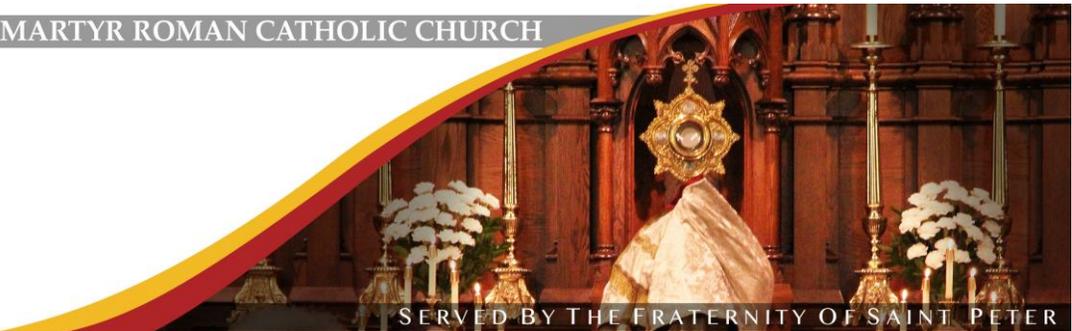


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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| <p>STAYING CONNECTED</p> | <p>THE FSSP</p> | <p>DONATIONS</p> |
| <p>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p>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>ST. BERNADETTE FUND</p> <p>Please consider giving to fellow parishioners in need. Donations can be made online or at the Parish Office.</p> <p>ONLINE GIVING</p> <p>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

HOSPITALS

Please take note that it is becoming increasingly hard for the priests to get into hospitals, due to a recent health order promulgated by the California Public Department of Health (CPDH). At times, we are permitted in after submitting to a COVID test, at other times, we are permitted in without, and at times, we are not being given access to patients under any circumstances.

In addition, I have been seeing reports of parents not permitted to accompany their minor children at health facilities. The same for the elderly suffering from dementia.

This medical apartheid and tyranny must be condemned in the strongest possible terms. Parents have a strict right founded in natural law to supervise their children's medical care and make decisions regarding their treatment. The same can be said with respect to the elderly *non sui compos* (no longer in possession of their faculties) who rely for their medical decisions on their loved ones, *not* on an all-powerful, faceless medical bureaucracy. And above all, well disposed Catholics always have a right to receive the Last Sacraments as they approach death.

CHILDREN OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

This Catholic ministry in San Diego is supported by our parish St. Anne's, where Fr. Lyons is pastor. Its mission is to help and comfort victims of human trafficking, which is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world. Currently, it is estimated that human trafficking returns approximately \$150 billion annually to the criminals that engage in it, and affects about 40 million victims. Children of the Immaculate Heart provides to rescued victims of trafficking "a housing and rehabilitation program for adult women and their children, as well as a newly licensed short term residential treatment facility for minors."

I am planning on raising funds for this ministry after Sunday Masses in the near future. More information can be obtained from:

<https://www.childrenoftheimmaculateheart.org/>

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Sept 11 | Day of Recollection for 2021 Confirmandi |
| Sept 13 | Monday, Fatima Procession after 6 pm Mass |
| Sept 14 | 2021 Confirmations (NO 6 PM MASS) |
| Sept 25 | Italian Dinner |
| Oct 30 | Chesterton Event |
| Nov 13 | Women's Day of Recollection |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Collection. St. Stephen Building Fund.

Adult Catechism meets this Thurs at 7 pm.

Youth Group meets this Fri at 7 pm. The youth are highly encouraged to attend the 6 pm Mass. For details or to be

added to the e-mail list, please contact Liz Hernandez at 916-396-4062. The group is for those of high school age (14 - 18). Those turning 14 in the academic year, can begin attending at the beginning of that year (i.e. in September).

Day of Recollection. This Sat, Sept 11, there will be a day of recollection for those being confirmed on Sept 14. The schedule is as follows:

- 8:30 am Holy Mass
- 9:30 am Brunch (*please bring your own snack*)
- 10:00 am Spiritual Conference
- 11:00 am Holy Hour and Confessions
- 12:00 pm Lunch & Recreation (*please bring your own meal*)
- 1:00 pm Rehearsal
- 1:30 pm Blessing & Dismissal

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.

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

The 14th Annual Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home Dinner will be held on Sun, Sept 12 at Armaan's Palace Event Hall, 1301 Longport Court, in Elk Grove. Dinner tickets are \$85 per person and our speaker is Fr. Dan Madigan. See our website bgmhsacramento.org for more event information. For questions, please call 916-395-3961 ext.105 to leave a message for a volunteer to return your call. Reservations and checks may be sent to BGMH, PO Box 221155, Sacramento, CA 95822. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Please note well! There will not be a Mass on Tues, Sept 14, at 6 pm, as we will have Confirmations in the Church at that time.

Italian Dinner. Our parish Knights of Columbus men are sponsoring an FSSP Seminary fundraiser dinner on Sat, Sept 25 at 6:00 pm. *A Taste of Italy* will make for an enjoyable evening with delicious Italian cuisine and live entertainment! Please reserve the date; tickets on sale after Masses every Sunday.

A homeschool co-op is starting for parishioners with kids in kindergarten to 3rd grade and their younger siblings. We will meet on Fridays from 10-12 in a St. Stephen's classroom. We will have field trips once a month. Text Grace Fernandez 916-995-7402 if interested in joining.

Fr McWhirter will continue to be away from until Sept 8.

Fr Evaristus will be away from Sept 10 - 18.



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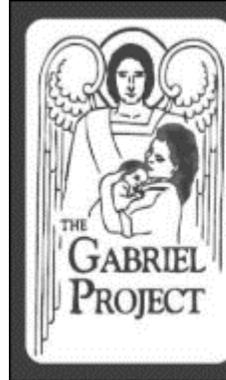
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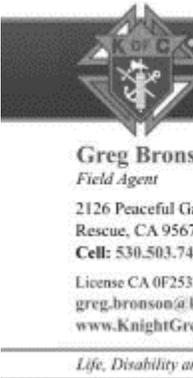
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