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STAYING CONNECTED	THE FSSP	DONATIONS
<p style="text-align: center;">PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEW PARISHIONERS</p> <p>Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>	<p>St. Stephen the First Martyr is a personal parish of the Diocese of Sacramento. It is served by priests of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST. BERNADETTE FUND</p> <p>Please consider giving to those in need. Donations can be made online or in the Parish Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLINE GIVING</p> <p>Available at the parish website. www.sacfssp.com</p>

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR



9 September 2018
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sun. 9 Sept.	16th Sunday After Pentecost, II
8:00 am	Amy Rustchow
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Jaurigui & Family
6:00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Calder
Mon. 10 Sept.	St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Conf., III
7:00 am	Hans-Wilfried Huch
12:15 pm	Gus Nevarez
Tu. 11 Sept.	Feria, IV
7:00 am	Michael & Heather Cuella
6:30 pm	Jorin Marinesco & Family
Wed. 12 Sept.	Most Holy Name of Mary, III
7:00 am	Tatum Solorio
12:15 pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Th. 13 Sept.	Feria, IV
7:00 am	Theodore Culbreath
6:30 pm	Margaret Mudd
Fri. 14 Sept.	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, II
7:00 am	Mrs. Barbara Jeong
12:15 pm	Mothers in My Family & Friends
6:30 pm	†Masao Hadana
Sat. 15 Sept.	Seven Sorrows of the B. Virgin Mary, II
7:00 am	Heather Solari
9:00 am	Melissa McManis

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, Michael Cuellar, Mike De Santis, Ken Taylor, Michelle di Giovanni, Barbara Jeong, Carol Cummings, Joan Rutschow,

PARISH GROUPS

Altar Guild	Mike Solton
<i>Boys 10 - 18, Third Saturday</i>	916-832-2859
Choir & Music Classes	Keven Smith
<i>Youth & Adults, Sun. & Wed.</i>	ksmith_writer@yahoo.com
Sodality of the BVM	Amy Rutschow
<i>Girls 14 - 18, First Saturday</i>	916-340-5782
Rosa Mystica	Sue McGrath
<i>Girls 9 - 13, First Saturday</i>	916-531-3946
Little Flowers	Katie Scarry
<i>Girls 5 - 8, First Saturday</i>	530-945-6947
Bible Study	Fr. Dominic Savoie, FSSP
<i>Adults, Thursday</i>	frsavoie@fssp.com
OLSW Co-op	Keetje Terzo
<i>Ages 14 - 18, Tuesday & Thursday</i>	kterzo@hotmail.com
CCM Co-op	Krista Williams
<i>Ages 3 - 14, Friday</i>	916-955-6437
Youth Group	Liz Hernandez
<i>Ages 14 - 18, Second & Fourth Friday</i>	916-396-4062
Chesterton Society	Spencer Roundtree
<i>Adults, Second Tuesday</i>	sac.chesterton@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus, Council #16419	Mike McVean
<i>Adult men, Second Sunday</i>	916-747-3021
Holy League	Mike Rund
<i>Adult men, Third Wednesday</i>	916-218-0096
Altar Linen & Flowers Society	Tomoko McDonough
<i>Adult women, Third Saturday</i>	mcdonoughmommy6@gmail
Church Flowers	Greta Munsill
<i>Friday</i>	916-425-7112
Church Cleaning	Eli Gonzalez
<i>Thursday</i>	916-395-7408
Ushers	Patrick Risse
<i>Sunday</i>	patrickgeraldrisse@gmail.com
Coffee & Donuts	Liz Hernandez
<i>Sunday</i>	916-396-4062
Collection Count Crew	Kelly Manstch
<i>Monday</i>	Parish Office 916-451-5114
Brown Bag Lunch Program	Maureen Olguin
<i>Sunday</i>	jmolguin5960@att.net
St. Vincent de Paul Society	William Giovannetti
<i>First & Third Sunday</i>	916-531-4730
Security	Patrick Clemons
<i>Parish Events</i>	916-717-0244

