these beads bind my children to your Immaculate Heart’, she will attend to their souls.”

Schedule for Holy Week

April 9, Palm Sunday: palms will be blessed and distributed at the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Those who attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass may pick up palms at any time during the following week.

April 13, Holy Thursday: Tenebrae begins at 9 a.m. There is only one Mass at 7 p.m. on this day. Eucharistic adoration will follow until midnight.

April 14, Good Friday: Tenebrae begins at 8 a.m. Confessions will be heard at 11 a.m.; Stations begin at 12 noon; the service begins at 1 p.m.

April 15, Holy Saturday: Tenebrae begins at 9 a.m. Please note a change in this year’s schedule from previous years. The Easter Vigil will begin at 10:30 p.m. This will allow us to begin Mass at midnight.

Easter Sunday: The usual Sunday schedule

Friday Evening Soup Suppers

This Friday will be the last soup supper of the Lenten season. It follows evening Mass & Stations.

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.

First Communion Class

There will be no First Communion Class on Palm Sunday or on Easter Sunday. Testing will take place on Sunday, April 23rd. Rehearsal and first confessions will take place on Saturday, April 29th. The First Communion Mass will be on Saturday, May 6th at 10:30 a.m. Boys should wear a dark suit, and girls should wear a white dress with veil. Please keep all of the First Communicants in your prayers as they prepare for this important day.

Help Needed

We’ve received news that the place where the FSSP mission activity has taken place for the last few years – Piura, Peru – has been devastated by flooding, and the rains continue to fall. If you would like to help these poor people donations on line may be sent using this link: <http://www.santisimo.org>. If you prefer to send a check, use this address: St. Joseph’s Peruvian Mission Fund, 8008 Lakehurst Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73120-4326. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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.

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!

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 Monaco, Mary & Ramon Daley, Mitzi Vandenburg, Gerald Foy, Pamela Lewis, Strahota Family, Helen DeCarlo



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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.