

SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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<p>STAYING CONNECTED</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>THE FSSP</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>DONATIONS</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

1 May	Sun	St. Joseph the Worker, I
	7 am	Brian & Maureen Cruess
	8:30 am	Stephanie & Miles Foley
	10 am	Amanda & Albert Bernabe
	11:30 am	Pete & Kathy Pritchard
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	Dave & Michelle Mathews
2 May	Mon	St. Athanasius, III
	7 am	Kayleish & Nick Swetland
	12 pm	Kim Collins
	6 pm	John & Liza Felix
3 May	Tues	Feria, IV
	7 am	Ciana & Jeremy Becker & family
	12 pm	+ Pauline Pierro
	6 pm	Finley Fisher
4 May	Wed	St. Monica, III
	7 am	Stephanie Chu
	12 pm	+ Rose Wedenski
	6 pm	Fr Curtis
5 May	Thurs	St. Pius V, III
	7 am	Fr McWhirter
	12 pm	+ Amelia Castro
	6 pm	St Monica Society
6 May	Fri	Feria, IV
	7 am	+ Deacon James Healy
	12 pm	+ Victoria Mendoza
	6 pm	+ Luis Vilar
7 May	Sat	St. Stanislaus, III
	7 am	+ Santino Gutierrez
	8:30 am	+ Rene Iway
	12 pm	+ Amelia Castro

PRAYER LIST

Ana Rosa Phomsopha, Joseph Menezes, 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

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 & Thursday</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	Inocencio Rangel
<i>Ages 14 – 18</i>	916-804-6359
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 #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

ST. MONICA

Widow; born of Christian parents at Tagaste, North Africa, in 333; died at Ostia, near Rome, in 387.

We are told but little of her childhood. She was married early in life to Patritius who held an official position in Tagaste. He was a pagan, though like so many at that period, his religion was no more than a name; his temper was violent and he appears to have been of dissolute habits. Consequently Monica's married life was far from being a happy one, more especially as Patritius's mother seems to have been of a like disposition with himself. There was of course a gulf between husband and wife; her almsdeeds and her habits of prayer annoyed him, but it is said that he always held her in a sort of reverence. Monica was not the only matron of Tagaste whose married life was unhappy, but, by her sweetness and patience, she was able to exercise a veritable apostolate amongst the wives and mothers of her native town; they knew that she suffered as they did, and her words and example had a proportionate effect.

Three children were born of this marriage, Augustine the eldest, Navigius the second, and a daughter, Perpetua. Monica had been unable to secure baptism for her children, and her grief was great when Augustine fell ill; in her distress she besought Patritius to allow him to be baptized; he agreed, but on the boy's recovery withdrew his consent. All Monica's anxiety now centred in Augustine; he was wayward and, as he himself tells us, lazy. He was sent to Madaura to school and Monica seems to have literally wrestled with God for the soul of her son. A great consolation was vouchsafed her — in compensation perhaps for all that she was to experience through Augustine — Patritius became a Christian. Meanwhile, Augustine had been sent to Carthage, to prosecute his studies, and here he fell into grievous sin. Patritius died very shortly after his reception into the Church and Monica resolved not to marry again. At Carthage Augustine had become a Manichean and when on his return home he ventilated certain heretical propositions she drove him away from her table, but a strange vision which she had urged her to recall him. It was at this time that she went to see a certain holy bishop, whose name is not given, but who consoled her with the now famous words, "the child of those tears shall never perish." There is no more pathetic story in the annals of the Saints than that of Monica pursuing her wayward son to Rome, wither he had gone by stealth; when she arrived he had already gone to Milan, but she followed him. Here she found St. Ambrose and through him she ultimately had the joy of seeing Augustine yield, after seventeen years of resistance. Mother and son spent six months of true peace at Cassiacum, after which time Augustine was baptized in the church of St. John the Baptist at Milan. Africa claimed them however, and they set out on their journey, stopping at Cività Vecchia and at Ostia. Here

death overtook Monica and the finest pages of his "Confessions" were penned as the result of the emotion Augustine then experienced.

From the Catholic Encyclopedia.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 7	First Holy Communion (12 pm Mass)
May 14	First Holy Communion (12 pm Mass)
May 22	Camp registration forms due
May 28	Rosary Crusade
Jun 19	Camp Sacred Heart (until Jun 25)
Jun 25	Camp Immaculate Heart (until Jul 1)
Oct 22	Chesterton Event

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take note! We have **First Holy Communions** at the **noon Mass on Sat, May 7 (this Saturday!)** and the **following Sat, May 14**. Do please attend an earlier Mass (7 am or 8:30 am) those days if you are not a guest of one of the first communicants, as space will be very limited! *Seats in the Church will be reserved for guests of the communicants.*

Camps Sacred Heart & Immaculate Heart. Details and registration available in the parish bookstore and office. Forms are due May 22!

This week, **Frs McWhirter & Curtis will be away from the parish** from Mon to Fri/Sat, respectively. They will be attending meetings for the FSSP in Waverly, Nebraska.

Second Collection today for the Building Fund.

First Friday & First Saturday fall this week.

Friday Noon Mass. Since we will be particularly short-staffed this week, the Fri noon Mass will be a Low Mass.

First Holy Communions will be given on Sat, May 7, at the noon Mass. Please refer to the announcement above (in larger text).

Mother's Day is next Sunday; just a reminder.

Little Flowers May Tea Party will be held on May 21 from 9 am to 12 pm in the field behind the church. We are in need of some party rentals such as an enclosed tent and snow cone machine. If anyone has information to pass along that would be appreciated. If you have any questions please text Megan Gury, 916-584-6018.

Rosary Crusade to Pray for Priests will be held Sat, May 28 at Hughes Stadium, sponsored by our parish Knights of Columbus council. Mike Solton is the lead for this event and can be consulted for further information. Also visit the website for all event news: www.prayforpriests.xyz.



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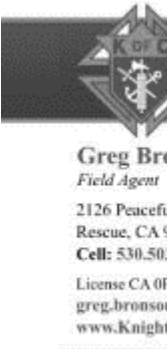


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