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STAYING CONNECTED	THE FSSP	DONATIONS
<p>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p>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>ST. BERNADETTE FUND</p> <p>Please consider giving to those in need. Donations can be made online or in the Parish Office.</p> <p>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 December 2018
2nd Sunday of Advent

Sun. 9 Dec.	2nd Sunday of Advent, I
8:00 am	Children, Grchildren & G. Grchildren
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	†Masao Hadano
6:00 pm	Amelia Castro
Mon. 10 Dec.	Feria of Advent, III
7:00 am	†Marcial Cristi
12:15 pm	†Barbara Lyons
Tu. 11 Dec.	St. Damasus I, Pope & Confessor, III
7:00 am	Ben Roundtree & Family
6:30 pm	Father Lyons
Wed. 12 Dec.	Feria of Advent, III
7:00 am	Confraternity of St. Peter
12:15 pm	Cecilia Reyes
6:30 pm	Di Giovanni Family
Th. 13 Dec.	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr, III
7:00 am	†Claire Hadano
6:30 pm	†Auresta Collado
Fri. 14 Dec.	Feria of Advent, III
7:00 am	Benedict Pouliot
12:15 pm	Heidi Rutschow
6:30 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sat. 15 Dec.	Rorate Mass, III
6:00 am	For the Sick & Dying
9:00 am	Rose Wedinsky

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, Patricia Quinn, Gordon Adler, Rogelio Mendoza

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, Third Wednesday</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

George Lane, William Eckerman, Msgr. Edward Kavanaugh, Roy Nelson, Lamberto Pangilinan, Lucille Duarte, Fr. Francis Lawlor, Barbara Lyons, Norman Sayles, Penny Hummell, Charles Bardin, Shawn Williams, Marcial Cristi, Louise Szabo, Gerald Foy, Mieczysław Jasinski, Joseph Murphy

FROM THE PASTOR

From a sermon on the Second Sunday of Advent

St. John Marie Vianney

Behold, my brethren, how much Jesus Christ wishes to save us; at one time he appears to us as a poor child in the crib, lying on a handful of straw, which He moistens with His tears; again treated like a criminal, bound, pinioned, crowned with thorns, scourged, falling under the weight of the cross, and dying in martyrdom out of love for us. If this is not capable of moving us, drawing us towards Him, then He announces to us that He will one day come, clothed in the radiance of His glory and the Majesty of His Father, to judge us without clemency and without mercy; where before the whole world He will reveal the good and the bad which we have committed in the course of our lives. Tell me, dear brethren, if we rightly considered all this, should we require anything further to make us live and die like Saints?

But for a Christian, dear brethren, who has lost sight of his last aim, the matter has quite another aspect; the shortness of life is a trouble and a bitter thought which disturbs him in the midst of his pleasures; he does his utmost to keep this thought of death far from him. Everything that reminds him of it frightens him, doctors and remedies; everything is tried to keep away the thought that death is near. He is in pursuit of happiness on earth, but he deceives himself. Whilst this poor unfortunate man forsakes God, God forsakes him. He will be obliged at the end of his days to admit that he has spent his life seeking for a good which he never found. Outside of God, oh, so many sufferings, so much misery, and no consolation, no recompense! Ah, death, the consolation of the just, brings only despair to him; he must die, and he has never once given thought to it....

Yes, my brethren, He awaits us with open arms. He opens to us the wound of His divine Heart, to hide us therein from the severity of His Father; He offers us all the merits of His death and Passion, in satisfaction for our sins. If our conversion is sincere, He takes it upon Himself to answer for us at the judgment seat of His Father, when we shall be called upon to give an account of our whole life. Happy is he who follows the voice of His God who calls him! Happy is he, my brethren, who has never forgotten that his life is short, and that he may die at any moment, whom the thought never leaves that he is destined after this life for a happy or unhappy eternity, for heaven or for hell. Yes, my brethren, if we were only fortunate enough to ponder well what is before us after this life, which is so short, we should feel obliged to pass our lives in fear and trembling, working so as to accomplish the salvation of our souls. Happy is he, my brethren, who holds himself always in readiness! That is what I wish you all. Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 15	Rorate Mass
Jan. 5	Epiphany blessing; Christmas Party
Jan. 6	First Communion Registration Due
Jan. 13	First Communion Classes Begin
Jan. 26	Walk for Life - San Francisco
Mar. 16	Confirmations
May 4	First Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Communion. Classes will begin Sun., Jan. 13. Registration forms are now available in the Parish Office and Bookstore. They are due Jan. 6. The date for First Communion is May 4, at the 9:00 am Mass.

Offertory Envelopes. Available in the vestibule.

Second Collection. Retirement Fund for Religious.

Fundraiser Pre-orders. After all Masses, pre-orders for tamales in support of the Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Co-op will be taken. The tamales will be available next Sunday, Dec. 16.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, in addition to the normal 7:00 am and 12:15 pm Masses, will have a Sung Mass at 6:30 pm. A meal provided by a few parishioners will follow the Sung Mass; all are welcome to join us in the parish hall.

Youth Group will meet on Fri., at 7:30 pm. All are highly encouraged to attend the Mass at 6:30 pm if possible.

The **Rorate Mass** will be a Solemn Mass at 6:00 am on Dec. 15. this year. Sunrise that morning is at 7:17 am. There will not be a 7:00 am Mass, so the Mass schedule that Saturday will be 6:00am, 9:00 am. **This is one of the most beautiful Masses of the year and well worth rising early for!**

Christmas Rosary Rally. Dec. 15 at 12:00 pm, across from Sam's Club at 8250 Power Inn Road, Sacramento.

Christmas Eve. There will be a 7:00 am and 12:15 pm Mass, as usual. At 9:30 pm, Christmas Matins will be sung by the priests and choir. Latin-English booklets will be available.

Christmas Mass Schedule. 12:00 am midnight (Solemn), 8:00 am, 10:30 am (Solemn), and 1:30 pm.

St. Stephen the First Martyr. Dec. 26. There will be a 6:30 pm Solemn Mass with the Guild medal ceremony.

Christmas Party. Tickets for the upcoming parish Christmas Party for Sat., Jan. 5, will be available in the vestibule after all Masses. If you would like to share your musical or unique talents with our parish at this family event, auditions are now open as well, until all times slots are filled. To schedule an audition or to volunteer to help, please contact **Yesenia Rangel** at **916-982-9600** or by e-mail at **YeseniaLovesLife@gmail.com**.



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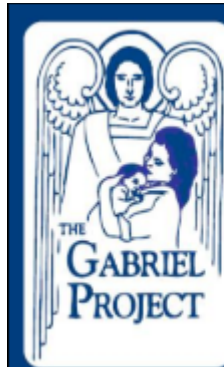
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