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<p style="text-align: center;">STAYING CONNECTED</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE FSSP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DONATIONS</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>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>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>		

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sun 24 Oct	Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, II
7 am	+ Cecilia Davidson
8:30 am	John & Muriel Bertucci
10 am	+ Jeff Long
11:30 am	+ Gloria Garcia
1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
6pm	Brian Gerrity
Mon 25 Oct	Ss. Chrysanthus & Daria, IV
7 am	Bryan Costello & family
12 pm	+ John Risse
6 pm	Kristie Bryant
Tues 26 Oct	St. Evaristus, IV
7 am	+ Eva Ligaya
12 pm	+ Grady Harris
6 pm	Natalia Gomez
Wed 27 Oct	Feria, IV
7 am	+ Kell Khattar
12 pm	+ Angelito De La Paz
6 pm	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs 28 Oct	Ss. Simon & Jude, II
7 am	+ Jesus Rapi
12 pm	+ Tony Delude
6 pm	+ Manuel Vizcarra, Sr.
Fri 29 Oct	Feria, IV
7 am	+ John Alvarez
12 pm	+ Ricardo Vizcarra, Sr.
6 pm	Levi Francis Respicio
Sat 30 Oct	Saturday of Our Lady, IV
7 am	Canon Benjamin Norman, ICRSS
8:30 am	Nathanial Toledo
12 pm	+ Neil Simon Nofaley

PRAYER LIST

Fiona Silverio, 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

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

ARE ALL MODERN MEDICINES COMPROMISED?

The relationship between fetal cell lines (such as HEK-293) and various medications is frequently being raised. Much of the controversy began in the wake of an article by a Legion of Christ priest [*If Any Drug Tested on HEK-293 is Immoral, Goodbye Modern Medicine*] which seemed to connect many over-the-counter or otherwise common medications to fetal cell testing.

Preparing to write this article, the author – Fr. Matthew Schneider, LC – appears to have simply run a Google search for "HEK-293" and various medicines, i.e. acetaminophen, ibuprofen, etc. Any matches were thrown into his article as "proof" of the hypocrisy of those who, for various reasons, are refusing vaccinations. I found the arguments in the article lazy and frustrating. The article fails to mention that most of the medicines in question were developed before (sometimes long before) any fetal cell lines of any kind existed. The HEK-293 line was created in 1977; but aspirin was first discovered in 1855, acetaminophen in 1877, and ibuprofen in 1961. A fuller list is available at Children of God for Life and other places online. Such medications, unlike the COVID vaccines, do not exist "but for the use of" fetal cell line research. When his argument was pointed out as a rather blatant strawman, he accused his interlocutors of moving the goalposts.

By way of analogy, imagine a firearm manufacturer that tested new weapon designs on innocent victims, killing them in the process. Using data collected from those tests, it refined its firearms' lethality and then put them to market. Obviously, *under normal circumstances*, people of good conscience would avoid the purchase and use of such firearms. Now imagine that Fr. Schneider comes along, points out that all sorts of firearms are used all the time to kill innocent people, and then accuses anyone opposed to the manufacturer in question of rank hypocrisy. What a bizarre argument.

It does have to be granted that at times illicit tests are performed using existing medicines in order to expand on the accepted use of those medicines. To what degree those tests are happening and for what particular purposes, and therefore their moral relevance, are extremely difficult to determine. I have seen claims, for example, that hydroxychloroquine was tested on cells from the HEK-293 line in order to test its efficacy against COVID. The Scripps Research Institute certainly did run such tests. But their results were not published until January of this year - long after some clinical physicians had already been using the drug off-label for COVID treatment. Would the mere fact of such a study being conducted, invalidate the clinical use which was already in place, and not dependent on the study? Obviously not. *(Please note, I am not advocating*

hydroxychloroquine or any other treatment for COVID; I am not a doctor.)

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** continue to be available. Forms will be due Sun, Dec 19. Classes will begin Sun, Jan 9 at 2:30 pm.

Novena of Masses for the Faithful Departed. Forms and envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please include your intentions using the forms and place them in an envelope. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or delivered to the parish bookstore or office.

Nine Masses will be offered for the intentions of the Novena on Nov. 2, 3, and 4.

Adult Catechism. Thurs, Oct 28, at 7 pm in the parish hall.

Rosary for Priests. Sat, Oct 30, after the 8:30 am Mass.

Chesterton Event. Oct 30, from 5:00-9:00 pm. **Today is the last Sunday to buy tickets.** Dale Ahlquist and Christopher Check (president of Catholic Answers) will both be present at the event and give talks. Help support St. Stephen's by coming to the Chesterton event... If you can't, then bid on one of the amazing baskets!

All Hallow's Eve Party on Sun, Oct 31, from 7 - 9 pm.

All Saints Day (Nov. 1). *Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.* Masses at 7 am, 12 pm, and 6 pm (Sung).

All Souls Day (Nov. 2). Masses at 6:30 am, 7 am, 7:30 am; 11:30 am, 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm; 5:30 pm, 6 pm, 6:30 pm (Sung). *Communion will be given at the 7 am, 12 pm, and 6:30 pm Masses.*

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:

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