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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 27 Feb</b>	<b>Quinquagesima Sunday, II</b>
7 am	+ Celia Jimenez
8:30 am	+ Edward Koehler, Sr
10 am	Darlene Rutherford
11:30 am	+ Glenn Serenbetz
1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
6pm	Ramon Coria & family
<b>Mon 28 Feb</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7 am	FSSP
12 pm	Louise Koehler
6 pm	Jonah Fugina
<b>Tues 1 Mar</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
7 am	FSSP
12 pm	John Chu
6 pm	Ramon Coria
<b>Wed 2 Mar</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday, I</b>
7 am	Stella Zapata & family
12 pm	Cesar Oliva & family
6 pm	Joanna Chu
<b>Thurs 3 Mar</b>	<b>Feria, III</b>
7 am	Confraternity of Saint Peter
12 pm	John & Yolanda Luna
6 pm	St Monica Sodality
<b>Fri 4 Mar</b>	<b>Feria, III</b>
7 am	FSSP
12 pm	+ Robert Alvarez
6 pm	Marianne Curry
<b>Sat 5 Mar</b>	<b>Feria, III</b>
7 am	+ Rene Iway
8:30 am	+ Richard Corbin
12:00 pm	+ Victor Decaria

PRAYER LIST	
Ken Taylor, Don Varley, Arman Mazidi, Bonnie Williams, Dolly Lewis, Mary Ann Cuny, Stephanie Saavedra, Barbara Graichen, Johan Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, 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, as well as our adult catechumens and candidates.</i>	
IN MEMORIAM	
Edgardo Mercado, 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 Boys 7 - 18, Third Saturday 916-832-2859
<b>Choir &amp; Music Classes</b> .....	Keven Smith Youth & Adults, Sunday & Wednesday ksmith_writer@yahoo.com
<b>Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> .....	Amy Rutschow Girls 14 - 18, First Saturday 916-340-5782
<b>Rosa Mystica</b> .....	Sue McGrath Girls 9 - 13, First Saturday 916-531-3946
<b>Little Flowers</b> .....	Megan Gury Girls 5 - 8, First Saturday 916-584-6018
<b>Adult Catechism</b> .....	Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP Adults, Second & Fourth Thursday frcurtis@fssp.com
<b>OLSW Co-op</b> .....	Inocencio Rangel Ages 14 - 18 916-804-6359
<b>Youth Group</b> .....	Liz Hernandez Ages 14 - 18, Second & Fourth Friday 916-396-4062
<b>Chesterton Society</b> .....	Spencer Roundtree Adults, Second Tuesday sac.chesterton@gmail.com
<b>Knights of Columbus, Council #16419</b> .....	William Giovannetti Adult men, Third Wednesday 916-531-4730
<b>Altar Linen &amp; Flowers Society</b> .....	Tomoko McDonough Adult women, Third Saturday mcdonoughmommy6@gmail
<b>Church Flowers</b> .....	Greta Munsill Friday 916-425-7112
<b>Church Cleaning</b> .....	Eli Gonzalez Thursday 916-395-7408
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Roger Soto Sunday 209-610-1163
<b>Collection Count Crew</b> .....	Kelly Manstch Monday Parish Office 916-451-5114
<b>Brown Bag Lunch Program</b> .....	Maureen Olguin Sunday jmolguin5960@att.net
<b>The Gabriel Project</b> .....	Karen Presta On call 530-820-3919
<b>Security</b> .....	Patrick Clemons Sundays & Parish Events 916-717-0244
<b>Veritas Young Adult Group</b> .....	Taylor Bur Third Thursday; Ages 18-39 veritasnorcal@gmail.com

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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. **Abstinence.** All persons, 14 years and older, are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

2. **Fasting.** Everyone from ages 18 to 59 is obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent, especially on Wednesdays and Fridays, is highly recommended. Fasting is generally understood to mean that one full meal may be eaten. Two other small meals (collations) may be eaten, but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted.

