

**Sunday, August 12, 2018
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**



Sun. 12 Aug. 12th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class

8:00 am Margaret Kubis
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm Santana Family
6:00 pm Olivia Cerroni

Mon 13 Aug. Feria, IV Class

7:00 am †Francis Mudd
12:15 pm Emilie Grosshanten
6:30 pm Angelica Vivanco

Tues. 14 Aug. Vigil of the Assumption, II Class

7:00 am Amy Culbreath
6:30 pm Del Castillo Family

Wed. 15 Aug. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I Class

7:00 am Confraternity of St. Peter
12:15 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00 pm Pro Populo

Thurs. 16 Aug. St. Joachim, Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class

7:00 am Hans-Wilfried Huch
6:30 pm Brendan McDonough

Fri. 17 Aug. St. Hyacinth, Confessor, III Class

7:00 am Maria Guadalupe Mendoza
12:15 pm Annie Culbreath
6:30 pm †Angela Mendoza

Sat. 18 Aug. Saturday of Our Lady, IV Class

7:00 am Pope Francis
9:00 am All Priests & Religious

Sun. 19 Aug. 13th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class

8:00 am Father John Lyons
10:30 am Pro Populo
1:30 pm Maria De Fatima Mortoso
6:00 pm Father Joshua 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. 13—Fatima Procession after 6:30 pm Mass
Aug. 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug. 25—Installation of Fr. Curtis as pastor
Sept. 1—Girls Groups resume
Sept. 9—Confirmation classes begin

Prudent Judgment

The first duty of prudence is to help us choose the best means for attaining our final end. Many times the choice is easy, and presents itself spontaneously to a mind accustomed to making judgments and acting in the light of eternity. At other times, however, it is difficult and perplexing, as for example, when it concerns choosing one's vocation or profession, or solving complicated problems in which elements independent of one's own will must be considered. In these cases we must take time to examine everything carefully and to consult prudent, experienced persons; to act hastily would show a want of prudence. In the Gospel, Jesus Himself tells us about the prudent man who "having a mind to build a tower, first *sits down* and reckons the charges that are necessary, whether he have wherewithal to finish it" (Lk 14,28). The time spent in these examinations and calculations as dictated by prudence is not time wasted. Quite the contrary! When facing serious decisions, we must realize that God Himself often wants us to wait patiently until circumstances clearly manifest His will to us. In this waiting we should give a large place to prayer, begging Our Lord for the light which our own prudence cannot give us. In fact, prudence, even though it is an infused supernatural virtue, is always a virtue exercised by human faculties and, therefore, is affected by human limitations; however, to help it, God has given us a special gift of the Holy Spirit, the gift of counsel, the actuation of which does not depend on us but is obtainable by prayer.

After using all the means suggested by supernatural prudence, we arrive at a decision. Prudence then commands us to put it into effect with courage and diligence, without needless delays on our part and without being discouraged by the difficulties we may meet.

In order that our judgments and choices may be prudent, we must know how to free them from elements which are too subjective, such as our personal attractions and interests, our natural likes and dislikes. Sometimes we can deceive ourselves into thinking that we are judging a situation or deciding to do something solely for the glory of God or for the good of our neighbors, when, in fact, if we examined ourselves thoroughly, we would perhaps see that the motives which prevailed in our judgment or in our deliberations were egoistic and dictated by our own personal interests. Hence, even prudence requires that we cleanse our hearts from all these human motives, and that we practice detachment and renunciation. After Jesus had spoken of the prudence necessary for the man who wished to build a tower, and for the king who was about to make war against another king. He said "So likewise everyone of you that doth not *renounce* all that he possesseth, cannot by My disciple" (Lk 14,33).

(Divine Intimacy Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)

From the Pastor

In 2004, Fr. Berg had a parish crest professionally developed for St. Stephen the First Martyr Parish. But it was only recently that we were able to take a very high-quality scan of the crest. Now that we have a digital copy of it, you should start to see it in use more often.

I do not have even a passing knowledge of heraldry, but I would like to call a few elements of the crest to your attention.



On the dexter side of the shield we find crossed palms of martyrdom and three stones, representing the death of our patron, St. Stephen. On the sinister side we find a host and chalice, representing the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Underneath the shield are the words *Caritatis Virtute Subnixus*, that is, "Bound by the strength of charity." These are taken from a sermon by Saint Fulgentius, wherein he explains the relationship between Saint Stephen and Saint Paul. Here is the fuller context: "Stephen, therefore, that he might merit to receive the crown of his name, took up charity as his weapon, and through it conquered all. Through the charity of God, he did not yield to the rage of the Jews: and through love of neighbor he interceded for his executioners. Through charity he rebuked their errors, that they might be converted: through charity he prayed for them, lest they be condemned. **Bound by the strength of charity**, he overcame Saul his cruel torturer: and whom he held on earth as a persecutor, in heaven he merited to claim as comrade."

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation**

Masses will be 7:00 am, 12:15 pm, and 7:00 pm. The 7:00 pm Mass will be offered by our newly arrived priest, Fr. Latimer.

~ 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

Bishop Soto has set a date for the installation as pastor of Fr. Curtis. It will be August 25th (Saturday) at 4:30 pm. The ceremony will conclude with Vespers. A reception will follow. A 3:00 pm Low Mass will be offered before the installation to make things easier for families.

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.

Rosa Mystica Girls' Society registration is open for girls 9 - 13. Registration forms are available in the bookstore or contact Sue McGrath. **FORMS** (and \$20/yr dues) **need to be turned in by August 19th**. Volunteers for crochet, embroidery, knitting, and sewing are needed. Sue can be reached at sosusews@yahoo.com or 916.531.3946.

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary Registration -is open for girls 14 through about 18. Sodality is an opportunity for young ladies to grow spiritually and practically under the patronage of our Blessed Mother. Registration form are available in the bookstore.

The Prayers following the Leonine Prayers after Low Mass have been added to the inside back cover of the hymnals available in the pews. Included are the St. Joseph prayer used daily and the vocations prayer said after Masses on Sundays.

Next Sunday we will be joined by a mission priest, Fr. Alwin Furtado, from the Holy Ghost Fathers. This was the order of Archbishop Lefebvre. Fr. Furtado has been ordained 54 years and met the archbishop several times.

This Monday there is an extra Low Mass at 6:30 pm. The Fatima Procession will follow.

**Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home
12th Annual Fundraiser Dinner September 9th**

Located at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento. Reserve your tickets by August 31st. For more information call Kathy Baxter 916-337-6824. See flyer on bulletin board in vestibule.

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



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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

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.

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