

Sunday, June 11, 2017
Trinity Sunday



Sun. 11 June	Trinity Sunday, I Class
8:00 am	†Gregory Nicholas
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Father Lyons
6:00 pm	†Julian Rangel
Mon. 12 June	St. John of Facundo, Confessor, III Class
7:00 am	Elizabeth McDonough
12:15 pm	Julian McDonough
Tues. 13 June	St. Anthony of Padua, Confessor & Doctor, III Class
7:00 am	Ferazza Family
6:30 pm	Joseph McDonough
Wed. 14 June	St. Basil the Great, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor, III Class
7:00 am	†Ursula Uclaray
12:15 pm	John Vennari
Thurs 15 June	Corpus Christi, I Class
7:00 am	†Gregory Nicholas
6:30 pm	George Reslock
Fri. 16 June	Feria, IV Class
7:00 am	†Bernard & Loretta Trainor
12:15 pm	†Savino Salierno
6:30 pm	†John Reyes
Sat. 17 June	St. Gregory Barbarigo, Bishop & Confessor, III Class
7:00 am	†Marie Marshall
9:00 am	†Ursula Uclaray
Sun. 18 June	2nd Sunday After Pentecost, II Class
8:00 am	Tony & Jean Gomez
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Father Lyons
6:00 pm	†John Reyes

...*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 15—Corpus Christi
June 18-24 Camp Sacred Heart
June 23—Feast of the Sacred Heart
June 29—Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul
July 1—Feast of the Precious Blood
July 23-27—Annual Retreat
August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Sept. 10—Confirmation classes begin

The Virtues and The Gifts

St. Thomas teaches that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to us as a help to the virtues: “*dona sunt in adjutorium virtutum.*” This is a very meaningful expression: note that we receive the gifts to *help* the virtues, *not* to substitute for them. If the soul does its best, seriously applying itself to the practice of the virtues, the Holy Spirit, by means of the gifts, will complete the soul’s work. To make the gifts operative then, personal activity and application are essential. The whole Catholic tradition places them at the starting point, for “ if a soul is seeking God, its Beloved is seeking it much more...He attracts the soul and causes it to run after Him.”

Although the assiduous practice of the virtues will not suffice to bring the soul to God, the manifestation of good will implied by this practice is very necessary. The sailor who is anxious to reach the port does not lazily wait for a favorable wind, but begins at once to row vigorously; similarly, the soul who seeks God, while waiting for Him to attract it, does not abandon itself to indolence; on the contrary, it searches fervently on its own initiative: making efforts to overcome its faults, to be detached from creatures, to practice the virtues and to apply itself to interior recollection. The Holy Spirit perfects these efforts by activating His gifts. Thus we see how erroneous is the attitude of certain souls who remain too passive in the spiritual life, failing to exert their own initiative to advance in holiness and to meet God. These souls are wasting their time and easily exposing themselves to deception. It is necessary to take up the task vigorously, especially at the beginning of the spiritual life. Only by so doing can one hope to have the aid of the Holy Spirit.

Generally, at the outset of the spiritual life, the influence of the gifts, although never wanting, is rather hidden and rare. At this time, the soul’s initiative— the active exercise of the virtues and prayer—must naturally predominate. But as the spiritual life develops, according to the measure of charity, the influence of the gifts increases too. If the soul is faithful, this influence gradually becomes stronger and more frequent until the soul’s own initiative is eclipsed by it. Thus, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, the soul attains sanctity.

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

From the Pastor

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The feast of the Sacred Heart is normally celebrated during this month (the third Friday after Pentecost). This year it will fall on June 23rd. One of the components of the Sacred Heart devotion is the Badge of the Sacred Heart. One website explains: “Our Lord revealed to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque His wish for her to order a picture made of the image of His Sacred Heart for people specifically to venerate and have in their homes and also small pictures to carry with them. St. Margaret Mary always kept a Sacred Heart badge with her and inspired her novices to do the same. She made many badges and often said this practice was very pleasing to the Sacred Heart.” The badge may be worn, kept in a wallet, or hung up in a vehicle or room. It serves as protection for both body and soul. One priest I know who promotes this practice told me that some people who were struggling with vices found carrying the badge and saying, “Cease, the Heart of Jesus is with me!” every time they were tempted, to be very helpful.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Bible Study

“Wrestling with God”

The Jacob narrative, Part 6: Genesis 35, Thursday, June 15, at 7:30 in Classroom 3.

Chesterton Society Meeting:

June 13th at 7:30pm

We will discuss the third and 4th chapters of *The Ballad of the White Horse*.

All are welcome!

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.

~ 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.

Missionary Appeal

This weekend, our parish will be visited by Fr. Christopher Onyenobi with the Archdiocese of Ibadan, Nigera. He will share with us their courageous evangelization efforts on behalf of the Catholic Church and give us an opportunity to support their work in the field. A second collection will be taken up following his presentation. Special envelopes will be provided for your convenience. Donations made by check should be **made payable to the parish.** All funds collected throughout the Diocese will be equally divided among the 51 missionary organizations visiting the Diocese of Sacramento this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Fatima Procession

This Tuesday, June 13th, a Marian procession will be held following the 6:30 pm Mass. It is hoped that many will participate as we continue to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s appearances at Fatima.

Corpus Christi

The external solemnity of the feast of Corpus Christi will be held next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. A Eucharistic procession around the parish grounds will immediately follow the Mass. The actual feast day of Corpus Christ is this Thursday, June 15th.

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, 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.