

**Sunday, January 14, 2018
2nd Sunday After Epiphany**



Jesus among the doctors in the Temple

- Sun. 14 Jan.** **2nd Sunday After Epiphany, II Class**
8:00 am Father Lyons
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm Father Curtis
6:00 pm Father Savoie
- Mon 15 Jan.** **St. Paul, the First Hermit, Confessor, III Class**
7:00 am †Mercedes Baccay
12:15 pm Yesenia Rangel & Family
- Tues. 16 Jan.** **St. Marcellus I, Pope & Martyr, III Class**
7:00 am †Arlett Crane
6:30 pm Flora Freitas
- Wed. 17 Jan.** **St. Anthony, Abbot, III Class**
7:00 am †Leonila Baccay
12:15 pm Virginia Werner
- Thurs. 18 Jan.** **Feria, IV Class**
7:00 am Janette Schulte
6:30 pm Ageliki Kavadias
- Fri. 19 Jan.** **Feria, IV Class**
7:00 am †Arlett Crane
12:15 pm Confraternity of St. Peter
6:30 pm Renee Burns
- Sat. 20 Jan.** **SS. Fabian, Pope, & Sebastian, Martyrs, III Class**
7:00 am †Arlett Crane
9:00 am FSSP
- Sun. 21 Jan.** **3rd Sunday After Epiphany, II Class**
8:00 am FSSP
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm In Reparation for the Blasphemies Against the Sacred Heart of Jesus
6:00 pm Joseph & Cindy McGuire

...In Memoriam

†Fatima Moitoso, †George Lane

Important Upcoming Dates

Jan. 14—1st Communion classes begin
Feb. 2—Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin
Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday
Feb. 22—Chair of St. Peter
March 20—Confirmation 6:00 pm
March 30—Good Friday
April 1—Easter Sunday
May 5—First Holy Communion

“I Am The Truth”

Jesus came to give us life and to show us the way which leads to it. He, the Teacher of life, is also its source.

At the beginning of Jesus’ apostolate, the heavenly Father presented Him to the world as its divine Teacher. The Holy Spirit, descending upon Jesus in the form of a dove immediately after His baptism, and the voice from heaven saying, “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased” (Mt 3,17) are, as it were, the divine credentials guaranteeing His teaching and giving the basic reasons for it. Who could refuse to believe His doctrine if He is the Son of God and the Holy Spirit is with Him? Two years later on Mt. Thabor, the same presentation is renewed: the same voice, the same words, “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased,” but this time an explicit mandate is given us: “Hear ye Him!” (ibid. 17,5). By these words an even greater light is cast upon the teaching mission of Christ.

Jesus revealed Himself as Teacher, as the one and only Teacher: “You call Me Master . . . and you say well, for so I am” (Jn 13,13). “Neither be ye called masters; for one is your Master, Christ” (Mt 23,10). Strengthening the validity of this claim, Jesus declared that He was the Life and the Truth. He even equates the latter with His origin and mission, as when He declared to Pilate: “For this was I born, and for this I came into the world, that I should give testimony to the truth” (Jn 18,37). Those who listen to His word, hear the truth: “If you continue in My word . . . you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (ibid. 8,31.32).

A man may or may not be a teacher; in either case, he remains a man. Jesus, on the other hand, is Teacher by nature, because He is the Incarnate Word. God is Truth; all the truth which is in the Father is communicated to the Word, and comes to us through Christ. Jesus is Teacher because He is the Word, the substantial Word of the Father, and as such, He possesses and manifests all truth, all wisdom, all knowledge; indeed, He Himself is the Truth, the Wisdom, the Splendor, the Light of the Father. It is because of this that Jesus could say that He was the one and only Master. Other teachers know only a part of the truth; Jesus not only knows all truth, but because He is the Word, He is the Truth. . . .

The teaching of Jesus does not consist then in mere human words, however sublime and elevated they might be, but it is the revelation of God Himself. This is the Word to which He invites us to open our minds and hearts.

(Divine Intimacy Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)

**From the Pastor
National Day of Penance**

This year marks the 45th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

According to the USCCB:

“In all diocese of the United States, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.”

- Note: The West Coast Walk for Life will be held in San Francisco on Saturday, January 27th.

Men’s Holy League

Instead of meeting on the third Wednesday of the month as usual, the Men’s Holy League will be meeting on the fourth Wednesday of this month, Jan. 24. Please make note of the change.

High Mass after Walk for Life

A High Mass in the Extraordinary Form will be celebrated at the National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi, 610 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, at 5:00PM on the 27th Of January. The Shrine is about 20 minutes from the end of the walk. The celebrant will be Fr Paul Fazio OFM Conv, and the Deacon and Preacher will be Fr Francisco Nahoe OFM Conv. St Anne's schola of Palo Alto will sing.

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.

Brown Bag Lunch Project

Please help us fill our food closet:

Below is a list 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

Around the Parish

Pilgrim Virgin Statue - If you would like to have our Blessed Mother’s image spend a week with you in your home, sign up in the book store. First come, first served! You may pickup the statue on one Sunday and return it the next. By taking the image you’re agreeing to pray a family Rosary daily for the duration of the visit.

Candle Order

If you would like to order candles for the Feast of the Purification (Candlemas), please do so today in the bookstore or call 916-223-3112 or e-mail ststephenbookgift@gmail.com We have 100% beeswax 15 hour votive and tapers, also 7 day insert candles. They will be ready for pickup after the blessing on February 2nd.

Saint Paul the Hermit’s Story

St. Paul was reportedly born in Egypt, where he was orphaned by age 15. He was also a learned and devout young man. During the persecution of Decius in Egypt in the year 250, Paul was forced to hide in the home of a friend. Fearing a brother-in-law would betray him, he fled in a cave in the desert. His plan was to return once the persecution ended, but the sweetness of solitude and heavenly contemplation convinced him to stay.

He went on to live in that cave for the next 90 years. A nearby spring gave him drink, a palm tree furnished him clothing and nourishment. After 21 years of solitude, a bird began bringing him half of a loaf of bread each day. Without knowing what was happening in the world, Paul prayed that the world would become a better place.

Saint Anthony of Egypt attests to his holy life and death. Tempted by the thought that no one had served God in the wilderness longer than he, Anthony was led by God to find Paul and acknowledge him as a man more perfect than himself. The raven that day brought a whole loaf of bread instead of the usual half. As Paul predicted, Anthony would return to bury his new friend.

Thought to have been about 112 when he died, Paul is known as the “First Hermit.”

St. Francis Xavier Mission Trips

This year there will be four trips: two in Mexico (Holy Week and July), one in Peru, and one in the Dominican Republic. Registration is now open via the website www.sfxmission.com

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Sandra De Monaco, Pamela Lewis, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, Julie Jeong, William (Pat) Cummings, Lorraine Peterson, John Testa, Mike Trainor, Michael Cuellar, Alice Smith, Patricia Quinn, William Eckerman, Mitzi Vandenburg



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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

Knights of Columbus: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6 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

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