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

<b>Sun 17 Oct</b>	<b>Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, II</b>
7 am	Juniper La Casse
8:30 am	Karen & family
10 am	+ Maria Camarillo
11:30 am	+ Lucky Rigopoulos
1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
6pm	+ Stephanie James
<b>Mon 18 Oct</b>	<b>St. Luke the Evangelist, II</b>
7 am	Ryle & Schuchmann family
12 pm	Al & Gitta Barth
6 pm	Kristie Rider
<b>Tues 19 Oct</b>	<b>St. Peter of Alcantara, III</b>
7 am	Christopher & Nweni Magabo
12 pm	David Burns
6 pm	+ Jeff Long
<b>Wed 20 Oct</b>	<b>St. John Cantius, III</b>
7 am	Ed & Elizabeth Pierini
12 pm	Gregory & family
6 pm	+ Miriam Stiles
<b>Thurs 21 Oct</b>	<b>St. Hilarion, IV</b>
7 am	Matthew Gallagher
12 pm	John J. Hymes
6 pm	+ Grady Harris
<b>Fri 22 Oct</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7 am	+ Jose Reguerra
12 pm	+ Joe Murphy
6 pm	FSSP
<b>Sat 23 Oct</b>	<b>St. Anthony Mary Claret, III</b>
7 am	+ Melinda Miller
8:30 am	Cesar Oliva
12 pm	+ Rafael Rodriguez Leyva

**PRAYER LIST**

Bonnie Williams, 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**

Jeff Long, David Tostenson, 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

**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
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<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**

**ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH (+105)**

*Excerpt from his Letter to the Romans*

I write to the Churches, and impress on them all, that I shall willingly die for God, unless you hinder me. I beseech of you not to show an unseasonable good-will towards me. Allow me to become food for the wild beasts, through whose instrumentality it will be granted me to attain to God. I am the wheat of God, and let me be ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found the pure bread of Christ. Rather entice the wild beasts, that they may become my tomb, and may leave nothing of my body; so that when I have fallen asleep [in death], I may be no trouble to any one. Then shall I truly be a disciple of Christ, when the world shall not see so much as my body. Entreat Christ for me, that by these instruments I may be found a sacrifice [to God]. I do not, as Peter and Paul, issue commandments unto you. They were apostles; I am but a condemned man: they were free, while I am, even until now, a servant. But when I suffer, I shall be the freed-man of Jesus, and shall rise again emancipated in Him. And now, being a prisoner, I learn not to desire anything worldly or vain.

All the pleasures of the world, and all the kingdoms of this earth, shall profit me nothing. It is better for me to die on behalf of Jesus Christ, than to reign over all the ends of the earth. *For what shall a man be profited, if he gain the whole world, but lose his own soul? Him I seek, who died for us: Him I desire, who rose again for our sake.* This is the gain which is laid up for me. Pardon me, brethren: do not hinder me from living, do not wish to keep me in a state of death; and while I desire to belong to God, do not give me over to the world. Allow me to obtain pure light: when I have gone there, I shall indeed be a man of God. Permit me to be an imitator of the passion of my God. If anyone has Him within himself, let him consider what I desire, and let him have sympathy with me, as knowing how I am straitened.

*St. Ignatius, who was a disciple of St. John the Beloved Disciple, and bishop of Antioch, was captured on account of his Catholic faith and brought in chains to Rome, there to be thrown to the wild beasts. On the way, he was twice permitted visitors, and by means of them, he sent out seven letters: to the Ephesians, Magnesians, Tralians, Philadelphians, Smyrneans, Romans, and to Polycarp his co-disciple and friend. His letters generally take up three themes: heresy (mostly, Gnosticism), ecclesiology, and martyrdom. To the Romans, however, he dares not speak as teacher, and contents himself to expressing his desire and hope for martyrdom.*

*The letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch are available online, and remain published in book form to this day. I highly recommend them! They were instrumental to my own conversion.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Oct 17	Registrations for FHC begin
Oct 30	Chesterton Event
Oct 31	All Hallow's Eve Party
Nov 13	Women's Day of Recollection
Dec 19	Registrations for FHC due
Jan 9	First Holy Communion classes begin

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Registrations for classes for **First Holy Communion** will begin this Sun, Oct 17. Forms will be due Sun, Dec 19. Classes will begin Sun, Jan 9 at 2:30 pm.

**All Hallow's Eve Party** on Sun, Oct 31, from 7 - 9 pm. There will be an organizational meeting in the parish hall on Sun, Oct 17, at 2:30 pm (after the High Mass).

**Christian Burial** for Jeff Long will be held at 10:00 am on Mon, Oct 18, at St. Mary's Cemetery. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**Seniors (60+) Lunch.** Thurs, Oct 21 after the noon Mass and Exposition. Please bring your own lunch and meet in classroom 1.

The men's **Holy League** will convene on Wed, Oct 20. Holy Hour at 7 pm, followed by a short talk by one of the priests and a meal.

The **Veritas** young adult group (ages 18-39) will meet on Thurs, Oct 21. Exposition begins in the afternoon; Benediction is at 5:45 pm, followed by Mass. The group will meet after the 6 pm Mass.

The **Youth Group** will meet on Fri, Oct 22, at 7 pm in Classroom 3.

**Chesterton Event.** Oct 30, from 5:00-9:00 pm. Only 2 more weeks to buy tickets. Sold after all Masses on 10/17 and 10/24. **ALL NEW AUCTION BASKETS.** Come have a look! **Dale Ahlquist** and **Christopher Check** (president of Catholic Answers) will both be present at the event and give talks.

The **Women's Day of Recollection** will be held on Sat, Nov 13. Please register in the bookstore or parish office so that we can account for meals. **Registrations will be due on Sun, Nov 7.** Schedule:

<b>8:30 am</b>	Mass
<b>9:30 am</b>	Brunch & Coffee (Parish Hall)
<b>10:00 am</b>	First Conference
<b>11:00 am</b>	Stations of the Cross & Confessions
<b>12:00 pm</b>	Lunch (Parish Hall)
<b>1:00 pm</b>	Second Conference
<b>2:00 pm</b>	Holy Hour
<b>3:00 pm</b>	Blessing & Dismissal

**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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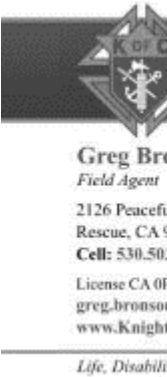


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