


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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<p>STAYING CONNECTED</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>THE FSSP</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>DONATIONS</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



22 December 2019
4th Sunday of Advent

Sun. 22 Dec.	4th Sunday of Advent, I
8:00 am	†Vincent Zirgulis
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	John & Renee Reece
6:00 pm	Jonah Lawrence
Mon. 23 Dec.	Greater Feria of Advent, II
7:00 am	Michael Bedoy
12:15 pm	†Thomas McDonough
Tu. 24 Dec.	Vigil of Christmas, I
7:00 am	John M. Pilegaard
6:30 pm	John & Erin Reilley
Wed. 25 Dec.	The Nativity of Our Lord, I
12:00 am	Pro Populo
7:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Weller
10:30 am	Pro Populo
1:30 pm	†Dr. Gerald Foy
Th. 26 Dec.	St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr, II
7:00 am	†Bruce Wagner
6:30 pm	Barbara Ryan
Fri. 27 Dec.	St. John the Evangelist, Apostle, II
7:00 am	John Joseph Frank
12:15 pm	Nuño Family
6:30 pm	Nina Rhea
Sat. 28 Dec.	Holy Innocents, Martyrs, II
7:00 am	†Dr. Gerald Foy
9:00 am	Jenny Mazzoni Erskine

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR VOCATIONS

Mr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP; Isabel Solis (candidate of OSB);
Patrick Callahan (candidate of COSJ)

PRAYER LIST

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, Rogelio Mendoza, Ann Richardson, Leah Rae Clemons, Bridget Pauls, Dale Trenary, Debbie Vaughan, Casandra Calderon, Monique Rance, Linda White

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Man's maker was made man, that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that the Truth might be accused of false witness, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die. – St Augustine of Hippo

This day He who Is, is Born; and He who is becomes what He was not. – St John Chrysostom

Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all men. – St Ambrose of Milan

O Father, in your Truth (that is to say, in your Son, humbled, needy and homeless) you have humbled me. He was humbled in the womb of the Virgin, needy in the manger of the sheep, and homeless on the wood of the Cross. Nothing so humbles the proud sinner as the humility of Jesus Christ's humanity. – St Anthony of Padua

Christ's birth was not necessity, but an expression of omnipotence, a sacrament of piety for the redemption of men. He who made man without generation from pure clay made man again and was born from a pure body. The hand that assumed clay to make our flesh deigned to assume a body for your salvation. That the Creator is in his creature and God is in the flesh brings dignity to man without dishonour to him who made him. Why then, man, are you so worthless in your own eyes and yet so precious to God? – St Peter Chrysologus

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 24	Christmas Matins starts at 9:30 pm
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

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.

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 **this** 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.

Decorating the Church. Please consider assisting with flowers and Christmas decorations on **Mon., Dec. 23.** We will begin at 8:30 am. *Please note the change of date!*

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.

Christmas. Holy Day of Obligation. This Wed.! 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. A light reception will follow.

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

The **Rosary for Priests** will be prayed after the 9:00 am Mass this Sat., Dec. 28. The new booklets are in!

Candles to be blessed at Candlemas are available for order in the Parish Bookstore.



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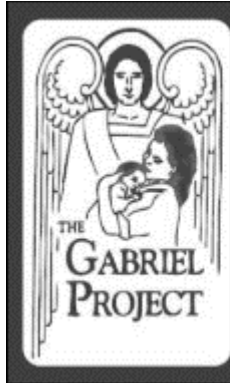
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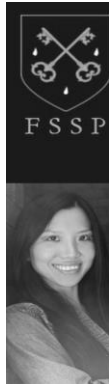
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