

Sunday, July 1, 2018  
Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Sun. 1 Jul.      **Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I Class**

8:00 am      Jorin Marinesco & Family  
10:30 am      Pro Populo  
1:30 pm      †H.H. Hess  
6:00 pm      Private Intention

Mon 2 Jul.      **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class**

7:00 am      Santana Family  
12:15 pm      Rose Wedinsky

Tues. 3 Jul.      **St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr, III Class**

7:00 am      Sam Roundtree  
6:30 pm      Travis Raasch

Thurs. 5 Jul.      **St. Anthony Mary Zaccariah, Confessor, III Class**

7:00 am      FSSP Priests & Seminarians  
6:30 pm      St. Monica Sodality

Fri. 6 Jul.      **Feria, IV Class**

7:00 am      †Mercedes Banda  
12:15 pm      Father Lyons  
6:30 pm      John & Holly Burns

Sat. 7 Jul.      **SS. Cyril & Methodius, Bishops & Confessors, III Class**

7:00 am      Joseph & Cori Magabo  
9:00 am      Father Curtis

Sun. 8 Jul.      **7th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class**

8:00 am      †Darryl Tormanen  
10:30 am      Pro Populo  
1:30 pm      Maria Guadalupe Mendoza  
6:00 pm      Joseph Capaul

...*In Memoriam*

†Fatima Moitoso, †George Lane, †William Eckerman;  
Msgr. Edward Kavanaugh, †Edward Upczak, †Roy Nelson,  
†Lamberto Pangilinan, † Lucille Duarte,  
†Fr. Francis Lawlor, †Barbara Lyons, †Norman Sayles,  
†Penny Hummell, †Charles Bardin, †Shawn Williams

**Important Upcoming Dates**

July 8-12—Annual parish retreat  
July 13—Fatima Procession  
Aug. 5—Annual Pig Roast & Square Dance  
Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Sept. 9—Confirmation classes begin

**Infinite Mercy**

God’s love for us assumes a very special character, one that is adapted to our nature as frail, weak creatures: the character of mercy. Mercy is love bending over misery to relieve it, to redeem it, to raise it up to itself. It almost seems that God, in loving us, is attracted by our weakness, not because it is lovable, but because being infinite goodness, His compassion stoops to compensate for it by His mercy. He wants to heal our imperfection by His infinite perfection, our impurity by His purity, our ignorance by His wisdom, our selfishness by His goodness, our weakness by His strength. God, the supreme, eternal good, wants to be the remedy for all our ills, “for He knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are dust” (*Ps* 102,14).

Since our greatest evil—rather, the only real evil—is sin, infinite mercy would be the remedy. Assuredly, God hates sin, but, although He is forced to withdraw His friendship, that is, His grace, from the soul of the sinner because of the offense, His mercy still finds a way of continuing to love him. If He can no longer love him as a friend, He loves him as a creature, as the work of His hands; He loves him for the good that is still in him and which gives hope of his conversion. God’s mercy is so immense that no misery, however great, can exhaust it; not even the most famous sin, provided it is repented of, can halt it. This sad power is reserved to one thing only: the proud will of man by which he disdainfully shuts himself up in his wickedness, not wishing to admit how great is his need of God’s infinite mercy. In such a case, in spite of the immensity of divine mercy, the solemn words of the Gospel are fulfilled: “God hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart, He hath put down the mighty from their seats . . . the rich He hath sent empty away” (cf. *Lk* 1, 51-53).

There is no limit to God’s mercy. He never rejects us because of our sins, He never grows weary of our infidelities, He never refuses to forgive us, He is always ready to forget all our offenses and to repay our ingratitude with graces. He never reproaches us for our offenses, even when we fall again immediately after being forgiven. He is never angered by our repeated failures or weakness in the practice of virtue, but always stretches out His hand to us, wanting to help us. Even when men condemn us, God shows mercy to us; He absolves us and sends us away justified, as Jesus did the woman taken in adultery. “Go, and now sin no more” (*Jn* 8,11). By His words and example, Jesus has shown us the inexhaustible depths of God’s mercy: let us think of the prodigal son, the lost sheep, Magdalen, and the good thief. But He has also said to us: “Be ye therefore merciful, as Your Father also is merciful” (*Lk* 6,36). How far does our mercy go? How much compassion do we have for the faults of others? The measure of our mercy toward our neighbor will be the measure of God’s mercy toward us, for Jesus has said, “With what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again” (*Mt* 7,2). (*Divine Intimacy* Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)

**From the Pastor**

Independence Day, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, reminds us how much we need to pray for our country. We won’t be independent for much longer without much prayer. I (and others, as well) believe it was because of prayer that the country was spared absolute disaster in the last presidential election. That manifestation of God’s mercy should give us more confidence in the power of prayer, and motivate us to continue to pray. Pray for the success of the upcoming elections. Pray that a solidly pro-life judge, respectful of the constitution, will be selected to the Supreme Court to fill the recent vacancy. Pray for the conversion of many hearts. The prayer that we especially encourage everyone to pray is the Rosary. The late Sr. Lucia told us that God had given even greater efficacy to its praying in these later times. Pray it daily! If you have extra time you can pray two or even three Rosaries a day.

**Mary Immaculate, patroness of the United States, pray for us!**

**Reminder**

Just a reminder that this Friday & Saturday are the first of the month!

**Chesterton Society Meeting**  
**July 10th at 7:30pm**

We will discuss St. Francis of Assisi chapter 9: “Miracles and Death.”

**What Is the Role of Our Church in The Gabriel Project**

The role of our church community in The Gabriel Project is to meet with any woman referred to us for help, to pray with her and to assure her that Christ and our congregation love her. Our community simply responds in love by providing emotional, spiritual and material support to help her meet her needs. For the many women who are abandoned at the time of a crisis pregnancy, the church community lovingly fills the void left by a missing family. Churches in The Gabriel Project stand ready to provide a mother with the kinds of assistance that she needs in caring for her unborn baby. This help may include :

- Friendship and emotional support
  - Baby sitting or providing transportation
  - Medical and prenatal care
  - Material or financial assistance
  - Housing, educational and/or employment opportunities
- Maternity and Baby Items

More than anything else, Gabriel Project Churches embrace each pregnant woman who comes to them, as their daughter, their sister, their friend  
***Next week will be Gabriel Project "Sign-up Sunday" You will have an opportunity to sign up after each Mass.***

**Around the Parish**

**Congratulations** to Stephen & Bridget Carey on the birth of their first child, Emmanuella Rose! Emmanuella was baptized at St. Stephen’s on June 23rd.

**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.

**Third Annual Chant Camp**

Mr. Keven Smith, our parish music director, and Mr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP seminarian, will once again offer a chant camp for children ages 8 and up on the mornings of Wednesday, August 1 thru Friday, August 3. The program will conclude with the children singing the 12:15 Mass on August 3. Enrollment is open to parishioners and non-parishioners alike. Cost is \$25 per child, or \$50 for two or more in a family. Register online at [www.sacfssp.com/chant-camp-2018](http://www.sacfssp.com/chant-camp-2018) or in the bookstore.

**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.

~ **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.

**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, Barbara Jeong, Carol Cummings, Joan Rutschow, Paul Franusich, Louise Szabo, Pat Clemens



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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 1:30 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

**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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