

Sunday, April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday



Sun. 1 Apr. **Easter Sunday, I Class**
8:00 am Tess & Charlie Houk
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm David Rose
6:00 pm Raymond Alatorre & Family

Mon. 2 Apr. **Easter Monday, I Class**
7:00 am Estefania Zapata & Family
12:15 pm Deena Arango & Family

Tues. 3 Apr. **Easter Tuesday, I Class**
7:00 am Stella Zapata & Family
6:30 pm Alexander McCluskey

Wed. 4 Apr. **Easter Wednesday, I Class**
7:00 am Father John Berg
12:15 pm Lexuan Culbreath

Thurs. 5 Apr. **Easter Thursday, I Class**
7:00 am Tom & Monique Rance
6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality

Fri. 6 Apr. **Easter Friday, I Class**
7:00 am Kathleen Rose
12:15 pm FSSP
6:30 pm Faustina Villalpando

Sat. 7 Apr. **Easter Saturday, I Class**
7:00 am Marisa Amick
9:00 am Kevin Smith & Family

Sun. 8 Apr. **Low Sunday, I Class**
8:00 am † Jerry Juarez
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm Nathan Rose
6:00 pm Marcus Johnson

...In Memoriam

†Fatima Moitoso, †George Lane, †William Eckerman;
Msgr. Edward Kavanaugh, †Edward Upczak, †Roy Nelson

Important Upcoming Dates

April 1—Easter Sunday
April 9—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin (transferred)
May 5—First Communion
May 12—May Procession
May 10—Ascension of Our Lord
June 17-23—Camp Sacred Heart
July 8-12—Annual Retreat

The Resurrection of the Lord

“This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice therein” (*RB*). This is the most excellent day, the happiest day in the whole year, because it is the day when “Christ, our Pasch, has been sacrificed.” Christmas, too, is a joyous feast, but whereas Christmas vibrates with a characteristic note of sweetness, the Paschal solemnity resounds with an unmistakable note of triumph; it is joy for the triumph of Christ, for His victory. The liturgy of the Mass shows us this Paschal joy under two aspects: joy in truth (*Ep: I Cor 5,7.8*) and joy in charity (*Postcommunium*).

Joy in truth: According to the vibrant admonition of St. Paul, “Let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven . . . but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” In this world there are many ephemeral joys, based on fragile, insecure foundations; but the Paschal joy is solidly grounded on the knowledge that we are in the truth, the truth which Christ brought to the world and which He confirmed by His Resurrection. The Resurrection tells us that our faith is not in vain, that our hope is not founded on a dead man, but on a living one, the *Living One* par excellence, whose life is so strong that it vivifies, in time as in eternity, all those who believe in Him. “I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live” (*Jn 11,25*). Joy in truth: for only sincere and upright souls who seek the truth lovingly and, still more, “do the truth” can fully rejoice in the Resurrection. We are sincere when we recognize ourselves for what we are, with all our faults, deficiencies, and need for conversion. From this knowledge of our miseries springs the sincere resolve to purify ourselves of the old leaven of the passions in order to be renewed completely in the risen Christ. Truth, however, must be accomplished in charity—*veritatem facientes in caritatem*, doing the truth in charity (*Eph 4,15*); therefore the Postcommunion prayer that is placed on our lips is more timely than ever: “Pour forth upon us, O Lord, the spirit of Thy love, to make us of one heart.” Without unity and mutual charity there can be no real Paschal joy.

. . . The search for God is progressive, and must be maintained during our whole life. For this reason, following the example of the holy women, we must always have a holy preoccupation about finding the Lord, a preoccupation which will make us industrious and diligent in seeking Him, and at the same time confident of the divine aid, since the Lord will certainly take care that we arrive where our own strength could never bring us, because He will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Every year Easter marks a time of renewal in our spiritual life, in our search for God; every year we re-ascend the path toward Him *in novitiate vitae*, in newness of life (*Rom 6,4*).

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

From the Pastor

Easter Greetings!

The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed! May the thought of Our Lord’s resurrection always serve to remind us of the hope we have in our own resurrection when He comes again in glory.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many who helped to make Holy Week a beautiful one. Thank you, too, for your prayers and gifts.

Wishing all of our parishioners a joy-filled Easter!

Fr. Lyons, Fr. Curtis, Fr. Savoie

Although this isn’t the usual article that you might expect to find in an Easter Sunday bulletin, necessity, I believe, requires it: “Preach the Gospel in season, and out of season.” Legitimate complaints have been received recently regarding the shortness of the skirts of some of our young women and the tightness of their clothes. Although the young women may not realize it, the wearing of immodest dress can be seriously sinful; they are leading men into temptation. If a man gives into temptation, he sins. However, the one who led him into temptation, also sins. Men complain that they can’t escape this temptation even in church; women, too, are upset that their husbands and sons are exposed to this temptation when they come to Mass. Parents have a serious duty to make sure that their children dress modestly; by failing to do so, they, too, can sin seriously.

The wearing of modest dress is expected of everyone, everywhere on St. Stephen’s campus – including hall, classrooms, and playing field. When we come to Mass, especially on Sundays, not only should our dress be modest, it should reflect our awareness of the holiness of the place in which we worship; we should not dress casually – no different than if we were going to the supermarket or a sporting event.

Finally, just a reminder that the correction of those who are not properly dressed is to be left to the priests of the parish and those whom they delegate – teachers in the classroom, for example. Thank you for your cooperation.

“Fashions will be introduced that will offend God greatly.” Our Lady of Fatima to St. Jacinta

Brown Bag Lunch Project

As a result of your dedication and generosity, we are currently stocked up on fruit-cups, waters, and crackers. However, we are in need of MEATS and DESSERTS at this time. Meat donations must be non-perishable i.e. , tuna foil packets, cans of meat with flip tops (single servings ~5 oz), boxed meat/cracker kits i.e "Bumblebee Snack-on-the Run " -4oz), canned vienna sausages- (5 oz). Dessert donations are best if individually wrapped (i.e., 3-5 cookies/pastries per package) or granola bars. The black box in the vestibule is always ready to receive your food items! Cash donations also welcome at the office or bookstore.

Thank you for participating in this corporal work of mercy. Questions or comments, please contact Julie Solorio @ 209 300-4270.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday, Low Sunday, is also now commonly known as Divine Mercy Sunday. According to revelations given to St. Faustina, Our Lord has promised the lifting of all temporal punishment due to sin to those who worthily receive Holy Communion on that day, go to Confession, and habitually practice some form of mercy (any one of the spiritual or corporal works will do). Since it’s impossible for everyone to go to confession on the same day, the requirement to avail oneself of the sacrament of Penance may be fulfilled anytime during Lent or Easter week. Although not necessary to receive the promise, the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy during this week is also strongly encouraged. Many look forward every year to gaining the benefits of this promise; hopefully, you do as well.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we will have a Holy Hour beginning at 3 p.m. with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the chanting of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are invited.

Organ Concert

Jacob and Rebekah Kasak invite you to attend an organ concert of sacred music to take place here at St. Stephen's following the Divine Mercy Holy Hour next Sunday. A reception in the parish hall will follow the concert. All are invited.

Chesterton Society Meeting
April 10th at 7:30pm -

We will discuss St. Francis of Assisi chapter 6: “The Little Poor Man”.

Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge?

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Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

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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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