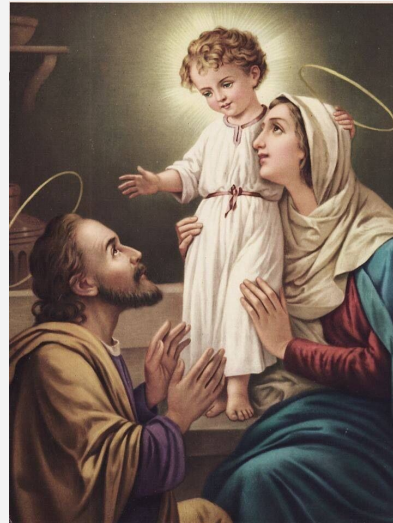


**Sunday, January 7, 2018
The Holy Family**



Sun. 7 Jan. The Holy Family, II Class
 †Aimee Santos
 Pro Populo
 Yesenia Rangel & Family
 Alexander McCluskey

Mon. 8 Jan. Feria After Epiphany, IV Class
 Nick Di Giovanni
 Gregory McCluskey

Tues. 9 Jan. Feria After Epiphany, IV Class
 Rene Ribol
 Private Intention

Wed. 10 Jan. Feria After Epiphany, IV Class
 Yesenia Rangel & Family
 †Angela Mendoza

Thurs. 11 Jan. Feria After Epiphany, IV Class
 FSSP
 Patrick Risse

Fri. 12 Jan. Feria After Epiphany, IV Class
 †Arlette Crane
 John & Paula Belen
 †Arlette Crane

Sat. 13 Jan. Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord, II Class
 †Arlette Crane
 Penelope Scheherazade Gomez & Danilo Bernal Morales

Sun. 14 Jan. 2nd Sunday After Epiphany, II Class
 Father Lyons
 Pro Populo
 Father Curtis
 Father Savoie

...In Memoriam
 †Fatima Moitoso, †George Lane

Important Upcoming Dates

Jan. 13—Girls groups meet
 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
 April 1—Easter Sunday
 May 5—First Holy Communion
 May 12—Marian Procession

“I Am The Life”

Jesus explained His mission in these words: “I am come that they may have life, and may have it more abundantly” (*Jn* 10,10). What is this life which He gives us? It is the life of grace, which is a participation in His divine life.

Jesus is the Incarnate Word; in His divine nature as the Word, He possesses divine life in the same way and to the same degree that His Father possesses it. “As the Father hath life in Himself, so He hath given to the Son also to have life in Himself” (*ibid.* 5,26).

This plenitude of divine life reverberates in Christ’s humanity by reason of the hypostatic union. His sacred humanity, placed in direct contact with His divinity, to which it is united in one Person, is inundated with divine life; that is, it receives the greatest possible participation in it through “such plenitude of grace that no greater amount can be imagined” (*Mystici Corporis*). The sanctifying grace which fills the soul of Jesus is so plentiful, perfect, intense, and superabundant that theologians do not hesitate to call it “infinite grace.” “Because in Him [Christ], it hath well pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell” (*Col* 1,19), affirms St. Paul; and St. John describes Him as being “full of grace and truth” (*Jn* 1,14). But Jesus does not wish to keep all this immense wealth for Himself alone; He wishes to have brethren with whom He can share it. For this reason He embraced His sorrowful Passion; by dying on the Cross, He merited for us His members that grace which He possesses in such great plenitude. Thus Christ becomes the one and only source of grace and supernatural life for us. He is so “full of grace and truth” that “of His fullness we have all received” (*ibid.* 1,14.16). Here, then, is how divine life comes to us: from the Father to the Word; from the Word to the humanity which He assumed in His Incarnation, and from this humanity, which is the sacred humanity of Christ, to our souls.

Grace, like everything that exists, apart from God, is also created by God. Jesus as God, that is, as the Word, is, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Creator of grace. Let us now contemplate Jesus as our Redeemer, therefore, as Man, and as such, the Mediator of grace, the One who merited grace for us, in virtue of His own infinite treasure grace, and who also bestows it upon us. He not only merited it for us once for always by His death on the Cross, but He is continually applying it to our souls and producing it in us. Thus grace is infused and made to grow in us by means of His living and ever-present action.

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

From the Pastor

Fr. Curtis, Fr. Savoie, and I would like to thank you for the many cards, prayers, and gifts that we received from you during this Christmas Season. You are all, of course, always in our prayers.

Priests Away

The priests of St. Stephen’s will be away this week from Wednesday through Friday. They will be going to the FSSP seminary in Nebraska to participate in preparations for the Fraternity’s General Chapter which will take place this June. A new superior general will be elected at that time. Please pray for the success of the preparations, as well as the General Chapter, itself.

Mass Schedule for this Week

The Mass schedule will remain the same this week. Fr. Blaise Berg and Fr. Alex Estrella have graciously agreed to help out while the priests are away.

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.

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. 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.

Chesterton Society Meeting
January 9th at 7:30pm

We will meet in one of the classrooms right after the 6:30 pm Mass.

We will discuss chapter 4 of *St. Francis of Assisi* “Francis the Builder”

All are welcome!

Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Priest: Let us pray for priestly and religious vocations.
All: O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless the Church with many priests, brothers, and sisters, who will love Thee with their whole hearts, be faithful to their vocations, and gladly spend their entire lives to teach Thy truths, serve Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families, bless our children.
All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

Priest: O Mary, Queen of priestly and religious vocations:
All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us the grace of many more. Amen.

(Please offer your reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations)

Prayer of Parents for Priestly and Religious Vocations

O God, grant that at least one of our sons may become a priest or religious brother, and one of our daughters a religious sister. We ourselves want to live as good Christians, and to guide our children always to do what is right, so that we may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give Thee a holy priest, brother, or sister! Amen.
 (Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

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,
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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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