

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 fellow parishioners in need. Donations can be made online or at the Parish Office.</p> <p>ONLINE GIVING Available at the parish website. www.sacfssp.com</p>
<p>Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping, unless you are giving online. Please pick them up in the Parish Office.</p>		

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Things seem to be getting crazier in the world and in the Church every day. I encourage parishioners to organize and communicate among themselves and also with like-minded fellow employees and neighbors. Signal is an excellent app, open source and encrypted. Please keep yourself informed, but don't drown in the news or social media. It's very easy to get discouraged and fall into despair during times like these. *"Therefore do not be anxious,"* says Our Lord, *"saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'* For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day.**" As we cycle through the liturgical year and call to mind the heroic sacrifices of the martyrs, remember that many of the martyrs likely held, earlier in their own lives, their own fears about the future. They were not mere actors passing over a stage; they were human, just like us; they were composed in the same frail nature as ours. *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* What Our Lord did for them, we can be confident he will do for us, if only we remain faithful to the graces of the day. The road to salvation is ever the same; it has not suddenly become crooked or obscured. Prayer and fasting, almsgiving and good works, the duties of our state in life and the reception of the Sacraments. Let us, as one little priest ritual's exhortation after the sacred anointing instructs, *Profit by the time that is left to us*. If hitherto we have been attached to the things of this world, let us despise them. If hitherto we have had patterns and habits of sin, let us destroy them. If hitherto we have been remiss in love, let us set aside mediocrity and lukewarmness; let us take on the heart of Our Lord, to love him and to love as he loves. *So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith*. And again, *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you*. Pray the Rosary every day, trust Our Lord and Our Lady, and do not be afraid.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 28	Boys Hike
Aug 29	Confirmation (2021) classes resume
Sept 11	Day of Recollection for Confirmandi
Sept 14	Confirmations
Sept 25	Italian Dinner
Oct 30	Chesterton Event
Nov 13	Women's Day of Recollection

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A reminder that classes for this year's confirmations (i.e., classes that went into recess at the beginning of summer, 2021) resume on August 29.

The Feast of the Assumption, Aug 15, falls today, this Sunday this year. As Fr Braun will be gone, there will be a Sung Mass at 1pm.

Veritas. The young adult group will not meet as usual this coming Thursday. Instead, on **Sat, Aug 21**, they will have a Day at the Lake at Sly Park Recreation Area in Pollock Pines. Young adults wishing to participate are encouraged to attend the 8:30 AM Mass and then carpool to the lake. For more information, contact Taylor Burr: 651-357-2080.

Seniors (60+). Bring your bag lunch and share a meal in the parish hall, on Thursday, August 26 right after the noon mass. After lunch join us for Adoration. Questions? Call Anne Roundtree at 530-417-1671.

Confirmations 2022. Registration is now open for classes for children of the parish who will be 12 years of age by June 1, 2022. Classes will begin on Sept 19, 2021. In order to register, you must have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate. Please pick up forms in the bookstore. The definite deadline for turning in application forms is Sept 12.

Registration is due for the Girls Groups. Please turn in your registration forms today!

High School Co-op. This upcoming school year, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Co-op will be offering a New Testament course for upperclassmen taught by Fr. Curtis, as well as an Old Testament course for underclassmen taught by Fr. Braun. The classes will be held on Tues and Thurs afternoons at 1:00 pm, after the noon Mass, beginning Tues, Sept 7. Please contact Keetje Terzo for more information, at 916-878-6444 or kterzo@hotmail.com.

Boys Hike. On Sat, Aug 28, Fr. McWhirter will lead the boys (age 12-18) of the parish on a hike at the Echo Lakes. We will leave after the 7 am Mass and breakfast. Contact Brendan McDonough (uponfreedomhill@gmail.com; 530-258-9414;) for details and sign up. Registration and injury waiver forms must be signed by parents in order for their boys to participate; they are available in the parish office. **Registration is due Mon, Aug 23**.

Girls. I am working out a day of recollection in October with the sisters from Minneapolis. Stay tuned! (The day will likely be October 8, but we are still working out the details.)

Fr Braun will be away this week for his canonical retreat. He leaves after the morning Mass on Sunday and returns on Saturday afternoon.

NOTE: Fr Curtis is experiencing anywhere from **five to thirty legitimate e-mails a day** going to his spam box. He is trying to stay on top of finding them, but please be aware and if you haven't heard back from him in a reasonable amount of time, try following up.



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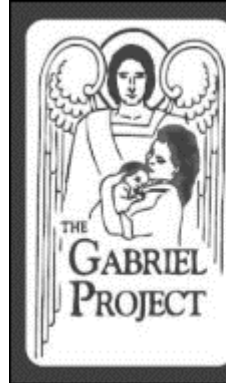
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