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

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR



17 February 2019  
*Septuagesima Sunday*

<b>Sun. 17 Feb.</b>	<b>Septuagesima Sunday, II</b>
8:00 am	†Minnie Harling
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Gregory McCluskey
6:00 pm	Edward Haun
<b>Mon. 18 Feb.</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7:00 am	Rose Wedinsky
12:15 pm	FSSP
<b>Tu. 19 Feb.</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7:00 am	Ambrose Longeneckers
6:30 pm	Michael Szumowski
<b>Wed. 20 Feb.</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7:00 am	The O'Hara Family
12:15 pm	The Father of John J. Johnson
<b>Th. 21 Feb.</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7:00 am	†Dr. Gerald Foy
6:30 pm	Jose Garcia
<b>Fri. 22 Feb.</b>	<b>Chair of St. Peter, I</b>
7:00 am	Barbara Ryan
12:15 pm	Craig Blasy
6:30 pm	FSSP
<b>Sat. 23 Feb.</b>	<b>St. Peter Damian, Bp., Conf., &amp; Dr., III</b>
7:00 am	Ann Reid
9:00 am	Debbie Burgstrom & Family

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PARISH GROUPS

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

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Lyons, Norman Sayles, Penny Hummell, Charles Bardin, Shawn Williams, Marcial Cristi, Louise Szabo, Gerald Foy, Mieczysław Jasinski, Joseph Murphy, Olapeju Adesanya, Alice O'Kane, Willard Coillot, Audrey Kasak

## FROM THE PASTOR

### THE GIFT OF FILIAL ADOPTION

*The Christian Faith: the only valid and the only God-willed religion* by Bishop Athanasius Schneider

Since the beginnings of the Church there was the assertion, as testified by Tertullian: "One is not born as a Christian, but one becomes a Christian" (Apol., 18, 5). And Saint Cyprian of Carthage formulated aptly this truth, saying: "He cannot have God for his Father, who has not the Church for his mother" (De unit., 6).

The most urgent task of the Church in our time is to care about the change of the spiritual climate and about the spiritual migration, namely that the climate of non-belief in Jesus Christ, the climate of the rejection of the kingship of Christ, be changed into the climate of explicit faith in Jesus Christ, of the acceptance of His kingship, and that men may migrate from the misery of the spiritual slavery of unbelief into the happiness of being sons of God and from a life of sin into the state of sanctifying grace. These are the migrants about whom we must care urgently. Christianity is the only God-willed religion. Therefore, it can never be placed complementarily side by side with other religions. Those would violate the truth of Divine Revelation, as it is unmistakably affirmed in the First Commandment of the Decalogue, who would assert that the diversity of religions is the will of God. According to the will of Christ, faith in Him and in His Divine teaching must replace other religions, however not by force, but by loving persuasion, as expressed in the hymn of Lauds of the Feast of Christ the King: "*Non Ille regna cladibus, non vi metuque subdidit: alto levatus stipite, amore traxit omnia*" ("Not with sword, force and fear He subjects peoples, but lifted up on the Cross He lovingly draws all things to Himself").

There is only one way to God, and this is Jesus Christ, for He Himself said: "I am the Way" (John 14: 6). There is only one truth, and this is Jesus Christ, for He Himself said: "I am the Truth" (John 14: 6). There is only one true supernatural life of the soul, and this is Jesus Christ, for He Himself said: "I am the Life" (John 14: 6)

The Incarnated Son of God taught that outside faith in Him there cannot be a true and God-pleasing religion: "I am the door. By me, if any man enters in, he shall be saved" (John 10: 9). God commanded to all men, without exception, to hear His Son: "This is my most beloved Son; hear Him!" (Mk. 9: 7). God did not say: "You can hear My Son or you can hear other founders of a religion, for it is My will that there are different religions." God has forbidden us to recognize the legitimacy of the religion of other gods: "Thou shalt not have strange gods before me" (Ex. 20: 3) and "What fellowship has light with darkness? And what concord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has

the faithful with the unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?" (2 Cor. 6: 14-16).

If other religions likewise corresponded to the will of God, there would not have been the Divine condemnation of the religion of the Golden Calf at the time of Moses (cf. Ex. 32: 4-20); then the Christians of today could unpunished cultivate the religion of a new Golden Calf, since all religions are, according to that theory, God-pleasing ways as well.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 6	Ash Wednesday
Mar. 9	Confirmation Retreat
Mar. 16	Confirmations
Mar. 24-29	Parish Mission: Fr. Francisco Nahoe
May 4	First Holy Communion
May 11	Great Marian Procession
June 16-22	Camp Sacred Heart
July 21-25	Parish Retreat

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Donor Acknowledgment Letters (i.e. tax letters)** are available in the Parish Bookstore or Office.

**St. Zelig's Ministry for Mothers of Loss** meets Mon., Feb. 18 at 7:30 pm, in Classroom 2.

**7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free.** Next session is this Tues, Feb. 19 at 7:30 pm, in Classroom 2.

**Knights of Columbus** will meet Wed., Feb. 20 at 6:00 pm, followed by the **Men's Holy League** at 7:00 pm.

The **Youth Group** meets Fri., Feb. 22 at 7:30 pm.

**Rosary for Priests.** Join other parishioners in praying fifteen decades of the Rosary for the sanctification of priests on the last Saturday of every month. **First meeting will be in the Church at 10:00 am on Sat., Feb. 23.** Booklets will be available. For details speak with Bernadette Meauze or Barbara Dittmer. Phone: 530-758-4740.

**Confirmations.** The last day of class will be Sun., Mar. 3. The retreat will be Sat., Mar. 9, and Confirmations themselves will take place the following Sat., Mar. 16.

**Parish Mission.** I'm pleased to announce that Fr. Francisco Nahoe, OFM Conv., will be giving a parish mission during the Third Week of Lent this year, from Mar. 24 to 29. Details and scheduling will be available soon.

**Parish Retreat.** There are already over thirty people registered for the summer retreat (July 21-25); slots are filling up quickly. If you intend on attending the retreat, please sign up soon so as to secure a room for yourself!



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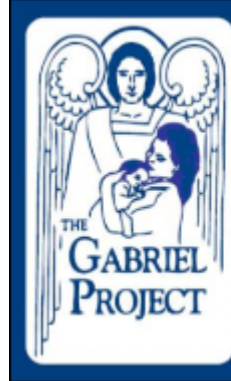
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