


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



| PARISH INFORMATION  | SACRAMENTS   | DEVOTIONS  |
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| <b>STAYING CONNECTED</b>  | <b>THE FSSP</b>  | <b>DONATIONS</b>   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</b></p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b></p> <p>Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;"></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ST. BERNADETTE FUND</b></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;"><b>ONLINE GIVING</b></p> <p>Available at the parish website.<br/>         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**

**25 April 2021**

*Third Sunday after Easter*

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| <b>Sun. 18 Apr.</b>   | <b>Third Sunday after Easter, II</b><br>7 am, 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm, 2:30 pm, 4 pm, 5:30 pm, 7 pm<br><i>All Sunday Masses are offered pro populo, for the well-being and intentions of the parishioners.</i> |
| <b>Mon. 19 Apr.</b>   | <b>Ss. Cletus &amp; Marcellinus, Popes &amp; Martyrs III</b><br>7:00 am + Christine Martinez<br>10:00 am Candy Ruiz<br>1:00 pm + Don McNiss<br>6:00 pm Alayna Nash   |
| <b>Tues. 20 Apr.</b>  | <b>St. Peter Canisius, Conf. &amp; Doctor III</b><br>7:00 am + Van T. Luong<br>10:00 am + Phyllis Wolf<br>1:00 pm + Frank Polechio<br>6:00 pm + Joseph Murphy  |
| <b>Wed. 21 Apr.</b>   | <b>St. Paul of the Cross, Conf. &amp; Doctor III</b><br>7:00 am Susan Myers' intentions<br>10:00 am Ruport family<br>1:00 pm Katherine Lurroz & family<br>6:00 pm Valdez family                              |
| <b>Thurs. 22 Apr.</b> | <b>St. Peter of Verona, Martyr III</b><br>7:00 am Marcelo Gustavo<br>10:00 am Leandro Banda, Jr.<br>1:00 pm + Manoel Zinho Rosa<br>6:00 pm Carla Paula Cosentino   |
| <b>Fri. 23 Apr.</b>   | <b>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin &amp; Doctor III</b><br>7:00 am + Kell Khattar<br>10:00 am + Lillian Wasson<br>1:00 pm + Charlie Ereckson<br>6:00 pm Ricardo Bedoy & parents                               |
| <b>Sat. 24 Apr.</b>   | <b>St. Joseph the Workman, Conf. I</b><br>7:00 am Rowan Schneider & parents<br>10:00 am + Veronica & Anton; Elizabeth & Timothy<br>1:00 pm + Kell Khatar<br>6:00 pm Rogelio Mendoza                          |

**PRAYER LIST**

Barbara Graichen, Johan Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Jean Haun, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan William Cummings, Linda White, Eileen Morrison, Derald Goyette, Theresa Reali, Jordan Aranas, JoAnn Mutterties. *Please keep all of the sick and homebound of the parish in your daily prayers.*

**IN MEMORIAM**

Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, 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

**PARISH GROUPS**

|  |   |                            |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Altar Guild &amp; Altar Guild Minor</b> ..... | Mike Solton<br>Boys 7 - 18, Third Saturday                                    | 916-832-2859               |
| <b>Choir &amp; Music Classes</b> .....           | Keven Smith<br>Youth & Adults, Sun. & Wed.                                    | ksmith_writer@yahoo.com    |
| <b>Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> ..... | Amy Rutschow<br>Girls 14 - 18, First Saturday                                 | 916-340-5782               |
| <b>Rosa Mystica</b> .....                        | Sue McGrath<br>Girls 9 - 13, First Saturday                                   | 916-531-3946               |
| <b>Little Flowers</b> .....                      | Megan Gury<br>Girls 5 - 8, First Saturday                                     | 916-584-6018               |
| <b>Adult Catechism</b> .....                     | Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP<br>Adults, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday | frcurtis@fssp.com          |
| <b>OLSW Co-op</b> .....                          | Keetje Terzo<br>Ages 14 - 18  | 916-878-6433               |
| <b>CCM Co-op</b> .....                           | Keetje Terzo<br>Ages 3 - 14   | 916-878-6433               |
| <b>Youth Group</b> .....                         | Liz Hernandez<br>Ages 14 - 18, Second & Fourth Friday                         | 916-396-4062               |
| <b>Chesterton Society</b> .....                  | Spencer Roundtree<br>Adults, Second Tuesday                                   | sac.chesterton@gmail.com   |
| <b>Knights of Columbus, Council #16419</b> ..... | William Giovannetti<br>Adult men, Third Wednesday                             | 916-531-4730               |
| <b>Altar Linen &amp; Flowers Society</b> .....   | Tomoko McDonough<br>Adult women, Third Saturday                               | mcdonoughmommy6@gmail      |
| <b>Church Flowers</b> .....                      | Greta Munsill<br>Friday   | 916-425-7112               |
| <b>Church Cleaning</b> .....                     | Eli Gonzalez<br>Thursday  | 916-395-7408               |
| <b>Ushers</b> .....                              | Roger Soto<br>Sunday  | 209-610-1163               |
| <b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b> .....                 | Durke & Mary Pilegaard<br>Sunday  | marypilegaard@gmail.com    |
| <b>Collection Count Crew</b> .....               | Kelly Manstch<br>Monday   | Parish Office 916-451-5114 |
| <b>Brown Bag Lunch Program</b> .....             | Maureen Olguin<br>Sunday  | jmolguin5960@att.net       |
| <b>St. Vincent de Paul Society</b> .....         | William Giovannetti<br>First & Third Sunday                                   | 916-531-4730               |
| <b>The Gabriel Project</b> .....                 | Karen Presta<br>On call   | 530-820-3919               |
| <b>Security</b> .....                            | Patrick Clemons<br>Sundays & Parish Events                                    | 916-717-0244               |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**Mr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP; Br. Patrick Callahan (COSJ);  
Sr. Rose Brennan (CM)**

*Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.*

PASTOR'S COLUMN

THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Just a reminder.

Very rarely the thumb of the priest does make contact with the tongue of a communicant. When this happens, it is nearly always because the communicant unexpectedly moves his head forward in order to receive the Host. Please observe these norms when receiving Holy Communion:

- Close your eyes. This is one of the most effective and easy remedies, as it will prevent the communicant from instinctively moving towards the Host just before receiving.
Do not overextend the tongue. The tongue should be more or less horizontal to the floor (usually achieved by only very slightly tilting the head up), and resting on the lower lip.
Try to hold steady. Take effort not to sway back and forth while receiving.
Keep hands behind the altar rail, and below the paten. Ideally, hands should be folded and held against the torso. Pushing hands beyond the altar rail forces the priest to "dodge" out of the way; holding hands immediately under the chin risks the Host falling on the floor, as the paten will not be able to be placed properly by the server.
The priest says the Amen after the distribution formula; the communicant remains silent.

Here is the prayer the priest uses when he distributes Holy Communion to the faithful: Corpus Domini nostri Iesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam. Amen. May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul unto eternal life. Amen.

NEW SCHEDULE STARTING PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday:

- 6:30 am Confessions
7:00 am Mass
8:30 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
11:30 am Mass
1:00 pm High Mass
2:30 pm Children's Catechism
5:30 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass

Monday to Friday:

- 7:00 am Mass
12:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm Mass

\* Confessions thirty minutes before all daily Masses, so 6:30 am, 11:30 am, & 5:30 pm from Monday to Friday.

Saturday:

- 7:00 am Mass
8:30 am Mass
12:00 pm Mass

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IMPORTANT DATES

- May 1 First Holy Communion
Sept 11 Day of Recollection for Confirmandi
Sept 14 Confirmations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Catholic Appeal - Donate Online. Please take care to select St. Stephen the First Martyr as your parish. This can be tricky to do on a cell phone (you're looking to check the box in front of the name of our parish, not after), so I recommend making your donation from a PC, laptop, or tablet. Your receipt will say: "Select your parish: St. Stephen The First Martyr Parish, Sacramento - 378." Thank you.

https://www.scd.org/catholic-foundation/donate-annual-catholic-appeal

First Holy Communion. Saturday, May 1 at 10:00 am. Solemn Mass. I would kindly request that families that are not guests of the First Communicants to plan on going to Mass at 7 am, 1 pm, or 6 pm on Saturday. Given the numbers we are expecting it is likely that people who are not guests of the communicandi will end up in the parish hall.

On account of First Holy Communion, Rosa Mystica and the Little Flowers will meet on second Saturday, May 8.

Mother's Day is fast approaching, on Sunday, May 9. Requests for Mother's Day cards and Mass intentions from Fraternity headquarters are available in the vestibule.

Choir. We're looking for more members for the choir, particularly men! Those interested please contact Keven Smith at ksmith\_writer@yahoo.com. Prior experience is not required.

Sister Rose Brennan is entering novitiate with the Children of Mary on May 13 (Ascension Thursday). The parish is planning a spiritual bouquet (i.e. a promise of prayers) to present to her on her day of initiation. Those interested in contributing their prayers may contact Liz Hernandez via e-mail: petenliz1528@gmail.com.

Unfortunately, we were unable to secure permits for the May Procession this year. We will have a Fatima Procession at the parish on May 13.



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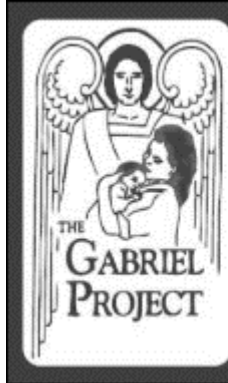
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