Please note that, traditionally, those who reasonably could not fast on the appointed days, especially the sick, those engaged in heavy labor for their wages, and pregnant women, were always excused from fasting.

*We highly encourage the observance of the traditional discipline of Lent, which would mean daily fasting and abstinence from meat from Ash Wednesday until after None (3 pm) on the Vigil of Easter.*

SCHEDULE FOR LENT

1. **Ash Wednesday.** Masses at 7 am, noon, and 6 pm (Solemn). Ashes will be available at each of the Masses.
2. **Sung or Solemn Masses for Feasts.**
  - i. Mar 17, St. Patrick, High Mass at 6 pm.
  - ii. Mar 19, St. Joseph, High Mass at noon.
  - iii. Mar 25, Annunciation, Solemn Mass at 6pm.
3. **Stations of the Cross.** Every Friday during Lent, after the noon and 6 pm Masses.
4. **Lenten Soup Meals.** Fridays during Lent, after the Stations of the Cross following the 6 pm Mass. A signup will be available in the vestibule on Sun, Feb 27. **Contact:** Janice Aranas (justforjan@frontiernet.net).
5. **Holy Week.** April 10 - 16.
  - i. **Palm Sunday.** Normal schedule. Procession at 1 pm.
  - ii. **Monday to Wednesday.** Normal schedule.
  - iii. **Holy Thursday.** Tenebrae at 8 am. Confessions at 11:30 am. Mass at 6 pm.
  - iv. **Good Friday.** Tenebrae at 8 am. Confessions at 11:30 am. Stations at noon. Mass of the Presanctified at 1 pm. A collection for the Holy Land is taken during the Mass.
  - v. **Holy Saturday.** No Tenebrae (preparation rites for adult converts will be taking place in the morning). Vigil Mass at 4 pm.

This year we have over fifty adults involved with adult catechism. Many of them will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass – meaning seating will be very limited.

Please pray for all the catechumens and candidates during Lent.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 2	Ash Wednesday
Mar 12	Day of Recollection for Confirmandi
Mar 20	Confirmations (Bp. Soto) at 3 pm
Apr 17	Easter Sunday
Apr 23	Italian Dinner
Apr 30	Day of Recollection for First Communicants
May 7	First Holy Communion
May 28	Rosary Crusade
Oct 22	Chesterton Event

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Requiescat in pace.** Our parishioner **Barbara Jeong** passed away on Tues, Feb 8. The funeral will be held on Mar 16 at 10 am. A Rosary will precede the funeral Mass.

Also, our parishioner **Edgardo Mercado** passed away on Wed, Feb 16. The funeral will be on Mar 22 at 10 am.S

**Confirmation Reception** will be held after Confirmations on the evening of Sun, Mar 20, 2022. Assistance is needed to bring together this celebration of our Church’s newest Soldiers of Christ. *Please contact Mary De La Cruz to volunteer:* 916-215-9873; marydelacruz137@comcast.net.

*NB. Families should plan on bringing a main dish to the Confirmation reception. The parish will provide beverages and desserts.*

**Tax letters** for the 2021 calendar year are still available. Please ask in the bookstore.

**Baby Bottles.** This 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** begins this Sun, Feb 27.

**Ash Wednesday.** Masses at 7 am, noon, and 6 pm (Solemn). There will be ashes available at each Mass.

**First Friday & First Saturday** fall this week.

**Pro Life Prayers.** Parishioners are invited to join in sidewalk prayers at Planned Parenthood, 201 29th St., Sacramento 95816, weekly on Sundays, at noon. Contact Dianna Dao at 916-514-2549 or dianna.dao@gmail.com for more information.

*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).*



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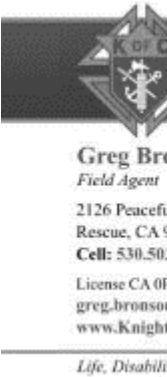


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