

Sunday, July 15, 2018
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



Sun. 15 Jul. 8:00 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	<u>8th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class</u> Hans-Wilfried Huch Pro Populo †Josephine Goralka Dichoso Family
Mon 16 Jul. 7:00 am 12:15 pm	<u>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, IV Class</u> Emilie Grosshanten †Paul Mudd
Tues. 17 Jul. 7:00 am 6:30 pm	<u>Feria, IV Class</u> †Joseph Schuchman Margeret Kubis
Wed. 18 Jul. 7:00 am 12:15 pm	<u>St. Camillus de Lellis, Confessor, III Class</u> †Gerald & †Eileen Ryll Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 19 Jul. 7:00 am 6:30 pm	<u>St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor, III Class</u> Davenport Family †Mercedes Banda
Fri. 20 Jul. 7:00 am 12:15 pm 6:30 pm	<u>St. Jerome Emiliani, Confessor, III Class</u> †John C. Burns Linda Cervetti Olapeju Adesanya
Sat. 21 Jul. 7:00 am 9:00 am	<u>St. Laurence of Brindisi, Confessor & Doctor, III Class</u> Tim Reed Father Savoie
Sun. 22 Jul. 8:00 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	<u>9th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class</u> Anne Roundtree Pro Populo Stephanie Chu Father Curtis

...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,
†Marcial Cristi

Important Upcoming Dates

Aug. 5—Annual Pig Roast & Square Dance
Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sept. 9—Confirmation classes begin

The Test of Hope

We prove the firmness of our faith by persevering in it in spite of its obscurity; we prove that our hope is strong by continuing to hope in spite of adversity and even when God seems to have abandoned us. As an act of faith made in the midst of darkness and doubts is more meritorious, so is it with the act of hope uttered in desolation and abandonment. The three theological virtues are the most appropriate and fitting means of uniting us to God; in fact, the purer, more intense, and supernatural are our faith, hope, and charity, the more closely they unite us to Him. To help us reach this point, God leads us through the crucible of trials. The story of Job is re-enacted in some way in the life of every soul dear to God; he was tried in his property, his children, his own person, deserted by his friends, and ridiculed by his wife. He who had been rich and esteemed, found himself alone on a dunghill, covered from head to foot with horrible sores. But if God is good, if it is true that He desires our good, why does He permit all this? Why does He let us suffer? “For God made not death,” says Sacred Scripture, “neither hath He pleasure in the destruction of the living. . . . It was the wicked who with hands and words invited death” (*Wis* 1,13-16). Death and suffering are the consequences of sin, which God has not prevented because He has willed to leave man free. And yet not only sinners suffer, but the innocent also. Why? Because God wishes to try them as gold is tried in the furnace, purifying them and raising them to a good, to a state of happiness immeasurably superior to the goods and the happiness of earth. Thus God permits the sufferings of the innocent, and even uses the consequences of sin—wars, disorders, social and personal injustices—for the greater good of His elect. It is often true, however, that when we are undergoing a trial we neither see nor understand the reason for it. God does not account for His actions nor does He reveal His plans to us; therefore, it is difficult to endure in faith and hope—difficult, but not impossible, for God never sends us trials which are beyond our strength, just as He never abandons us unless we first abandon Him.

The least act of hope, of trust in God, made in the midst of trials, in a state of interior or exterior desolation, is worth far more than a thousand acts made in times of joy and prosperity. When we are suffering in mind or body, when we are experiencing the void of abandonment and helplessness, when we find ourselves a prey to the repugnances and rebellions of nature which would like to throw off the yoke of the Lord, we cannot pretend to have the comforting feeling of hope, of confidence; often we may even experience the opposite sentiment, and yet, even in this state we can make acts of hope and confidence which are not felt but willed. . . . We should not, therefore, be disturbed if we do not *feel* confidence; we must *will* to have confidence, *will* to hope, to hope at any cost, in spite of all the blows God may inflict on us by means of trials.
(*Divine Intimacy* Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)

+Bishop Richard Garcia

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Richard Garcia, bishop of the Monterey diocese, who passed away on July 11 at the age of 71. He had served as auxiliary bishop of the diocese of Sacramento from 1998 -2006. He is remembered fondly by many. Requiescat in pace.

Fund Raiser for Little Flowers

Next Sunday, July 22, the Little Flowers girls’ group will offer meals after the 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. Masses. Please support them.

Volunteer Needed to Work with FSSP in Mexico

The FSSP apostolate in Gaudalajara, Mexico is looking for a long-term volunteer beginning in late August or early September of this year. Questions can be directed to Fr. Matthew Vierno at FSSPGuadalajara@gmail.com, or speak with Fr. Lyons for more information.

New FSSP Superior General



The General Chapter of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP), held from July 3rd to July 18th, 2018 at Our Lady of Guadalupe International Seminary in Denton, Nebraska, elected today in plenary session Fr. Andrzej Komorowski as Superior General for 6 years.

A Polish priest born in 1975, Fr. Andrzej Komorowski joined St. Peter’s International Seminary in Wigratzbad after studying economics at the University of Poznań (Poland). Ordained a priest in June 2006 by H. E. Jorge Cardinal Medina Estévez, he ministered in various apostolates of the Fraternity in Poland, Belgium and the Netherlands. Elected Assistant of the Superior General at the 2012 General Chapter, he held that position at the Fraternity’s General House in Fribourg (Switzerland) whilst fulfilling the duties of General Bursar and frequently providing ministry to the faithful in French-speaking Switzerland.

As successor to Fr. John Berg, Fr. Komorowski is the 4th Superior General of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. (copied from the **Missive**)

~ **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.

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.

Registration is open for “Little Flowers.” Girls ages 5—8 may join. Registration forms are available in the bookstore.

Registration is now open for Confirmation classes for children of the parish who will be 12 years of age by June 1, 2019. Confirmation class will begin on September 9th. In order to register, you must have a copy of your child’s Baptism certificate. Please pick up forms in the bookstore.

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 or in the bookstore.

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, 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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www.sacfssp.com

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Ushers: contact Patrick Risse patrickgeraldrisse@gmail.com