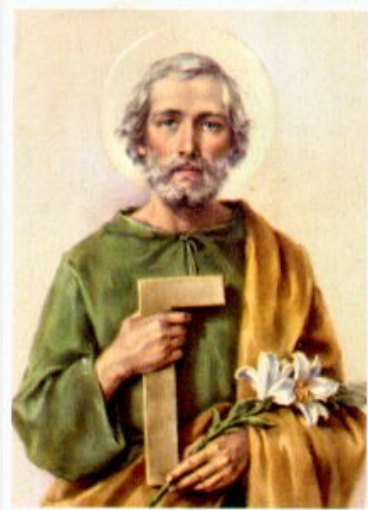


**Sunday, April 29, 2018
Fourth Sunday After Easter**



- Sun. 29 Apr. Fourth Sunday After Easter, II Class**
 8:00 am Raymond Cardinal Burke
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm †Jose Yumena
 6:00 pm Rheafe Y. Lucina
- Mon. 30 Apr. St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, III Class**
 7:00 am Maria Inferrera
 12:15 pm Marina's Grandchildren
- Tues. 1 May St. Joseph the Workman, I Class**
 7:00 am †Russ Voris
 6:30 pm Francine Petzold & Family
- Wed. 2 May St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor, III Class**
 7:00 am †Elaine Rogers
 12:15 pm Kim Jonghyun
- Thurs. 3 May Feria, IV Class**
 7:00 am Mary McQuown
 6:30 pm St. Monica Sodality
- Fri. 4 May St. Monica, Widow, III Class**
 7:00 am Augustine Inferrera
 12:15 pm John Simpson & Jane Dugyon
 6:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. Hollingsworth
- Sat. 5 May St. Pius V, Pope & Confessor, III Class**
 7:00 am Kathleen Carrell
 9:00 am Thomas Aquinas Potect
- Sun. 6 May Fifth Sunday After Easter, II Class**
 8:00 am Trena Pilegaard
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm Rhuel Y. Lucina
 6:00 pm †Victoria Mercado

...In Memoriam

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

Important Upcoming Dates

May 5—First Communion
 May 12—May Procession
 May 10—Ascension of Our Lord
 June 8—Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 June 17-23—Camp Sacred Heart
 July 8-12—*The Gifts of the Holy Ghost & the Mystical Life*
 Annual Retreat

Mary Our Guide and Model

Month of May, month of Mary! The heart of every Christian turns spontaneously toward his heavenly Mother, with a desire to live in closer intimacy with her and to strengthen the sweet ties which bind him to her. It is a great comfort on our spiritual way, which is often fatiguing and bristling with difficulties, to meet the gentle presence of a mother. One is so at ease near one's mother. With her, everything becomes easier; the weary, discouraged heart, disturbed by storms, finds new hope and strength, and continues the journey with fresh courage.

"If the winds of temptation arise," sings St. Bernard, "if you run into reefs of trials, look to the star, call upon Mary." There are times when the hard road of the "nothing" frightens us, miserable as we are; and then, more than ever, we need her help, the help of our Mother. The Blessed Virgin Mary has, before us, trodden the straight and narrow path which leads to sanctity; before us she has carried the cross, before us she has known the ascents of the spirit through suffering. Sometimes, perhaps, we do not dare to look at Jesus the God-Man, who because of His divinity seems too far above us; but near Him is Mary, His Mother and our Mother, a privileged creature surely, yet a creature like ourselves, and therefore a model more accessible for our weakness.

Mary comes to meet us during this month, to take us by the hand, to initiate us into the secret of her interior life, which must become the model and norm of our own,

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, referring to certain discourses on the Blessed Virgin, said, "She is spoken of as unapproachable, whereas she should be represented as imitable" (NV). Mary is inaccessible, it is true, in the sublime privileges which flow from her divine maternity, and it is right to consider these prerogatives in order to admire and contemplate them, to praise our Mother's greatness and hence always to love her more and more; but, at the same time, we must consider Mary in the concrete picture of her earthly life. It is a simple, humble picture, which never leaves the framework of the ordinary life common to all mothers; under this aspect, Mary is truly imitable. Our program for the month of May, then, will be to contemplate the grandeurs of Mary, that we may be stimulated to imitate her virtues.

We shall consider Mary especially as the ideal and the model of our interior life. No one has understood, as she did, the depth of meaning in the words of Jesus: "But one thing is necessary" (Lk 10,42), and no one has lived by these words better than she. From the very first moment of her life, Mary was entirely God's and lived only for Him. (Divine Intimacy Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)

From the Pastor

I want to thank the many of you who support the FSSP seminary in Nebraska with your prayers and your finances. There are presently 81 seminarians in various stages of formation enrolled in the seminary. Last year a record 44 men applied to enter and 23 were accepted. Over 35 men have already applied this year with several weeks remaining before the deadline for applications is reached. Ten deacons will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Sample on May 26th of this year. Another deacon will be ordained in England on June 9th. Please pray especially for these men, and for all of our seminarians. Some of them will be serving you in the future!

The Gifts of the Holy Ghost & the Mystical Life

A Retreat Preached by Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP
 July 8—12th

Private accommodations for 4 nights and all meals. For more information call 916-455-5114 or 916-223-3112.

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.

Space is limited!

First Friday / First Saturday

This Friday & Saturday, (May 4th & 5th) are the first of the month. This is just a reminder for all who are practicing the First Friday & First Saturday devotions.

Safety Issues

Due to safety issues it is no longer permitted to put up folding chairs in the inner vestibule (where the holy water fonts are located), or along the walls. Feel free to ask an usher to help find you a seat.

Please Do Not Reserve Pews

We ask that pews not be reserved by parishioners by placing various items on the seats. Thank you for your cooperation.

**"Discourses in the Dark"
The Book of Job Chapters 12 - 31**

Come Study the Book of Job with fellow student Fr. Savoie, Thursday, 7:30 pm in classroom 2.

**Chesterton Society Meeting
May 8th at 7:30pm**

We will discuss St. Francis of Assisi chapter 7: "The Three Orders."

All are welcome!

Around the Parish

Congratulations to Fernando & Gloria Santana on the birth of their seventh child, Caterina Maria Benedicta! Caterina was baptized at St. Stephen's on April 25th.

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.

Camp Sacred Heart 2018

Camp Sacred Heart will be held June 17-23 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.

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!

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.

Ignatian Retreat for Men

June 21-24, 2018 at OLG Seminary. Fr. James Buckley, FSSP retreatmaster. Silent retreat begins at 6:00 pm Thursday with dinner and concludes Sunday after brunch. Private room and bath. Age 18 and over. Cost \$195. Transportation from Lincoln airport provided upon request. Register at business@fsspolgs.org or phone 402-797-7700, ext. 116. Late registration until June 15.

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, Mitzi Vandenburg, Richard Cummings, Nellie Reyes, Gretchen Medel, Dario Gonzalez, Rick Rabenau, "Holly" Hollingsworth, Mike Hays, Michael Cuellar



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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.

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