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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 23 Jan	Third Sunday after Epiphany, II
7 am	Pantages family
8:30 am	Christopher Magabo & family
10 am	+ David Spencer
11:30 am	Morgan & Katelynn Setness
1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
6pm	+ Jose Solorio
Mon 24 Jan	St. Timothy, III
7 am	+ Joseph Anderport
12 pm	Donna Hopkins
6 pm	+ David Spencer
Tues 25 Jan	Conversion of St. Paul, III
7 am	+ Gerardo Baccay
12 pm	Jillian & Rhiann Setness
6 pm	+ Alice Ternes
Wed 26 Jan	St. Polycarp, III
7 am	Celeste Hinojos
12 pm	Jaydee Magabo
6 pm	Bietz family
Thurs 27 Jan	St. John Chrysostom, III
7 am	John & Cecelia Hymes
12 pm	+ Vincent Zirgulis
6 pm	Ramon Coria
Fri 28 Jan	St. Peter Nolasco, III
7 am	+ Mathelde Lim
12 pm	Consolers of the Most Precious Blood
6 pm	Amparo Coria
Sat 29 Jan	St. Francis de Sales, III
7 am	Virginia Tacey
8:30 am	Agnes Dugyon
12:00 pm	Cesar Oliva

PRAYER LIST

Don Varley, 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

Please keep all of the sick and homebound of the parish in your daily prayers, as well as our adult catechumens and candidates.

IN MEMORIAM

Rene Iway, Richard Seifert, 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 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

THE MARTYRDOM OF ST POLYCARP

Now, as Polycarp was entering into the stadium, there came to him a voice from heaven, saying, Be strong, and show yourself a man, O Polycarp! No one saw who it was that spoke to him; but those of our brethren who were present heard the voice. And as he was brought forward, the tumult became great when they heard that Polycarp was taken. And when he came near, the proconsul asked him whether he was Polycarp. On his confessing that he was, the proconsul sought to persuade him to deny Christ, saying, Have respect to your old age, and other similar things, according to their custom, such as, Swear by the fortune of Cæsar; repent, and say, Away with the Atheists. But Polycarp, gazing with a stern countenance on all the multitude of the wicked heathen then in the stadium, and waving his hand towards them, while with groans he looked up to heaven, said, Away with the Atheists. Then, the proconsul urging him, and saying, Swear, and I will set you at liberty, reproach Christ; Polycarp declared, Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He never did me any injury: how then can I blaspheme my King and my Saviour?

The proconsul then said to him, I have wild beasts at hand; to these will I cast you, unless you repent. But he answered, Call them then, for we are not accustomed to repent of what is good in order to adopt that which is evil; and it is well for me to be changed from what is evil to what is righteous. But again the proconsul said to him, I will cause you to be consumed by fire, seeing you despise the wild beasts, if you will not repent. But Polycarp said, You threaten me with fire which burns for an hour, and after a little is extinguished, but are ignorant of the fire of the coming judgment and of eternal punishment, reserved for the ungodly. But why do you tarry? Bring forth what you will.

While he spoke these and many other like things, he was filled with confidence and joy, and his countenance was full of grace, so that not merely did it not fall as if troubled by the things said to him, but, on the contrary, the proconsul was astonished, and sent his herald to proclaim in the midst of the stadium thrice, Polycarp has confessed that he is a Christian.

This, then, was carried into effect with greater speed than it was spoken, the multitudes immediately gathering together wood and sticks out of the shops and baths; the Jews especially, according to custom, eagerly assisting them in it. And when the funeral pile was ready, Polycarp, laying aside all his garments, and loosing his girdle, sought also to take off his sandals — a thing he was not accustomed to do, inasmuch as every one of the faithful was always eager who should first touch his skin. For, on account of his good behavior he was, even before his martyrdom, adorned with every kind of good. Immediately then they surrounded him with those substances which had been prepared for the funeral pile. But when they were about also to fix him with

nails, he said, Leave me as I am; for He that gives me strength to endure the fire, will also enable me, without your securing me by nails, to remain without moving in the pile.

The martyrdom of St Polycarp is the first written record of martyrdom outside the Sacred Scriptures. The rest is easily found online!

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 2	Candlemas at 6 pm
Feb 11	Consecration to the Immaculate Heart
Mar 20	Confirmations (Bp. Soto) at 3 pm
April 23	Italian Dinner
May 7	First Holy Communion
Oct 22	Chesterton Event

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for Richard Seifert. His funeral Mass will be this week on Wed, Jan 26 at 10 am at St. Stephen's; he will later be buried at St. Mary's Cemetery. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Please pray also for Rene Iway. Our parishioner Rene passed away on Wed, Jan 18. His funeral Mass will be held here on Sat, Feb 5 at 10 am. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

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

Today! 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

Adult Catechism meets on Thurs, Jan 27, at 7 pm.

Youth Group meets on Fri, Jan 28, at 7 pm.

The Rosary for Priests will be prayed on Sat, Jan 29, after the 8:30 am Mass.

Candlemas. On Wed, Feb 2, at 6 pm, there will be the blessing of candles followed by Solemn Mass.

Consecration of the Fraternity of Saint Peter to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The priests of the Fraternity will be leading this on Fri, Feb 11 (the Feast of the Apparition of Our Lady at Lourdes) in our apostolates to entrust the Fraternity and our faithful to Our Lady's patronage and intercession. It will be preceded by a public novena to Our Lady from Feb 2 to 10.



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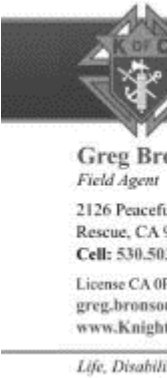


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