


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



| PARISH INFORMATION   | SACRAMENTS   | DEVOTIONS  |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>STAYING CONNECTED</b></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE FSSP</b></p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DONATIONS</b></p>  |
| <p>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER<br/>         To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p>NEW PARISHIONERS<br/>         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 style="text-align: center;"></p>  | <p>ST. BERNADETTE FUND<br/>         Please consider giving to fellow parishioners in need. Donations can be made online or at the Parish Office.</p> <p>ONLINE GIVING<br/>         Available at the parish website.<br/>         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 19 Dec</b>   | <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent, I</b>     |
| 7 am                | + Jeff Long                           |
| 8:30 am             | Barbara Jeong                         |
| 10 am               | Jenner Lubinsky                       |
| 11:30 am            | Doug & Patricia Goodin                |
| 1 pm                | <i>Pro populo</i>                     |
| 6pm                 | Tait Pilegaard & Enja O'Callaghan     |
| <b>Mon 20 Dec</b>   | <b>Greater Feria of Advent, II</b>    |
| 7 am                | FSSP                                  |
| 12 pm               | Louise Rozowski                       |
| 6 pm                | Angelique Pierrot                     |
| <b>Tues 21 Dec</b>  | <b>St. Thomas, II</b>                 |
| 7 am                | John Pilegaard                        |
| 12 pm               | Zenaida Cozzatti & family             |
| 6 pm                | Fr John Lyons                         |
| <b>Wed 22 Dec</b>   | <b>Greater Feria of Advent, II</b>    |
| 7 am                | + Kell Khattar                        |
| 12 pm               | + Jeff Long                           |
| 6 pm                | + Jose Solorio                        |
| <b>Thurs 23 Dec</b> | <b>Greater Feria of Advent, II</b>    |
| 7 am                | + Francis Blinks                      |
| 12 pm               | + John Dunlap                         |
| 6 pm                | Fr Curtis                             |
| <b>Fri 24 Dec</b>   | <b>Vigil of Christmas, I</b>          |
| 7 am                | Fr Curtis                             |
| 12 pm               | Thoan & Menvu Nguyen                  |
|                     | *** No 6 pm Mass on Christmas Eve *** |
| <b>Sat 25 Dec</b>   | <b>The Nativity of Our Lord, I</b>    |
| Midnight            | <i>Pro populo</i>                     |
| 7 am                | Fr Curtis                             |
| 8:30 am             | + Nancy Domich                        |
| 10 am               | Fernando & Dulce De Los Santons       |
| 11:30 am            | + Holy Souls in Purgatory             |
| 1 pm                | <i>Pro populo</i>                     |

| PRAYER LIST  |  |
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| Arman Mazidi, 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  |  |
| <i>Please keep all of the sick and homebound of the parish in your daily prayers.</i>  |  |
| IN MEMORIAM  |  |
| Fiona Silverio, John Dunlap, 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<br>Boys 7 - 18, Third Saturday 916-832-2859                       |
| <b>Choir &amp; Music Classes</b>           | Keven Smith<br>Youth & Adults, Sunday & Wednesday ksmith_writer@yahoo.com     |
| <b>Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> | Amy Rutschow<br>Girls 14 - 18, First Saturday 916-340-5782                    |
| <b>Rosa Mystica</b>                        | Sue McGrath<br>Girls 9 - 13, First Saturday 916-531-3946                      |
| <b>Little Flowers</b>                      | Megan Gury<br>Girls 5 - 8, First Saturday 916-584-6018                        |
| <b>Adult Catechism</b>                     | Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP<br>Adults, Second & Fourth Thursday frcurtis@fssp.com |
| <b>OLSW Co-op</b>                          | Keetje Terzo<br>Ages 14 - 18 916-878-6433                                     |
| <b>Youth Group</b>                         | Liz Hernandez<br>Ages 14 - 18, Second & Fourth Friday 916-396-4062            |
| <b>Chesterton Society</b>                  | Spencer Roundtree<br>Adults, Second Tuesday sac.chesterton@gmail.com          |
| <b>Knights of Columbus, Council #16419</b> | William Giovannetti<br>Adult men, Third Wednesday 916-531-4730                |
| <b>Altar Linen &amp; Flowers Society</b>   | Tomoko McDonough<br>Adult women, Third Saturday mcdonoughmommy6@gmail         |
| <b>Church Flowers</b>                      | Greta Munsill<br>Friday 916-425-7112  |
| <b>Church Cleaning</b>                     | Eli Gonzalez<br>Thursday 916-395-7408   |
| <b>Ushers</b>                              | Roger Soto<br>Sunday 209-610-1163   |
| <b>Collection Count Crew</b>               | Kelly Manstch<br>Monday Parish Office 916-451-5114                            |
| <b>Brown Bag Lunch Program</b>             | Maureen Olguin<br>Sunday jmolguin5960@att.net                                 |
| <b>The Gabriel Project</b>                 | Karen Presta<br>On call 530-820-3919  |
| <b>Security</b>                            | Patrick Clemons<br>Sundays & Parish Events 916-717-0244                       |
| <b>Veritas Young Adult Group</b>           | Taylor Bur<br>Third Thursday; Ages 18-39 veritasnorcal@gmail.com              |

| PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS  |
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| <b>Mr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP; Br. Raphael Joseph Maria, COSJ;<br/>Sr. Rose Brennan, CM</b>                   |
| <i>Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.</i> |

