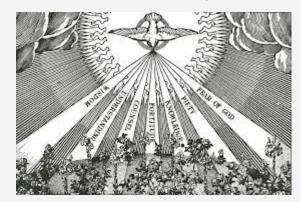
Sunday, June 4, 2017 Pentecost Sunday



Sun. 4 June	<u>Pentecost Sunday</u> , I Class
8:00 am	†Gregory Nicholas
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	FSSP
6:00 pm	†Ursula Uclaray
Mon. 5 June	<u>Pentecost Monday</u> , <i>I Class</i>
7:00 am	†Savino Salierno
12:15 pm	Beatriz F. Dichoso
Tues. 6 June	<u>Pentecost Tuesday</u> , <i>I Class</i>
7:00 am	Julius C. Cozzatti
6:30 pm	Jennifer Filippi
Wed. 7 June	<u>Ember Wednesday After Pentecost</u> , I Class
7:00 am	Hilda Glizondo
12:15 pm	†Amy Scott
Thurs 8 June	<u>Thursday in Pentecost Week</u> , <i>I Class</i>
7:00 am	†Gregory Nicholas
6:30	FSSP
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6:30	FSSP
Fri. 9 June	<u>Ember Friday After Pentecost,</u> <i>I Class</i>
7:00 am	Carolyn Locks
12:15 pm	Angelina Herrera

...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, †Mary Daley, †James Greenwell

Important Upcoming Dates June 13—Fatima Procession 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 August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Pentecost is the plentitude of God's gift to men. On Christmas Day, God gives us His only-begotten Son, Christ Jesus, the Mediator, the Bridge connecting humanity and divinity. During Holy Week, Jesus, by his Passion, gives Himself entirely for us, even to death on the Cross. He bathes us, purifying and sanctifying us in His Blood. At Easter, Christ rises, and His Resurrection, as well as His Ascension, is the pledge of our own glorification. He goes before us to His Father's house to prepare a place for us, for in Him and with Him, we have become a part of the divine Family; we have become children of God, destined for eternal beatitude. But the gift of God to men does not end there; having ascended into heaven, Jesus, in union with the Father, sends us His Spirit, the Holy Spirit. The Father and the Holy Spirit loved us to the point of giving us the Word in the Incarnation; the Father and the Word so loved us as to give us the Holy Spirit. Thus the three Persons of the Trinity give Themselves to man, stooping to this poor nothing to redeem him from sin, to sanctify him, and to bring him into Their own intimacy. Such is the excessive charity with which God has loved us; and the divine gift to our souls reaches its culminating point in the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is the Gift par excellence : Altissimi Donum Dei, Gift of the Most High God. The Holy Spirit, the bond and pledge of the mutual love of the Father and the Son, He who accepts, seals, and crowns their reciprocal gift, is given to our souls through the infinite merits of Jesus, so that He will be able to complete the work of our sanctification. By His descent upon the Apostles under the form of tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit shows us how He, the Spirit of love, is given to us in order to transform us by His charity, and having transformed us, to lead us back to God.

"O Holy Spirit, substantial Love of the Father and the Son, uncreated Love dwelling in the souls of the just, come down upon me like a new Pentecost and bring me an abundance of Your gifts, of Your fruits, and of Your grace; unite Yourself to me as the most sweet Spouse of my soul.

"Accendat in nobis ignem sui amoris et flammam aeternae caritatis, kindle in me the fire of Your love and the flame of eternal charity. Multiply in me these holy transports of love which will bring me rapidly to transforming union.

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

From the Pastor

To be good Catholics we must believe and profess all of Christ's doctrine as taught by the Catholic Church, and must be striving to put that belief into practice in our daily lives. There are, however, some things that we can legitimately disagree about and still be good Catholics. One is **not** a bad Catholic, for example, if he wants to stop the flow of illegal immigration, does not believe that global warming is manmade, upholds the right to own a gun, or has good reason to support the death penalty. On the other hand, one is a bad Catholic if he supports the practice of abortion and the distribution of contraceptives, or approves of the "gay" lifestyle or "transgenderism." Let us not be intimidated by those – whether they be inside or outside of the Church - who would have us believe otherwise. Christ never spoke or acted out of "political correctness." We, His followers, must not either.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to those who have already made a gift to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. As of today 168 parishioners have participated in the 2017 Appeal at our parish, totaling \$17,338.00 in gifts and pledges. 25% of what you give is returned to our parish.

Baby Bottle Project—Thank You!

St. Stephen's donated \$1,871.43 to the Life Center through the Baby Bottle Project! Thank you!

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 deaconate. 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.

~ <u>Summer Dress Code</u> ~

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.

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 lift 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

<u>Confraternity of St. Peter</u> 2017 Pilgrimage to Italy & Slovenía

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!

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!

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, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini



- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m.

St. Monica Novena: First Thursday of every month,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: after 6:30 p.m. Mass

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

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or

ENVELOPES AND ON-LINE GIVING

Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping. PLEASE

For on-line giving go to the parish website:

St. Bernadette Fund – to aid parishioners in need!