

Sunday, May 28, 2017
Sunday after Ascension



Sun. 28 May Sunday after Ascension, II Class
8:00 am Stephen Roundtree & Family
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm †Gregory Nicholas
6:00 pm †Savino Salierno

Mon. 29 May St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi, Virgin, III Class
7:00 am †Kimberly Nemeth
12:15 pm Dean Becker

Tues. 30 May Feria after the Ascension, IV Class
7:00 am †Gloria Rivera
6:30 pm Shirley Allan

Wed. 31 May Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class
7:00 am Brenda Phelan
12:15 pm Charles Jaeger

Thurs 1 June St. Angela Merici, Virgin III Class
7:00 am †Conrado Zapata
6:30 Saint Monica Sodality

Fri. 2 June Feria, IV Class
7:00 am †Gregory Nicholas
12:15 pm David Matthews
6:30 pm Rose Wedinsky

Sat. 3 June Vigil of Pentecost, I Class
7:00 am †Jesus & Teresa Alatorre
9:00 am Bryan & Cecilia & Theodore Castillo

Sun. 4 June Pentecost Sunday, I Class
8:00 am †Gregory Nicholas
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm FSSP
6:00 pm †Ursula Uclaray

...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

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
Reminder—This Friday & Saturday are the first of the Month.

Mary’s Apostolate

Mary is, at the same time, the model of both contemplative and apostolic souls. Furthermore, by combining in herself the highest contemplative life with the highest apostolic life, she teaches us that contemplation and the apostolate, far from being opposed to each other, complement, support, and maintain each other. When the contemplative life—considered as an assiduous seeking after union with God—is really fervent, it cannot fail to enkindle in the soul the burning fire of the apostolate. One who has experienced, in an intimate contact with God, the ineffable reality of His love for men, cannot fail to burn with the desire to win all to that love. So it was with the Blessed Virgin, but in the most sublime way. Having enjoyed and penetrated God’s love, and being more on fire with it than any other creature, Mary desired more than anyone else to bring all mankind to God. Indeed, no one has collaborated more with Christ in saving the human race. Hers was an intimate and profound collaboration, for by her blood, she supplied the Son of God with the humanity which made it possible for Him, the eternal Word, to become one of us, and to suffer and die for us on the Cross. Mary’s collaboration was of the highest value, since she was willingly, knowingly the Mother of the Savior. She gave her consent, knowing well from the Sacred Scriptures that the Messiah was to be the Man of Sorrows, immolated for the redemption of the world. By consenting to become His Mother, she thereby consented to link her fate with His and share in all His sufferings. To give a Redeemer to the world, to be willing to see her beloved Son die in torment, was Mary’s sublime apostolate, born of her immense love of God.

The greater the love for God, the greater and more effective the apostolate which is derived from it. The reverse is equally true. Every apostolic work which is not animated by charity is *nothing*. “If I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor,” says St. Paul, “and if I should deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing”.

“O Mary, you are our life, our sweetness, and our hope! You alone have taken away the world’s universal guilt, for you alone gave birth to the Savior. You are the Mother of mercy, the Mother who washes away the stains of our sins. You pacified us when we cried in our cradle, you fed us and carried us in your arms. You are not only our Mother, but you also want to be the remedy for all our ills”.
(*Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD.)

From the Pastor

One of the biggest dangers to our souls today is pornography – both the “soft” and “hard” varieties. We need to do all we can to protect ourselves and our families from it. St. Jacinta Marto (one of the Fatima seers) is quoted as saying that the sins that send most souls to hell are sins of the flesh. They may not be the worst sins that can be committed, but that will be small consolation if we end up in hell because of them. Besides maintaining a strong spiritual life, there are some practical things that we can do to help ourselves (and others): 1) use filters on your computer (you might check out “Covenant Eyes”); 2) keep the computer in a public area of the house; 3) only access the internet when other people are around; 4) anything else you can think of to make temptation as remote as possible. Parents, of course, have a serious obligation to monitor their children’s internet use. Increasingly, cell phones are being used to access pornography. There are filters for cell phones, as well. Another option is to replace your smart phone with a flip-open “dumb” phone. This isn’t a fool proof solution, but it can go a long way to keeping temptation at a distance while still allowing one to make and receive calls as needed. Mary, Virgin most pure, protect us and our families from the deluge of impurity that threatens to destroy our souls!

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.

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.

**Month of Mary, month of Mary!
Pray the Rosary!**

~ 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 Jose and Stacy Rivera on the birth of their first child, Gemma. Gemma was baptized at St. Stephen on May 21st.

High School Co-Op Informational Meetings.

On Sunday, June 4, after the 8:00 a.m., the 10:30 a.m., and the 1:30 p.m. Masses, those organizing the co-op for the fall - including the priests - will be presenting the vision and curriculum of the co-op to interested families. The co-op plans to offer a fuller and more regular curriculum for students from the 9th to 12th grades, beginning with this year’s incoming 9th grade class. Of note, the priests plan on teaching classes both in religion and in literature next year. **All families of St. Stephen’s with children that are or will be eligible for the co-op (even if it may be some years yet) are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.**

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.

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

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



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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.