

**Sunday, March 18, 2018  
Passion Sunday**



- Sun. 18 Mar. Passion Sunday, I Class**  
8:00 am †Theodore D'Amico  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:30 pm Barbara Ryan  
6:00 pm †Paul Garcia
- Mon. 19 Mar. St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I Class**  
7:00 am Friends & Family of the Dao's  
12:15 pm Charles Watts' Family  
6:30 pm Confraternity of St. Peter
- Tues. 20 Mar. Tuesday of Passion Week, III Class**  
7:00 am Michael Szumowski  
12:15 pm Alexander McCluskey
- Wed. 21 Mar. Wednesday of Passion Week, III Class**  
7:00 am Edward Joseph Piereni & Family  
12:15 pm Eric Grammatico
- Thurs. 22 Mar. Thursday of Passion Week, III Class**  
7:00 am Holy Souls  
6:30 pm †Danny Garcia
- Fri. 23 Mar. Friday of Passion Week, III Class**  
7:00 am Stephanie Sullivan  
12:15 pm Marlene Mazzucchi  
6:30 pm Sue McGrath
- Sat. 24 Mar. Saturday of Passion Week, III Class**  
7:00 am Vincent & Bronislava Zirgulis  
9:00 am Dr. Gerald Foy
- Sun. 25 Mar. Palm Sunday, I Class**  
8:00 am Veronica Augaite & †Bruce Wagner  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
2:00 pm †Maria Moitosio  
6:00 pm Father Lyons

**...In Memoriam**

†Fatima Moitoso, †George Lane, †William Eckerman

**Important Upcoming Dates**

March 19—Feast of St. Joseph  
March 20—Confirmation 6:00 pm  
March 25—Marian Consecration  
March 29—Holy Thursday  
April 1—Easter Sunday  
May 5—First Communion

**The Daily Cross**

“He that taketh not up his cross, and followeth Me, is not worthy of Me” (Mt 10,38). By these words, the divine Master expressly declares that one of the indispensable conditions for being His disciple is to carry the cross. The word *cross*, however, should not make us think only of special sufferings, which while not excluded, are not generally our portion. First of all, we must think of those common daily disagreeable things which are part of everyone’s life and which we must try to accept as so many means to progress and spiritual fruitfulness.

It is often easier to accept, in a burst of generosity, the great sacrifices and sufferings of singular occurrence, than the little, insignificant sufferings, closely connected with our state of life and the fulfillment of our duty: sufferings which occur daily under the same form, with the same intensity and insistence, among endless and unchanging circumstances. These may include physical ailments caused by poor health, economic restrictions, the fatigue attendant upon overwork or anxiety; they may be moral sufferings resulting from differences of opinion, clash of temperaments, or misunderstandings. Herein lies the genuine cross that Jesus offers us daily, inviting us to carry it after Him—an unpretentious cross, which does not require great heroism, but which does demand that we repeat our *Fiat* every day, meekly bowing our shoulders to carry its weight with generosity and love. The value, the fruitfulness of our daily sacrifices comes from this unreserved acceptance, which makes us receive them just as God offers them to us, without trying to avoid them or to lessen their weight. “Yea, Father, for so hath it seemed good in Thy sight” (Mt 11,26).

Jesus calls our sufferings a *cross* because the word cross signifies instrument of salvation; and He does not want our sorrows to be sterile, but to become a cross, that is, a means of elevating and sanctifying our souls. In fact, all suffering is transformed, changed into a cross as soon as we accept it from the hands of the Savior, and cling to His will which transforms it for our spiritual advantage. If this is true for great sufferings, it is equally true for the small ones; all are part of the divine plan, all, even the tiniest, have been predisposed by God from all eternity for our sanctification. Therefore, let us accept them with calmness, and not allow ourselves to be submerged by things which are unpleasant; let us leave them where they belong, in the place they really occupy in the divine plan, that is, among the instruments by means of which we can attain our ideal of sanctity and union with God. If these annoyances are an evil because they make us suffer, they are also a good, because they give us an opportunity of practicing virtue; they purify us and bring us near to the Lord.

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

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday:** March 25  
Low Masses: 8 a.m.; 2 p.m.; 6 p.m.  
Solemn High Mass: 10:30 a.m.  
(Blessing of Palms)

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:** Mar. 26 – 28  
Usual Mass times

**Holy Thursday:** March 29  
Tenebrae: 9 a.m.  
Confessions: 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.  
Solemn High Mass: 7 p.m.

**Good Friday:** March 30  
Tenebrae: 8 a.m.  
Confessions: 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross: 12 noon  
Solemn Liturgy: 1 p.m.

**Holy Saturday:** March 31  
Tenebrae: 9 a.m.  
Confessions: 7 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.  
Easter Vigil: 8 p.m.

**Important Notes:**

We ask that those attending the 8 a.m. Mass on Palm Sunday please not wait for the blessing of palms; we desperately need the parking space. Blessed palms will be available for you to pick up during the week and on the following Sunday.

Due to the length of the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Palm Sunday, the 1:30 p.m. Mass will begin at 2 p.m.

**Mass Change Due to Confirmations**

His Excellency, Bishop Jaime Soto, is coming to perform confirmations here this Tuesday, March 20, at 6 p.m. **Instead of a 6:30 p.m. Mass that day, there will be Mass at 12:15 p.m.** Please pray for all of those who will be confirmed.

**Holy League**

The Men’s Holy League will be meeting this Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning with Holy Hour at 7 p.m. All the men (18 and older) of the parish are invited to participate.

**Marian Consecration**

Next Sunday (Palm Sunday), all of those who have been preparing to consecrate themselves (or renew their consecration) to Jesus through Mary, according to the teachings of St. Louis de Montfort, are invited to do so after each Mass. Just come to the front of the church. The consecration will be led by one of the priests.

**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.

**St. Joseph’s Feast Day**

On Monday, March 19, there will be a 6:30 p.m. High Mass to celebrate St. Joseph’s feast day. After Mass, you are invited to the hall for a traditional **St. Joseph’s Table, “La Tavola di San Giuseppe.”** Some food and beverage will be provided, but we invite you to help out by bringing a simple dessert treat, i.e. cookies, biscotti, cannoli, etc. - these can delivered anytime after noon on Sunday, Mar. 18, the day before, or before the evening Mass on Monday, Mar. 19.

We will also need help baking bread to adorn the St. Joseph’s Table altar as well as with set up the day before and on the feast day itself. If you are interested, please contact Larry White at 916-296-2088 or email at: [lwhite@mcn.org](mailto:lwhite@mcn.org).

**Fridays During Lent**

- **Stations of the Cross** - After the 12:15 Mass and 6:30 pm Mass
- **Soup Supper** - after evening Stations of the Cross. For more information or how to help out, call the Strandhagen at 425-919-6572.

**40 Days for Life**

40 Days for Life comes to an end next Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. If you haven’t had an opportunity to participate yet, consider coming this Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 a.m., and praying with Fr. Lyons at the abortion site (2322 Butano Dr., Sacramento). Let us show the city that St. Stephen parishioners support life!

**Extra Confession Times During Lent**

Throughout Lent, the priests of St. Stephen’s will make themselves available to hear confessions from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Please spread the word to those who do not come regularly to St. Stephen’s, but would like to go to confession.

**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, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, William (Pat) Cummings, Lorraine Peterson, John Testa, Michael Cuellar, Alice Smith, Patricia Quinn, Mitzi Vandenburg, Richard Cummings, Nellie Reyes, Gretchen Medel, Dario Gonzalez, Rick Rabenau, “Holly” Hollingsworth



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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.

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