

Sunday, May 13, 2018
Sunday After the Ascension



- Sun. 13 May** **Sunday After the Ascension, II Class**
 8:00 am Suffering Souls in Purgatory
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm Maria De Fatima Moitoso
 6:00 pm †Dolores Hartnell
- Mon 14 May** **Feria After the Ascension, IV Class**
 7:00 am Austin Roundtree & Family
 12:15 pm John Inferrera
- Tues. 15 May** **St. John Baptist de la Salle, Confessor, III Class**
 7:00 am Esther Harris
 6:30 pm Joseph Roche
- Wed. 16 May** **St. Ubaldus, Bishop & Confessor, III Class**
 7:00 am Ranelle & Liezel Lucina
 12:15 pm Christopher Inferrera
- Thurs. 17 May** **St. Paschal Baylon, Confessor, III Class**
 7:00 am The Atwood Family
 6:30 pm Stephen Szabo
- Fri. 18 May** **St. Venantius, Martyr, III Class**
 7:00 am Jorrel Strandhagen
 12:15 pm Maria Guadalupe Mendoza
 6:30 pm Greta Becher
- Sat. 19 May** **The Octave of Pentecost, I Class**
 7:00 am Ryan & Jasmine Lucina
 9:00 am The O'Connors Family
- Sun. 20 May** **Pentecost Sunday, I Class**
 8:00 am Jonathan Culbreath
 10:30 am Pro Populo
 1:30 pm Colin & Catherine McNamara
 6:00 pm †Humberto Herrera, Jr.

...In Memoriam

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

Important Upcoming Dates

May 12—May Procession
 May 10—Ascension of Our Lord
 May 20—Pentecost Sunday
 June 8—Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 June 17-23—Camp Sacred Heart

The Holy Spirit

The approach of Pentecost reminds us to turn our mind and heart to the Holy Spirit; with His help, we want to know Him better so as to love Him more ardently, invoke Him more fervently, and dispose ourselves in the best manner possible for the furtherance of His action in our soul.

The catechism teaches us that there are three Persons, equal and distinct, in God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Ab aeterno* the Father, knowing Himself, generates His *Word*, the perfect, substantial Idea in whom the Father is expressed and to whom He communicates all His goodness, loveliness, divine nature and essence. The Father and the Word, mutually beholding Their infinite goodness and beauty, love each other from all eternity, and the expression of this unitive love is a third Person, the Holy Spirit. As the Word is generated by the Father by way of knowledge, so the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son by way of love. The Holy Spirit is, therefore, the terminus, and the effusion of the reciprocal love of the Father and the Son, an *effusion* so substantial and perfect that it is a Person, the third Person of the Most Holy Trinity, to whom the Father and the Son, by the sublime fruitfulness of their love, communicate their very own nature and essence, without losing any of it Themselves. Because the Holy Spirit is the effusion of divine love, He is called “Spirit,” according to the Latin sense of the word which means *air, respiration, the vital breath*. In us, respiration is a sign of life; in God, the Holy Spirit is the expression, the effusion of the life and love of the Father and the Son, but a substantial personal effusion, which is a *Person*. It is in this sense that the third Person of the Blessed Trinity is called the “Spirit of the Father and the Son,” and also “the Spirit of love in God,” that is, the “breath” of love of the Father and the Son, the “breath” of divine love. It was in this sense that the Fathers of the Church called the Holy Spirit “*osculum Patris et Filii*,” the kiss of the Father and the Son, a “sweet, but secret kiss,” according to the tender expression of St. Bernard.

Let us invoke the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of love, so that He may come to enkindle in our hearts the flame of charity.

. . . Leo XIII teaches: “The Holy Spirit gives a sweet, strong impulse, and puts, so to speak, the final touch to the noble work of our eternal predestination” (*ibid.*). Under this special aspect of Sanctifier, then, the Church urges us to invoke the Holy Spirit. *Altissimi donum Dei, fons vivus, ignis, caritas et spiritalis unctio*, gift of the Most High God, gift given to our souls to lead them to sanctity; living fount of grace, fire, divine love, spiritual sweetness. And again: *Septiformis munere, digitus paternae dexteræ*, dispenser of the seven gifts by which He makes our spiritual life perfect, finger of the right hand of the Father which indicates to us the road to sanctity. With what joy, love, and desire we should invoke the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier. (*Divine Intimacy* Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)

From the Pastor

Wishing all mothers a blessed Mother’s Day! You are all remembered in prayer. Let us make this day special for our Blessed Mother by promising to be faithful to praying the Rosary daily. This will please her much more than all the roses in the world.

Coffee and Donuts

We would like to start serving coffee and donuts after the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. However, we need two volunteers to help with making the coffee and overall supervision of the hall after each Mass. If we get enough volunteers, we may need your help only once a month. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church for those interested; or, you can give your name to Tish Gallagher in the bookstore.

Ushers Needed/Men’s Holy League

There will be a training session for ushers – new and old – this Wednesday, May 16th, at 8 p.m. It will immediately follow the Men’s Holy League Holy Hour which begins at 7 p.m. This training session will take the place of the talk which would normally be given at that time.

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!

“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.

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.

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.

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!

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, 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, Gretchen Medel, Dario Gonzalez, Rick Rabenau, “Holly” Hollingsworth, Mike Hays, Michael Cuellar, Mike De Santis, Ken Taylor, Michelle di Giovanni



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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

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.

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

NEW TO ST. STEPHEN'S?

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

ENVELOPES AND ON-LINE GIVING

Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping. PLEASE pick them up in the Parish Office or Bookstore.

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