


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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<p>STAYING CONNECTED</p>	<p>THE FSSP</p>	<p>DONATIONS</p>
<p>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p>NEW PARISHIONERS 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 Please consider giving to those in need. Donations can be made online or in the Parish Office.</p> <p>ONLINE GIVING Available at the parish website. www.sacfssp.com</p>
<p>Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping. Please pick them up in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>		

LITURGICAL CALENDAR



24 February 2019
Sexagesima Sunday

Sun. 24 Feb.	Sexagesima Sunday, II
8:00 am	Ana Bedoy
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	Ricardo & Stella Bedoy
6:00 pm	Marci Arrendondo
Mon. 25 Feb.	Feria, IV
7:00 am	Ann Gonzalez
12:15 pm	Donna Hopkins
Tu. 26 Feb.	Feria, IV
7:00 am	Mitzi Vandenburg
6:30 pm	Mike Trainor
Wed. 27 Feb.	St. Gabr. of Our L. of Sorrows, Conf., III
7:00 am	Judy Schumacher
12:15 pm	Juaquin & Estefania Sandoval
Th. 28 Feb.	Feria, IV
7:00 am	Zenaida Cozzatti
6:30 pm	Stella Zapata
Fri. 1 Mar.	Feria, IV
7:00 am	Tish & Family
12:15 pm	†Dr. Gerald Foy
6:30 pm	†Monica Harling
Sat. 2 Mar.	Saturday of Our Lady, IV
7:00 am	Deena Arango & Family
9:00 am	Anastasia Schiele

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barbara Graichen, Sandy Sneary, Johan Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon & Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, William Cummings, Lorraine Peterson, John Testa, Mitzi Vandenburg, Richard Cummings, Gretchen Medel, Dario Gonzalez, Rick Rabenau, Holly Hollingsworth, Michael Cuellar, 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

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, Gordon Alder, Mary Ann St. Cloud

FROM THE PASTOR

THE GIFT OF FILIAL ADOPTION

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

God gave the Apostles and through them the Church for all times the solemn order to instruct all nations and the followers of all religions in the only one true Faith, teaching them to observe all His Divine commandments and baptize them (cf. Mt. 28: 19-20). Since the preaching of the Apostles and of the first Pope, the Apostle Saint Peter, the Church proclaimed always that there is salvation in no other name, i.e., in no other faith under heaven by which men must be saved, but in the Name and in the Faith in Jesus Christ (cf. Acts 4: 12).

With the words of Saint Augustine the Church taught in all times: "The Christian religion is the only religion which possesses the universal way for the salvation of the soul; for except by this way, none can be saved. This is a kind of royal way, which alone leads to a kingdom which does not totter like all temporal dignities, but stands firm on eternal foundations" (*De civitate Dei*, 10, 32, 1).

The following words of the great Pope Leo XIII testify the same unchanging teaching of the Magisterium in all times, when he affirmed: "The view that all religions are alike, is calculated to bring about the ruin of all forms of religion, and especially of the Catholic religion, which, as it is the only one that is true, cannot, without great injustice, be regarded as merely equal to other religions" (*Encyclical Humanum genus*, n. 16).

The Apostles and the countless Christian martyrs of all times, especially those of the first three centuries, would have been spared martyrdom, if they had said: "The pagan religion and its worship is a way, which as well corresponds to the will of God." There would have been for instance no Christian France, no "Eldest Daughter of the Church," if Saint Remigius had said to Clovis, the King of the Franks: "Do not despise your pagan religion you have worshiped up to now, and worship now Christ, Whom you have persecuted up to now." The saintly bishop actually spoke differently, although in a rather rough way: "Worship what you burned, and burn what you have worshiped!"

True universal brotherhood can be only in Christ, and namely between baptized persons. The full glory of God's sons will be attained only in the beatific vision of God in heaven, as Holy Scripture teaches: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3: 1-2).

No authority on earth – not even the supreme authority of the Church – has the right to dispense people from other religions from the explicit Faith in Jesus Christ as the Incarnated Son of God and the only Savior of mankind with the assurance that the different religions as such are willed by God Himself. Indelible – because written with the finger of God and crystal-clear in their meaning – remain, however, the words of the Son of God: "Whoever believes in the Son of God is not condemned, but

whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God" (John 3: 18). This truth was valid up to now in all Christian generations and will remain valid until the end of time, irrespective of the fact that some people in the Church of our so fickle, cowardly, sensationalist, and conformist time reinterpret this truth in a sense contrary to its evident wording, selling thereby this reinterpretation as continuity in the development of doctrine.

Outside the Christian Faith no other religion can be a true and God-willed way, since it is the explicit will of God, that all people believe in His Son: "This is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life" (John 6: 40). Outside the Christian Faith no other religion is able to transmit true supernatural life: "This is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (John 17: 3).

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

The **Parish Bookstore** is receiving donations of used books in good condition, secular and religious.

7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free. Next session is this Tues, Feb. 26 at 7:30 pm, in Classroom 2.

This **Tuesday** Fr. Curtis will be inducted into the Knights of Columbus at Presentation Catholic Church. Men of the parish are invited to be inducted with him. Candidates are asked to arrive at 6:30 pm. Inquiries can be sent to Greg Bronson: 530-503-7473.

First Friday and **First Saturday** this week.

The **Heart of St. Jean Vianney** will be at St. Clare's this Friday and Saturday for public veneration. See the parish newsletter for details.

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** will be held next Sunday, Mar. 3.

Confirmations. The last day of class will be Sun., Mar. 3. The retreat will be Sat., Mar. 9 (9 am – 1 pm), 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.



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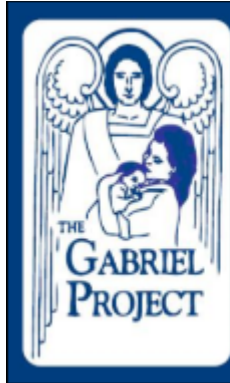
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