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<b>STAYING CONNECTED</b>	<b>THE FSSP</b>	<b>DONATIONS</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</b>                  To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b>                  Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><b>ONLINE GIVING</b>                  Available at the parish website.                  www.sacfssp.com</p>
Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping, unless you are giving online. Please pick them up in the Parish Office.		

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

<b>Sun 27 Mar</b>	<b>Laetare Sunday, I</b>
7 am	+ Luis Vilar
8:30 am	+ Peter Morell
10 am	+ Edgardo Mercado
11:30 am	+ Francisco Soto
1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
6 pm	+ Jean Haun
<b>Mon 28 Mar</b>	<b>Feria of Lent, III</b>
7 am	+ Luis Rosa
12 pm	Lourdes Guban
6 pm	+ Jean Haun
<b>Tues 29 Mar</b>	<b>Feria of Lent, III</b>
7 am	+ Manoel Rosa
12 pm	Elena & Jeffrey Inferrera
6 pm	+ Anna Vu Thi Mai
<b>Wed 30 Mar</b>	<b>Feria of Lent, III</b>
7 am	+ Edgardo Mercado
12 pm	+ Manoel Rosa
6 pm	Kevin Brown
<b>Thurs 31 Mar</b>	<b>Feria of Lent, III</b>
7 am	+ Joan Varley
12 pm	Maria, Elena & Kateri Inferrera
6 pm	Augustine & John Inferrera
<b>Fri 1 Apr</b>	<b>Feria of Lent, III</b>
7 am	Nick Cammarota
12 pm	+ Victoria Mendoza
6 pm	+ Barbara Jeong
<b>Sat 2 Apr</b>	<b>Feria of Lent, III</b>
7 am	+ Edgardo Mercado
8:30 am	+ Rene Iway
12 pm	+ Anna Vu Thi Mai

**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

*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**

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
<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>	Inocencio Rangel
<i>Ages 14 - 18</i>	916-804-6359
<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
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<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**

**LAETARE SUNDAY**

*from the Catholic Encyclopaedia*

The fourth, or middle, Sunday of Lent, so called from the first words of the Introit at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" – "Rejoice, O Jerusalem". During the first six or seven centuries the season of Lent commenced on the Sunday following Quinquagesima, and thus comprised only thirty-six fasting days. To these were afterwards added the four days preceding the first Sunday, in order to make up the forty days' fast, and one of the earliest liturgical notices of these extra days occurs in the special Gospels assigned to them in a Toulon manuscript of 714. Strictly speaking, the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the middle day of Lent, and it was at one time observed as such, but afterwards the special signs of joy permitted on this day, intended to encourage the faithful in their course through the season of penance, were transferred to the Sunday following. They consist of (like those of Gaudete Sunday in Advent) in the use of flowers on the altar, and of the organ at Mass and Vespers; rose-coloured vestments also allowed instead of purple, and the deacon and subdeacon wear dalmatics, instead of folded chasubles as on the other Sundays of Lent. The contrast between Laetare and the other Sundays is thus emphasized, and is emblematical of the joys of this life, restrained rejoicing mingled with a certain amount of sadness. The station at Rome was on this day made at the church of S. Croce in Gerusalemme, one of the seven chief basilicas; the Golden Rose, sent by the popes to Catholic sovereigns, used to be blessed at this time, and for this reason the day was sometimes called "Dominica de Rosa". Other names applied to it were Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, from a miracle recorded in the Gospel; Mid-Lent, mi-carême, or mediana; and Mothering Sunday, in allusion to the Epistle, which indicates our right to be called the sons of God as the source of all our joy, and also because formerly the faithful used to make their offerings in the cathedral or mother-church on this day. This latter name is still kept up in some remote parts of England, though the reason for it has ceased to exist.

**SCHEDULE FOR LENT**

1. **Stations of the Cross.** Every Friday during Lent, after the noon and 6 pm Masses.
2. **Lenten Soup Meals.** Fridays during Lent, after the Stations of the Cross following the 6 pm Mass. **Contact:** Janice Aranas (justforjan@frontiernet.net).
3. **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**

Apr 17	Easter Sunday
Apr 23	Italian Dinner
Apr 30	Day of Recollection for First Communicants
May 7	First Holy Communion
May 14	First Holy Communion
May 28	Rosary Crusade
Oct 22	Chesterton Event

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Second collection** today for Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary – the seminary of the North American Province of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP).

**40 Days for Life.** Parishioners will be going on **Wed, March 30** (this week) any time from 8 am - 5 pm. There is a sign-up available in the vestibule.

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

**The Little Flowers, Rosa Mystica & Sodality** meet on Sat, Apr 2.

We will be **veiling the statues** after the noon Mass on Sat, Apr 2. A handful of men staying after the Mass to assist would be helpful.

**St Andrew the Apostle Ukrainian Catholic Church** will be holding a **bake sale** at St Philip the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church on Sat, Apr 2 from 11 am until 2 pm. All proceeds will go to St Andrew's Church for the Ukraine. St Philip's is located at 3866 65th St, Sacramento CA 95820. We are actually on the corner of 65th and 14th St, opposite Hiram Johnson High School. There will be plenty of homemade ethnic Ukrainian food for sale.

**Sacramento Life Center Baby Bottle Project.** Thank you to all who have participated in the Baby Bottle Project. The RMGS will be collecting baby bottles in the courtyard next Sun, Apr 3. If you cannot bring your bottle on that day, please bring it into the book store before Holy Week. It is important to return the bottle even if it is empty, as it costs the Life Center money to replace them.

*Please note: In April, Altar Guild will not meet.*



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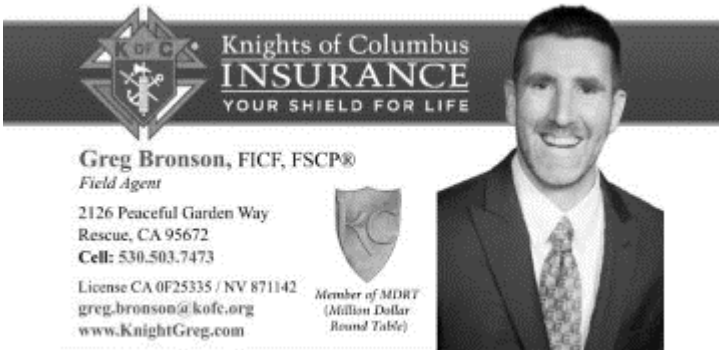


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