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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 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>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	
Sun 9 Jan	The Holy Family, II
7 am	Preservation of the FSSP & TLM
8:30 am	+ David Spencer
10 am	+ David Spencer
11:30 am	Sr Juliat
1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
6pm	Ernest Carey
Mon 10 Jan	Feria of Epiphany, IV
7 am	John Paul Dugyon
12 pm	Long family
6 pm	+ Raymond Villapando
Tues 11 Jan	Feria of Epiphany, IV
7 am	+ David Spencer
12 pm	Tristan Michaels
6 pm	+ John Youngerman
Wed 12 Jan	Feria of Epiphany, IV
7 am	+ Jerry Morell
12 pm	Alvin de la Paz
6 pm	+ David Spencer
Thurs 13 Jan	The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, II
7 am	Mary Jo Scott
12 pm	+ Bronislava Zirgulis
6 pm	Barbara Ryan
Fri 14 Jan	St. Hilary, III
7 am	+ Gerardo Baccay
12 pm	+ John Youngerman
6 pm	+ Ernest Carey
Sat 15 Jan	St. Paul the First Hermit, III
7 am	Bradley Scott
8:30 am	Rhonda Kennelly
12:00 pm	+ Francisca Lacson

PRAYER LIST
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
Altar Guild & Altar Guild MinorMike 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 MysticaSue 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 CatechismFr. 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 ProgramMaureen Olguin <i>Sunday</i> jmolguin5960@att.net
The Gabriel Project Karen Presta <i>On call</i> 530-820-3919
SecurityPatrick 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
<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

EPIPHANY CHALK BLESSING

Blessed chalk will be available in the vestibule from the Feast of Epiphany. Upon returning home, the lintel of the main door of the house is marked with the blessed chalk by the head of the household in the following manner.

Inscribe 20+C+M+B+22 while saying the following prayer:

The Three Wise Men ...

C Caspar ...

M Melchior ...

B & Balthasaar, followed the star of God's Son who became Man ...

20 Two-thousand ...

22 and twenty-two years ago ...

+ May Christ ...

+ bless our home ...

+ and remain with us ...

+ through the new year. ...

Almighty God, incline Thine ear. Bless us and all who are gathered here. Send Thy holy angel who will defend us, and fill with grace all who dwell here. Amen.

ST PAUL THE FIRST HERMIT

A Christian from his youth, Paul was orphaned at age 15. In 250 the persecution by Decius forced him into hiding, first at a friend's house and then, fearing exposure, to a cave in the Egyptian desert. He had planned to return home after things quieted down but the peaceful solitude of the desert seduced him to stay. A palm tree and a spring near his cave provided him food, clothing and water until he turned 43. After that time, as it had happened for Elias, a raven brought him half a loaf of bread each day.

In Paul's 90th year in the desert his presence was revealed to St Anthony, who immediately went to find him. Anthony met Paul in his cave when the latter was aged 113 and the two hermits became friends overnight. They shared a whole loaf of bread brought by the raven, discussed world events and prayed. Anthony thought he had found a companion but Paul knew that God had sent Anthony to help him die. The biography described their meeting:

Blessed Paul said to Anthony: "For a long time now, I have known that you dwelled in these regions. And for a long time God had promised you to me for a companion. Since my hour of eternal sleep has arrived and because I have always desired 'to be dissolved and to be with Christ', having 'finished the course, ... a crown of justice' remains for me. You have been sent by God to bury my miserable body, rather to return earth to earth."

Anthony listened to these words with tears and groans, begging Paul not to leave him behind but to accept him as a companion on that journey. Paul answered: "You ought not seek your own interests but those of another. It is indeed

profitable for you to cast off the burden of the flesh to follow the Lamb but it is also profitable for the rest of your brethren that they may be the more instructed by your example. I beg of you, hasten, if is not too much to ask and bring back the cloak which Athanasius the bishop gave you, to wrap about my wretched body." -- from anastpaul.com

St. Paul, pray for us!

His Feast Day is this Saturday.

IMPORTANT DATES

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Rows include Jan 9 (First Holy Communion classes begin), Jan 22 (Day of Reparation for Roe v. Wade), Mar 20 (Confirmations (Bp. Soto) at 3 pm), April 23 (Italian Dinner), May 7 (First Holy Communion).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Holy Communion Catechism. Begins today, Sun, Jan 9, after the High Mass (~2:30 pm) in Classroom 1.

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

The Chesterton Society meets Tues, Jan 11, at 7pm.

Seniors (60+) Lunch. Bring your own lunch and enjoy the fellowship in classroom 2 after the noon Mass, Thurs, Jan 20.

Adult Catechism meets Thurs, Jan 13, at 7 pm.

The Youth Group meets Fri, Jan 14, at 7 pm.

While the Youth Group is meeting, there will be a presentation for the Chesterton Academy in the parish hall on Fri, Jan 14, at 7 pm.

The Chesterton Academy of Sacramento is a joyfully Catholic, classical high school opening in the fall of 2022. There will be an information night at St. Stephen's on Fri evening, Jan 14, at 7 pm. Parents are welcome to come and get more information about this new Catholic high school option, meet the Chesterton Academy team, and hear more about this faithful, integrated Catholic classical curriculum. For more information, visit:

www.chestertonsacramento.org

Collegium Sanctorum Angelorum. Edward Schaefer, President of Collegium Sanctorum Angelorum, will be available after all the Masses on Sun, Jan 23 to speak to anyone interested in The Collegium. The Collegium is the only four-year college dedicated to serving traditional Catholic students with its liturgy, curriculum, and student life.

With hopes of enrolling students from California, Dr. Schaefer will be offering a few full-tuition scholarships to qualified students from St. Stephen's. For more information about the college, visit:

the-collegium.org.



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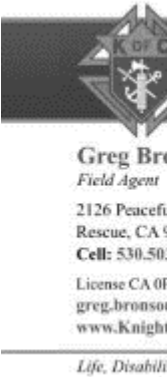


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