


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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STAYING CONNECTED	THE FSSP	DONATIONS
<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 style="text-align: center;">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 fellow parishioners in need. Donations can be made online or at the Parish Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>		

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

19 September 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sun 19 Sept	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, II
7 am	Tomoko McDonough
8:30 am	+Ursula Uclaray
10 am	Fr. Latimer, FSSP
11:30 am	Peter Burns
1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
6pm	Anne & Spencer Roundtree
Mon 20 Sept	Ss. Eustace & Companions, IV
7 am	Mike & Mary Schaefer
12 pm	Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP
6 pm	Benjamin Kasak
Tues 21 Sept	St. Matthew, II
7 am	+Clara Padilla
12 pm	Fr. Dominic Savoie, FSSP
6 pm	Sergio Reali
Wed 22 Sept	Ember Wednesday, II
7 am	Darryl Gallagher
12 pm	+Magdalena Calder
6 pm	David Encinas
Thurs 23 Sept	St. Linus, III
7 am	+Miguel Chiong
12 pm	Angela Mantach
6 pm	Leo Agustin Simpson
Fri 24 Sept	Ember Friday, II
7 am	Holy Souls
12 pm	Ethan Luke
6 pm	Fr. Malwauld
Sat 25 Sept	Ember Saturday, II
7 am	Olivia Sandoval
8:30 am	Joseph Kozina
12 pm	+Michael Carvalho

PRAYER LIST

Dolly Lewis, Mary Ann Cuny, Stephanie Saavedra, Barbara Jeong, Barbara Graichen, Johan Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Jean Haun, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Eileen Morrison, Derald Goyette, Jordan Aranas, JoAnn Mutterties

Please keep all of the sick and homebound of the parish in your daily prayers.

IN MEMORIAM

Eda Granby, Gloria Garcia, Raymond Villalpando, Rogelio Mendoza, Linda White, William Cummings, Rick Perez, 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

Altar Guild & Altar Guild Minor	Mike Solton
<i>Boys 7 - 18, Third Saturday</i>	916-832-2859
Choir & Music Classes	Keven Smith
<i>Youth & Adults, Sunday & Wednesday</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	Megan Gury
<i>Girls 5 - 8, First Saturday</i>	916-584-6018
Adult Catechism	Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP
<i>Adults, Second & Fourth Thursday</i>	frcurtis@fssp.com
OLSW Co-op	Keetje Terzo
<i>Ages 14 - 18</i>	916-878-6433
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	William Giovannetti
<i>Adult men, Third Wednesday</i>	916-531-4730
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	Roger Soto
<i>Sunday</i>	209-610-1163
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
The Gabriel Project	Karen Presta
<i>On call</i>	530-820-3919
Security	Patrick Clemons
<i>Sundays & Parish Events</i>	916-717-0244
Veritas Young Adult Group	Taylor Bur
<i>Third Thursday; Ages 18-39</i>	veritasnorcal@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Mr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP; Br. Raphael Joseph Maria, 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

EMBER DAYS

by Fr. Arnaud Devillers, FSSP

What are Ember Days? Ember Days are three days (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) set apart in each of the four seasons for fasting, abstinence and prayer. Tied to the seasonal cycles of farming and harvesting, the purpose of Ember Days is to render thanks to God for the gifts of Creation and to ask His help in using them well. Since 1966, the fasting and abstinence are no longer prescribed but still encouraged.

What is the origin of Ember Days? Pin-pointing the exact date may be challenging, but what is certain is that they originate in Rome within the first centuries of the Church. Pope St. Leo the Great (mid-5th century) has left a series of beautiful sermons for these days and thought they had been instituted by the Apostles themselves. The *Liber pontificalis* dates their institution to Pope St. Calixtus (218-225), though they were more probably instituted by Pope Siricius (384-399).

Ordinations. In 494, Pope Gelasius I prescribed that the sacrament of Holy Orders be conferred on Ember Saturdays. Thus the prayer and fasting of Ember week acquired added importance, for apostolic tradition demanded that ordinations be preceded by fast and prayer (Acts 13:3). Not only did the candidates themselves fast and pray for a few days in preparation for Holy Orders, but the whole clergy and people joined them to obtain God's grace and blessing upon their calling. Thus Embertides became like spiritual exercises for all, similar in thought and purpose to our modern retreats and missions. Ember Days have been used at times as special prayers by the faithful for vocations to the priesthood and for the sanctification of priests.

Ember Days remind us of a time when society was mostly rural. In our urban society, the connection between Ember Days and the cycle of sowing and harvest does not speak to most of us any longer. However, the association of Ember Days and ordinations could give a new purpose to Ember Days as voluntary days of penance by clergy and faithful together, to not only confess and atone for sins of the past but also to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and the sanctification of clergy.

Why are they called "Ember Days"? The words have nothing to do with embers or ashes. It may be from the Anglo-Saxon ymbren, a circle or revolution; or more likely it may be a corruption of quatuor tempora through Dutch, Danish or German (Quatember).

The fall Ember Days are upon us this week. Let us consider fasting generously on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, for the sanctification of the clergy, the protection of the traditional Mass, and in reparation for the sins of the world.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 25	Italian Dinner
Oct 30	Chesterton Event
Nov 13	Women's Day of Recollection

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmations 2022. Catechism begins today, at 2:30 pm, in classrooms 2 & 3.

The **Chesterton Society** meets this Tues, Sept 21, at 7 pm.

Adult Catechism meets this Thurs, Sept 23, at 7 pm.

The **Youth Group** meets this Fri, Sept 24, at 7 pm.

The **Rosary for Priests** will be offered Sat, Sept 25, after the 8:30 am Mass.

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.

Italian Dinner Raffle (Support for the FSSP). **Red Raffle:** #1 DINNER with Fr. Curtis, #2 Lady's watch with diamond, #3 Pane E Vino basket, #4 Homemade tamales. **White Raffle:** Holy Reminders, Patriot Doll, Leatherby's, Garden, Electric Cook, Thanksgiving, Italian, Dad's Grill, Kids, Kids, Something for everyone!

Please note that you do not need to be present at the dinner to win raffle prizes.

40 Days for Life starts on Wed, Sept 22 & runs through Oct 31, from 8 am to 5 pm Mon through Sat. It will be on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at 201 29th Street, Sacramento. You can signup at on the Website 40daysforlife.com/Sacramento or just show up & pray for the unborn with us.

Hike for the Young Ladies. We will have a hike on Sat, Oct 9, for young ladies age 10 - 18. It will be led, with spiritual conferences, by the sister of *Filiae Laborae Mariae*. The hike will begin with the 7 am Mass, and will likely conclude in the early evening. To sign-up, please contact Amy Rutschow at amy_rutschow@sbcglobal.net.

We're looking for more ushers! Men, if interested or if you have questions, please contact Roger Soto at 209-610-1163.



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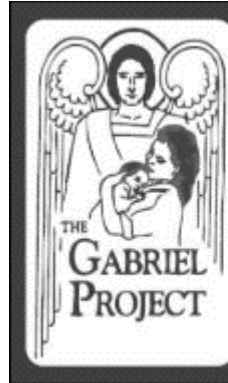
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