

Sunday, May 27, 2018
Trinity Sunday



- Sun. 27 May** **Trinity Sunday, I Class**
8:00 am Stephen Roundtree & Family
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm Robert Haun
6:00 pm †Jose Yumena
- Mon 28 May** **St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop & Confessor, III Class**
7:00 am Rheafe Y. Lucina
12:15 pm Jose Magabo
- Tues. 29 May** **St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin, III Class**
7:00 am Gordon Brock
6:30 pm †Jesus & Teresa Alatorre
- Wed. 30 May** **Feria, IV Class**
7:00 am †Frederic Hess
12:15 pm Saul Gomez
- Thurs. 31 May** **Corpus Christi, I Class**
7:00 am Brenda Phelan
6:30 pm Clare Pilegaard
- Fri. 1 Jun.** **St. Angela Merici, Virgin, III Class**
7:00 am Joh & Ella Strandhagen
12:15 pm Anna Vandenburg
6:30 pm Blanche Wilson
- Sat. 2 Jun.** **Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class**
7:00 am Theresa Cuny
9:00 am James Raasch
- Sun. 3 Jun.** **2nd Sunday after Pentecost, II Class**
8:00 am †Mr. D'Amico
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm CSP
6:00 pm FSSP

...In Memoriam

†Fatima Moitoso, †George Lane, †William Eckerman;
Msgr. Edward Kavanaugh, †Edward Upczak, †Roy Nelson,
†Lamberto Pangilinan, † Lucille Duarte,
†Fr. Francis Lawlor

Important Upcoming Dates

June 8—Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 9—Graduation Mass
June 17-23—Camp Sacred Heart
June 29—Feast of St. Peter & Paul
July 8-12—Annual parish retreat
July 1—Most Precious Blood of Our Lord

The Virtues and the Gifts

St. Thomas teaches that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to us as a help to the virtues: “*dona sunt in adiutorium virtutum.*” This is a very meaningful expression: note that we receive the gifts to *help* the virtues, *not* to substitute for them. If the soul does its best, seriously applying itself to the practice of the virtues, the Holy Spirit, by means of the gifts, will complete the soul’s work. To make the gifts operative then, personal activity and application are essential. The whole Catholic tradition places them at the starting point, for “if a soul is seeking God, its Beloved is seeking it much more. . . . He attracts the soul and causes it to run after Him” (J.C. *LF*, 3,28).

Although the assiduous practice of the virtues will not suffice to bring the soul to God, the manifestation of goodwill implied by this practice is very necessary. The sailor who is anxious to reach the port does not lazily wait for a favorable wind, but begins at once to row vigorously; similarly, the soul who seeks God, while waiting for Him to attract it, does not abandon itself to indolence; on the contrary, it searches fervently on its own initiative: making efforts to overcome its faults, to be detached from creatures, to practice the virtues and to apply itself to interior recollection. The Holy Spirit perfects these efforts by activating His gifts. Thus we see how erroneous is the attitude of certain souls who remain too passive in the spiritual life, failing to exert their own initiative to advance in holiness and to meet God. These souls are wasting their time and easily exposing themselves to deception. It is necessary to take up the task vigorously, especially at the beginning of the spiritual life. Only by so doing can one hope to have the aid of the Holy Spirit.

Generally, at the outset of the spiritual life, the influence of the gifts, although never wanting, is rather hidden and rare. At this time, the soul’s initiative—the active exercise of the virtues and prayer—must naturally predominate. But as the spiritual life develops, according to the measure of charity, the influence of the gifts increases too. If the soul is faithful, this influence gradually becomes stronger and more frequent until the soul’s own initiative is eclipsed by it. Thus, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, the soul attains sanctity.

From the foregoing it can readily be seen why, from the very beginning, we must acquire the habit of being both *active* and *passive* in our journey toward God, making efforts, yes, but at the same time trying to be attentive and obedient to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit. . . . “The Lord hath opened my ear, and I do not resist: I have not gone back” (50,4,5). This should be the interior attitude of a soul who wishes to let itself be guided by the Holy Spirit. (*Divine Intimacy* Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)

From the Pastor

This is a short instruction on the mechanics of receiving Holy Communion. While kneeling at the Communion rail, hands should be held no higher than the top of the rail – this allows the altar server to easily place the paten under the communicant’s chin. Elbows should never be placed on the rail. The head should be held straight, or slightly tilted backwards if one is short. It is best to close one’s eyes when receiving so as to better maintain recollection. This practice also prevents the communicant from moving his head forward when he sees the priest’s hand approaching; this movement can result in touching the priest’s fingers with the tongue. As the priest is giving Holy Communion to the person next to you, you should already be ready to receive; don’t wait to open your mouth until the priest has finished the prayer he says for each communicant. “Amen” should not be said. The mouth should be opened wide enough and the tongue extended far enough, so that the priest can easily place the host on it. The tongue need only be extended to the outer edge of the lip. In fact, if the tongue is extended too far, there’s more danger that the host will fall off before it can be retracted. When someone fails to open his mouth wide enough, the priest has a harder time to properly place the host, and often hits the communicant’s teeth. It would be helpful if parents would make sure that their children are receiving properly – especially if they’ve recently made their First Communion. It may be helpful to practice receiving at home. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Month of May, month of Mary! Pray the Rosary!

Vigil, Rosary & Mass for Fr. Lawlor

Monday, May 28—Rosary and Vigil 6:30 pm
St. Rose Church, 5961 Franklin Blvd., Sacramento

Mass of Christian Burial, Tuesday, May 29—11:00 am
St. Robert Parish, 2243 Irvin Way, Sacramento.

~ Summer Dress Code ~

Please recall that everyone is expected to dress with modesty and in a way befitting the house of God. Our choice of clothing is an expression of our worship; it may also affect the ability of others to worship. Dress should conceal rather than reveal. There is a sign in the vestibule that gives more details regarding proper dress. It is further expected that modesty in dress be maintained on the church grounds at all times.

We do request that the correction of visitors in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.

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!

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.

Volunteers for Fireworks Stand

We need volunteers to help with a fireworks stand we will be operating this year in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus. The profit will be split between the parish and the Knights. Anyone, 18 years of age and older, man or woman may participate. There will be a sign-up table after Mass.

First Friday & First Saturday

Just a reminder that this Friday, June 1st, and this Saturday, June 2nd, are the first of the month. Let us make reparation to the hearts of Jesus & Mary.

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!

Graduation Mass

There will be a special Mass for high school graduates from St. Stephen’s Parish on June 9th at 2:00 pm.

If you have a graduate in your family and would like to participate, please call the parish office or stop in the bookstore and let us know.

**Chesterton Society Meeting
June 12th at 7:30pm**

We will discuss St. Francis of Assisi chapter 8: “The Mirror of Christ.”

“Discourses in the Dark”

The Book of Job Chapters 12 - 31

Come Study the Book of Job with fellow student Fr. Savoie, Thursday, May 31st at 7:30 pm in classroom 2.

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,
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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 1:30 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

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.

For on-line giving go to the parish website:
www.sacfssp.com

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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