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

**26 September 2021**  
*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

<b>Sun 26 Sept</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II</b>
7 am	Alvaro Zapata
8:30 am	+Magdalena Calder
10 am	Stephanie & Josh
11:30 am	+Jack Virtue
1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
6pm	Fraternity of St. Peter
<b>Mon 27 Sept</b>	<b>Ss. Cosmas &amp; Damian, III</b>
7 am	David Nguyen
12 pm	Gabriel Manela
6 pm	Vida G. DeLaPaz
<b>Tues 28 Sept</b>	<b>St. Wenceslaus, III</b>
7 am	Elaine & Family
12 pm	Tomoko McDonough
6 pm	+Barbara Eisengart
<b>Wed 29 Sept</b>	<b>Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel, I</b>
7 am	+Robert David Steele
12 pm	Celeste & John Gisla
6 pm	+Poblio Uclaray
<b>Thurs 30 Sept</b>	<b>St. Jerome, III</b>
7 am	+Linda White
12 pm	Abby C. DeLaPaz
6 pm	Abby Adesanya
<b>Fri 1 Oct</b>	<b>St. Remigius, IV</b>
7 am	Bradley Scott
12 pm	Madonna Angelita DeLaPaz
6 pm	Abby Adesanya
<b>Sat 2 Oct</b>	<b>Holy Guardian Angels, III</b>
7 am	Joshua Talley daughter
8:30 am	+Harry Stevens
12 pm	+Abdulahad Stephen

**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**

Eleanor Roberts, Robert Rose, Sharon Graves, 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**

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

CANCELLATION: SOCIAL & EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Due to an unprecedented number of families struggling with COVID, I am canceling or postponing all social or educational events for the next two weeks (until Oct 7, exclusive). For the last week or two, I have witnessed an increasing number of parishioners affected, and it seems to be getting worse rather than better in our community.

This will affect:

- **Sunday Confirmation Catechism:** We will not have classes on Sunday, Sept 26, or on Sunday, Oct 3. Fr McWhirter and I will try to make up for lost time by extending class times a bit when we re-convene.
- **OLSW Co-op:** Classes canceled for the next two weeks. Again, we'll host longer classes for a time when we re-convene.
- **Choir lessons for the youth:** Next week's Thursday (Sept 30) classes are canceled.
- **Co-op for smaller children:** Friday meeting cancelled.
- **Girls Groups** (Little Flowers, Rosa Mystica, Sodality): Meetings on Sat, Oct 2, are canceled.

Individual group leaders should be contacting you soon, if they have not already.

This was a difficult decision for me, especially with regards to the Italian Dinner, which I know so many people have worked so hard to prepare, and so many people were looking forward to. The decision was not motivated by the news or by any pressure from civil or ecclesiastical authority. Do please keep the sick of the parish and their families in your daily prayers, especially the two parishioners that are currently hospitalized and in the ICU.

I know all this back and forth has been very exhausting. All I can say is that I am exhausted with you. But we will continue to persevere together. Please take care of yourself: good diet, adequate rest, some exercise, etc.

I am very grateful to those who have stayed home from Mass or other events in case of illness in their household.

Masses and confessions will continue uninterrupted and according to our usual schedule. I remind the particularly vulnerable (the elderly, those with co-morbidities, and those that care for them) that they are not obliged to the Sunday obligation at present, and I might counsel taking advantage of that during the next couple of weeks.

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 9	Hike for the Young Ladies
Oct 30	Chesterton Event
Nov 13	Women's Day of Recollection

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Children of the Immaculate Heart.** The Sodality was planning on raising funds for this today, but we are postponing it for a few weeks. More details to come.

There will be a **Sung Requiem** on Fri, Oct 1, at 10 am, for Sharon Graves. Sharon entered the Catholic Church the day before her death. We will also soon have Requiems for Eleanor Roberts (Oct 7) and Robert Rose (TBD, once the burial is scheduled). Please pray for the departed and for their families.

**First Friday** and **First Saturday** fall this week.

There will be a **Sung Mass** on Fri, Oct 1, at noon.

The **Girls Groups** will NOT meet on Sat, Oct 2.

**Chesterton Event.** On Sat, Oct 30 from 5:00-9:00 pm at St. Stephen's parish hall, there will be a wine and cheese social hour followed by live presentations on two of G. K. Chesterton's epic poems. Dale Ahlquist will talk on "The Ballad of the White Horse" (King Alfred's battle against the invading Turks, and Our Lady's strong help). Christopher Check, president of Catholic Answers, will give an historical account of the battle of Lepanto and will recite Chesterton's "Lepanto". This Oct 7 marks the 450th anniversary of the battle of Lepanto. *Ticket sales will begin Sun, Oct 10 after all Masses, provided the health situation in the parish starts to calm down.*

**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.

**40 Days for Life** started 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 sign up at on the Website [40daysforlife.com/Sacramento](http://40daysforlife.com/Sacramento) or just show up & pray for the unborn with us.

**Italian Dinner.** I was really looking forward to this. We're hoping that we can simply postpone it to a later date. Please keep hold of your tickets, which you will be able to use when the time comes.

Regarding the raffle tickets and prizes, a significant number of people came forward saying that they had hoped to buy tickets at the event itself, and no one seems interested in immediately drawing for the prizes outside of the event. So for now, we will hold off.

I am very happy to reimburse ticket costs for anyone that is not interested in attending the postponed event. Please reach out to me at [frcurtis@fssp.com](mailto:frcurtis@fssp.com).

**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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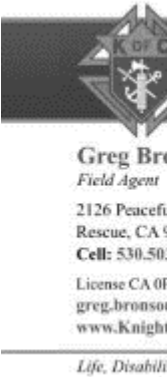


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