PASTOR'S COLUMN

ST. PADRE PIO ON CHRISTMAS

The heavenly babe suffers and cries in the crib so that for us suffering would be sweet, meritorious and accepted. He deprives himself of everything, in order that we may learn from him the renunciation of worldly goods and comforts. He is satisfied with humble and poor adorers, to encourage us to love poverty, and to prefer the company of the little and simple rather than the great ones of the world.

This celestial child, all meekness and sweetness, wishes to impress in our hearts by his example these sublime virtues, so that from a world that is torn and devastated an era of peace and love may spring forth. Even from the moment of his birth he reveals to us our mission, which is to scorn that which the world loves and seeks.

Oh let us prostrate ourselves before the manger, and along with the great St. Jerome, who was enflamed with the love of the infant Jesus, let us offer him all our hearts without reserve. Let us promise to follow the precepts which come to us from the grotto of Bethlehem, which teach us that everything here below is vanity of vanities, nothing but vanity.

IMPORTANT DATES

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|----------|---|
| Dec 19   | <b>TODAY:</b> Registrations for FHC due |
| Jan 2    | Hand Missal instruction (2:30 pm)       |
| Jan 9    | First Holy Communion classes begin      |
| Mar 20   | Confirmations (Bp. Soto) at 3 pm        |
| April 23 | Italian Dinner                          |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registrations for classes for **First Holy Communion** continue to be available. **Forms are due TODAY**, Sun, Dec 19. Classes will begin Sun, Jan 9 at 2:30 pm.

**Offertory envelopes** for 2022 are available in the room between the office and bookstore.

The bookstore is now taking orders for **candles** to be blessed on the Feast of the Purification, on Feb 2. Order early to ensure that they will arrive on time. Beeswax and other devotional candles are available. All orders must be in by Wed, Jan 5.

**Confirmation Classes.** In anticipation of many families being away, please take note that classes will not be held on Sun., Dec. 19 and Sun., Dec. 26.

**Christmas Eve.** There will be Masses held at 7:00 am and 12:00 pm. The usual Friday 6:00 pm Mass is cancelled. At 9:30 pm, Christmas Matins will be sung by the priests and choir. All are encouraged to attend; Latin-English booklets will be available.

**Rosary for Priests.** Since Christmas falls on the last Saturday of this month, the Rosary for Priests will be offered after the

noon Mass on Fri, Dec 24. Fifteen decades are offered for the sanctification of priests.

**Christmas.** Masses at 12:00 am midnight (Solemn; Matins prior, see above), 7 am, 8:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am, and 1 pm (Solemn). **No evening Mass. Confessions at 6:30 am only.**

**St. Stephen the First Martyr.** Dec 26. The Guild medal ceremony will be at the 1 pm Mass.

**SPECIAL REQUEST FROM FR CURTIS:** On Sun, Dec 26, please plan on attending a Mass other than the 1 pm High Mass, if you do not have a son involved with the altar guild. Otherwise we expect this Mass to be extremely overcrowded.

We will be hosting **Mr. Jeremy Chua, FSSP**, a seminarian who stayed with us for quite some time in 2020, for his Christmas vacation. He will be around for several weeks.

**Octave Day of Christmas.** Sat, Jan 1. Since it falls on a Saturday, the obligation is dispensed. Masses at 7 am, 8:30 am, and 12 pm (Sung).

**Parish Christmas Party.** Mark your calendars, as we will be gathering for our annual parish Christmas Party on Sat, Jan 1, 2022, from 5 pm until 9 pm!

**Event.** This fun-filled event brings our parish family together to celebrate Christmastide with dinner and fellowship, and followed by a talent show where some of our talented parishioners will be performing for us! In past years, we have delighted in everything from musical and theatrical acts to stand-up comedy! It is always a memorable evening and one that you do not want to miss!

**Tickets:** Suggested donation is \$10 or \$25 per family. Tickets will be available in the vestibule on Sun, Dec 19 and Sun, Dec 26.

**Auditions:** *Thank you to all who have auditioned for the talent show! Auditions are now closed, as we have filled all of the available time slots.*

**Volunteers:** We are still in need of volunteers to help make this event a memorable one for our parish family. Many of you are generous with your time and energy, and we appreciate all that you do for our beloved parish. There are many opportunities and positions that still need to be filled. Thank you in advance for your generosity! You can sign up to help using this online volunteer form:

<https://forms.gle/7Z8T8yjTrwxWamqQ7>

**Contact:** For any questions or to schedule an audition, contact Yesenia Rangel at YeseniaLovesLife@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at 916-682-9600.

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

**Fr. Braun** will return on Mon, Dec 20.



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