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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 13 Feb</b>	<b>Septuagesima Sunday, II</b>
7 am	Preservation of FSSP & the Latin Mass
8:30 am	+ Dick Seifert
10 am	Benjamin Reyes
11:30 am	Gerald Aquitania
1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
6pm	Fr Curtis
<b>Mon 14 Feb</b>	<b>St. Valentine, IV</b>
7 am	Tish Gallagher
12 pm	+ Julie Moore
6 pm	+ Marguerite Desplan
<b>Tues 15 Feb</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7 am	+ Dick Seifert
12 pm	+ Ramon Gomez
6 pm	+ Paul Nguyen
<b>Wed 16 Feb</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7 am	+ Sonja Cutts
12 pm	+ Pierre Desplan
6 pm	+ Louis Sicurezza
<b>Thurs 17 Feb</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7 am	+ Dick Seifert
12 pm	+ Elias Zumout
6 pm	+ Dr Silvino Clarete
<b>Fri 18 Feb</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7 am	+ Reynaldo Manela
12 pm	+ Ramon Gomez
6 pm	FSSP
<b>Sat 19 Feb</b>	<b>Saturday of Our Lady, IV</b>
7 am	Racquel Magabo
8:30 am	Juliet Dugyon
12:00 pm	Kelly Mantsch

**PRAYER LIST**

Ken Taylor, 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**

Barbara Jeong, Jean Haun, 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**

<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
<i>Monday</i>	Parish Office 916-451-5114
<b>Brown Bag Lunch Program</b> .....	Maureen Olguin
<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

PENANCE, PENANCE, PENANCE!

*Benedict XIV*

The observance of Lent is the very badge of the Christian warfare. **By it we prove ourselves not to be enemies of Christ.** By it we avert the scourges of divine justice. By it we gain strength against the princes of darkness, for it shields us with heavenly help. Should mankind grow remiss in their observance of Lent, it would be a detriment to God's glory, a disgrace to the Catholic religion, and a danger to Christian souls. **Neither can it be doubted that such negligence would become the source of misery to the world, of public calamity, and of private woe.**

*Pius XII*

In a society which is barely conscious of the ills which assail it, which conceals its miseries and injustices beneath a prosperous, glittering, and trouble-free exterior, the Immaculate Virgin, whom sin has never touched, manifests herself to an innocent child [at Lourdes]. With a mother's compassion she looks upon this world redeemed by her Son's blood, where sin accomplishes so much ruin daily, and three times makes her urgent appeal: "**Penance, penance, penance!**" **She even appeals for outward expressions: "Go kiss the earth in penance for sinners." And to this gesture must be added a prayer: "Pray to God for sinners."** . . . .

This materialism is not confined to that condemned philosophy which dictates the policies and economy of a large segment of mankind. It rages also in a love of money which creates ever greater havoc as modern enterprises expand, and which, unfortunately, determines many of the decisions which weigh heavy on the life of the people. **It finds expression in the cult of the body, in excessive desire for comforts, and in flight from all the austerities of life.** It encourages scorn for human life, even for life which is destroyed before seeing the light of day.

*Dom Gueranger*

How few Christians do we meet who are strict observers of Lent, even in its present mild form! What comparison can be made between the Christians of former times, who, deeply impressed with the fear of God's judgments and with the spirit of penance, happily went through these forty days, and those of modern times, when love of pleasure and self-indulgence are forever lessening man's horror for sin? Where is now that simple and innocent joy at Easter, which our forefathers used to show, when, after their severe fast of Lent, they partook of substantial and savory food? The peace, which long and sharp mortification ever brings to the conscience, gave them the capability, not to say the right, of being light-hearted as they returned to the comforts of life,

which they had denied themselves in order to spend forty days in penance, recollection, and retirement from the world.

*St. Jane Frances Chantal*

God hides the prize of eternal glory in our mortifications and in the victory of ourselves, which we always strive for with great gentleness.

*Lent is nigh!*

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 2	Ash Wednesday
Mar 20	Confirmations (Bp. Soto) at 3 pm
Apr 17	Easter Sunday
Apr 23	Italian Dinner
May 7	First Holy Communion
Oct 22	Chesterton Event

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Requiescat in pace.** Our parishioner **Barbara Jeong** passed away on Tues, Feb 10. Funeral details will be forthcoming.

**Tax letters** for the 2021 calendar year are now available.

**Candles** are available in the conference room (next to the bookstore).

**Holy League** meets this Wed, Feb 16. This men's group begins with Holy Mass at 6 pm, after which there is a Holy Hour, a talk by one of the priests, and then food and (sometimes) beer. No RSVP is necessary.

**Seniors** (60+) bring your lunch and enjoy each other's company after the noon Mass and Exposition on Thurs, Feb 17 in Classroom 1.

**Veritas** meets Thurs, Feb 17, in the evening. The young adults will go bowling.

The **Altar Guild** meets Sat, Feb 19, after the 8:30 am Mass.

*Please note: In March & April, Altar Guild will not meet on the third Saturdays, as customary; instead, it will meet on Sat, Mar 26, & Apr (TBD).*

**Baby Bottles.** On Sun, Feb 27, the Rosa Mystica will be distributing baby bottles in the courtyard for the purpose of collecting alms throughout the Lenten season (coins, paper money, and checks accepted). This fundraiser supports the mission of the Sacramento Life Center, which is to offer compassion, support and free medical services to women and men in the greater Sacramento area facing unplanned or unsupported pregnancies. We will collect the bottles on Sun, Apr 3.

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** will be held on Sun, Feb 27.



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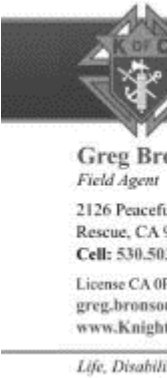


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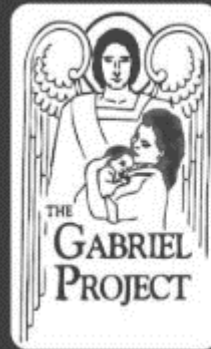


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