


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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<p style="text-align: center;">STAYING CONNECTED</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE FSSP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DONATIONS</p>
<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>
<p style="text-align: center;">Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping. Please pick them up in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>		

LITURGICAL CALENDAR



15 December 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent

Sun. 15 Dec.	3rd Sunday of Advent, I
8:00 am	John Joseph Frank
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	†Jim Wagner
6:00 pm	Charles Watts Family
Mon. 16 Dec.	St. Eusebius, Bishop & Martyr, III
7:00 am	Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
12:15 pm	Eddie Granby
Tu. 17 Dec.	Greater Feria of Advent, II
7:00 am	†Thomas McDonough
6:30 pm	Priestly & Religious Vocations
Wed. 18 Dec.	Ember Wednesday of Advent, II
7:00 am	Alice Asay
12:15 pm	†Marijohn Bledsoe
Th. 19 Dec.	Greater Feria of Advent, II
7:00 am	April & Lisa
6:30 pm	Fallen Away Catholics
Fri. 20 Dec.	Ember Friday of Advent, II
7:00 am	Ben Gisla Family
12:15 pm	Paula Zepeda
6:30 pm	Gloria Bedoy
Sat. 21 Dec.	St. Thomas, Apostle, II
7:00 am	†Veronica Augaite
9:00 am	Father Lyons

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR VOCATIONS

Mr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP; Isabel Solis (postulant of OSB)

PRAYER LIST

Barbara Graichen, Sandy Snearly, 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, Rogelio Mendoza, Ann Richardson, Leah Rae Clemons, Bridget Pauls, Dale Trenary, Debbie Vaughan, Casandra Calderon, Monique Rance

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 Blessed Virgin Mary	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	Chrissy Wing
<i>Ages 14 - 18, Tuesday & Thursday</i>	530-354-8779
CCM Co-op	TBA
<i>Ages 3 - 14, Tuesday</i>	
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	Durke & Mary Pilegaard
<i>Sunday</i>	209-365-9395
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>Sundays & Parish Events</i>	916-717-0244

IN MEMORIAM

Louise Szabo, Gerald Foy, Joseph Murphy, Olapeju Adesanya, Alice O'Kane, Willard Coillot, Audrey Kasak, Gordon Alder, Mary Ann St. Cloud, Adolph Turci, Al Haedinger, Tommie Chavez, Steven Korner, Patricia Dunlap, Patricia Quinn, Johanna Dunn, Aidar Longtin, Juliet Matlack, Fr. Michael Irwin, FSSP, Thomas McDonough, Judith Kelly

PASTOR'S COLUMN

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Commentary by Dom Gueranger

Nothing is more just than that we rejoice in the Lord. Both the prophet and the apostle excite us to desire the Saviour, both of them promise us peace. Therefore, let us not be solicitous: the Lord is nigh; nigh to His Church, and nigh to each of our souls. Who can be near so burning a fire, and yet be cold? Do we not feel that He is coming to us, in spite of all obstacles? He will let nothing be a barrier between Himself and us, neither His own infinite high majesty, nor our exceeding lowliness, nor our many sins. Yet a little while, and He will be with us....

St. John [the Baptist] is the type of the Church... full of joy because the Saviour has come: but the men around him are as indifferent as though they neither expected nor wanted a Saviour. This is the third week of Advent; and are all hearts excited by the great tidings told them by the Church, that the Messiah is near at hand? They that love Him not as their Saviour, do they fear Him as their Judge? Are the crooked ways being made straight, and the hills being brought low? Are Christians seriously engaged in removing from their hearts the love of riches and the love of sensual pleasures? There is no time to lose: *the Lord is nigh!*

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 15	Mother Regina visit to St. Stephen's
Dec 25	Christmas: Holy Day of Obligation
Dec 26	St. Stephen Altar Guild Medal Ceremony
Jan 1	Octave of Christmas: Holy Day of Oblig.
Jan 4	Christmas Party
Jan 5	First Communion forms due
Jan 12	First Communion classes begin
Jan 22	Day of Reparation for Roe v. Wade
Jan 25	West Coast March for Life
Mar 28	Confirmations at 10:30 am
May 2	May Fatima Procession to Cathedral
May 9	First Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mother Regina is visiting us today in support of the Oblates, *Fratres Laboris Mariae*. I believe she will make herself available after Masses this Sun., Dec. 15, to speak with young ladies interested in religious life.

Sodality Fundraiser. Food and beverages will be served after Masses today, Sun., Dec. 15, for the benefit of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary – the group for young ladies in the parish aged 14 - 18.

Christmas Party. Tickets (suggested donation \$25 per family) for the upcoming parish Christmas Party for Sat., Jan. 4, 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 916-682-9600 or YeseniaLovesLife@gmail.com.

Christmas Party Raffle. If you have something new or antique or expensive and attractive that you want to donate to St. Stephen's Building Fund, now is the time; we will have a raffle and/or auction if we get enough items. Call Mary & Michael Schaefer at 916-850-5555.

Offertory envelopes for 2020 are ready to be picked up in the vestibule. If you don't see a box with your name on it, and would like envelopes, please inquire at the Parish Bookstore.

Christmas Giving Tree. In the vestibule, please consider taking an envelope and donating to the St. Bernadette Fund, which assists parishioners in need.

First Holy Communion registration. Forms are available in the Parish Bookstore. Forms are due Sun., Jan. 5. Classes (12:30 pm every Sunday) will begin Sun., Jan. 12.

The **Knights of Columbus** will meet at 6:00 pm on Wed., Dec. 18. The **Holy League** will follow at 7:00 pm with a Holy Hour. Fr. Curtis will give the talk.

The **Altar Guild** meets this Sat., Dec. 21, at 10:00 am.

Fr Curtis will be away Mon., Dec. 16 to Wed., Dec. 18 for meetings at FSSP headquarters in Pennsylvania.

Confirmation Classes. In anticipation of many families being away, please take note that classes will not be held on Sun., Dec. 22 and Sun., Dec. 29. (No class **next** Sunday!)

Nativity Scene Blessing. Sun., Dec. 22 at 3:00 pm at the Capitol Building in Sacramento. Christmas carols, hot chocolate, and cookies will accompany the blessing of a nativity scene at the state capitol.

Christmas Eve. There will be Masses held at 7:00 am and 12:15 pm. The usual Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass is cancelled. At 9:30 pm, Christmas Matins will be sung by the priests and choir. All are encouraged to attend; Latin-English booklets will be available.

Decorating the Church. Please consider assisting with flowers and Christmas decorations on Tues., Dec. 24. We will begin at 9:00 am.

Christmas. Masses at 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.

Octave Day of Christmas. Jan 1. Holy day of obligation. Masses at 8:00 am, 10:30 am (Sung), and 1:30 pm.



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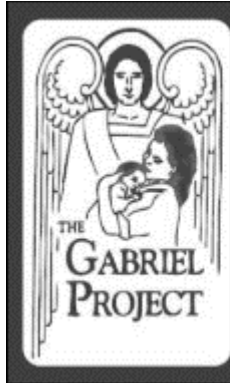
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