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, Louise Szabo

FROM THE PASTOR

"To get good from reading the *Lives of the Saints*, and other spiritual books, we ought not to read out of curiosity, or skimmingly, but with pauses; and when we feel ourselves warmed, we ought not to pass on, but to stop and follow up the spirit which is stirring in us, and when we feel it no longer then to pursue our reading." – St. Philip Neri

It is an easy, frequent, and very normal temptation to try and speed through our devotions and spiritual exercises in order to just "get them done". In fact, it is much better, in general, to take on less of these, and do them very well, than to overburden oneself with many, but do them poorly. At times one has to take stock of one's spiritual life and organically trim back certain things which are crowding out the essentials.

Three things that ought to be part of every Catholic's daily regimen are: mental prayer, spiritual reading, and the Holy Rosary. The ideal amount of time given to the first two are thirty minutes and fifteen minutes, respectively, though it is quite alright to work up to these amounts slowly over time. It is generally noted that as the soul languishes into lukewarmness and mediocrity, spiritual reading is the first to slide, then mental prayer, and then the Rosary. When this begins to happen the soul is certainly in danger, and likely well along on the road to mortal sin.

Spiritual reading, as the saint indicates above, is very much at the service of mental prayer. Besides providing suitable material for the soul to contemplate during its silent and recollected prayer, it can often be the catalyst for spontaneous prayer right in the midst of reading. As St. Philip Neri says, when this happens it is profitable to set the book aside and rest in prayer, for as long as the acts of the will prompted by the reading remain. Once they diminish and lose their strength, then the book can be reopened and continued.

There are any number of works that are suitable for spiritual reading. Examples include: the Sacred Scriptures, commentaries on the Scriptures or on the life of Our Lord, biographies of the saints, their books or letters, and works on spiritual theology. What in particular is being read is not so important – provided it is orthodox and, hopefully, inspiring. Rather, what is important is to persevere in the reading itself, which over time will give invaluable aid to the life of prayer and will dispose the soul towards a habit of keeping a supernatural perspective and worldview.

God bless,
Fr. Curtis

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.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 9	Today! Confirmation Classes begin
Sept. 11	Chesterton Society resumes
Sept. 13	Fatima Procession
Sept. 14	Youth Group resumes
Sept. 15	Altar Guild resumes
Oct. 6 & 13	Hunter Education Course
Nov. 10	Women's Day of Recollection

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Pilgrim Virgin Statue** is available to visit your home. Please sign up in the bookstore.

Confirmation. Classes start today! 12:30 pm in classrooms 2 and 3.

Chesterton Society. Our next meeting is going to be held this Tues., on Sept. 11 at 7:30 pm. Contact: Spencer Roundtree.

Fatima Procession. This Thurs., Sept. 13 after the 6:30 pm Mass.

Youth Group. Our first meeting is this Fri., Sept. 14 at 7:30 pm, in classroom 3. Please try to attend the 6:30 pm Mass if possible.

Altar Guild. Our first meeting is Sat., Sept. 15 starting with the 9:00 am Mass, and continuing until noon. This meeting is mandatory for all members, new or returning. Registration forms (for age 10+) are available in the bookstore. Contact: Mike Solton.

St. Stephen's California Hunter Education Course. This is a Private Hunter Education Class for the parishioners of St. Stephens only. Dates are Oct. 6 and 13, from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm. For details contact Bill Hicks:
californiahuntered@gmail.com

Patrick Madrid, Catholic radio host and author, is being hosted by Good Shepherd Parish this fall. \$25 ticket price (per person) Sat., Sept. 29. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Seminar runs from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. There is an additional talk for men only, on Fri., Sept. 28. The \$25 ticket price includes both events. Tickets are available now at St. Stephen's Book & Gift Store.

Fr Savoie is away this week, Sept. 9 - 15.



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