


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

18 Sept	Sun	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II
	7 am	Jim & Tish Gallagher
	8:30 am	+ Francis Mudd
	10 am	Braden Zammit
	11:30 am	Elizabeth Perini & family
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	+ Jim Paine
19 Sept	Mon	St Januarius & Companions, III
	7 am	Dina Dailey
	12 pm	+ Timothy Stone
	6 pm	Walter Hawking
20 Sept	Tues	Feria, IV
	7 am	Candelaria Hawkins
	12 pm	Anna Nguyen
	6 pm	+ Ken Taylor
21 Sept	Wed	St. Matthew, II
	7 am	Susan Crowder
	12 pm	Krista Williams
	6 pm	FSSP Priests
22 Sept	Thurs	St. Thomas of Villanova, III
	7 am	Confraternity of St Peter
	12 pm	+ Susan Barbour Stone
	6 pm	+ Ken Taylor
23 Sept	Fri	Ember Friday, II
	7 am	Yesenia Rangel
	12 pm	Robert Erskine
	6 pm	Angela Mantsch
24 Sept	Sat	Ember Saturday, II
	7 am	Brie Hodgson
	8:30 am	Jorje Olguin
	12 pm	+ Ken Taylor

PRAYER LIST

Monique Rance, Nancy Tostenson, Victoria Grimm, Karen Rich, Bob Crocker, Stephanie Reali-Saavedra, Theresa Reali, Richard Szabo, Ana Rosa Phomsopha, Don Varley, Arman Mazidi, Bonnie Williams, Dolly Lewis, Mary Ann Cuny, Barbara Graichen, 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

Cesar Oliva, Joseph Damore, Ken Taylor, Joseph Menezes, 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	Catarina Hinojos
<i>On call</i>	415-286-6228
Security	Patrick Clemons
<i>Sundays & Parish Events</i>	916-717-0244
Veritas Young Adult Group	AJ Alvarado
<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 PURPLE SCAPULAR

From time to time, we receive requests to bless the so-called purple scapular, more officially known as the *Scapular of Benediction and Protection*. The scapular is associated with the mystic Marie-Julie Jahenny, who lived in the region of Brittany in France from 1850 until 1941.

We do not bless these.

The Church has not ruled definitively on Marie-Julie Jahenny, on her visions, or on the purple scapular itself. Websites in favor of the purple scapular will almost invariably claim that Marie-Julie Jahenny was approved by her local ordinary, the bishop of Nantes. This claim always rests on the following words of His Excellency:

The reports that I receive daily on Marie-Julie show me more and more the action of God on this soul. He grants her graces of an obvious supernatural order. At the same time she grows in virtue and noble sentiments... She is sincere: what she manifests is supernatural. I see nothing but good, edifying, and in conformity with the principles of spirituality.

However, the bishop wrote these in a *private letter* addressed to the doctor assigned to the case of Marie-Julie Jahenny; furthermore, this letter was written in 1875 – at the time, the mystic was only twenty-five years old, and the phenomena surrounding her case had only begun in 1873. She lived to be ninety-one years old. Clearly a private letter written at the very onset of mystical phenomena, which would continue for at least another sixty years, can hardly be construed as ecclesiastical approbation.

Websites in favor of the purple scapular will also claim that the scapular itself is approved. Their evidence for this, however, is also less than satisfying – the scapular is approved, they say, because it has never been officially condemned.

I have several reservations about Marie-Julie Jahenny and the purple scapular. First, there is a confusion about what prophecies are actually attributable to her. The Diocese of Nantes has noted this in a press release of 2019 which warned the faithful against a spurious group called *the Friends of Marie-Julie Jahenny*, to wit, “A review of the accounts attributed to Marie-Julie Jahenny by a theologian calls for caution.” Furthermore, some of her more striking prophecies seem to be published post-humously and after the events in question actually happened. Second, the scapular seems to be wrapped up with things such as the three days of darkness of which I am quite skeptical.

Given all of the above, I am not willing to assist in the promotion of this devotion until such time as my own reservations are dispelled, or clear ecclesiastical approval is granted. I would note, however, that other priests in good faith may arrive at different conclusions.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 24	End of Life Forum: Moral, Legal, & Practical
Sept 28	Fasting begins (until Nov 6)
Sept 29	Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary begins
Oct 22	Chesterton Event

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Catechism will meet on Thurs, Sept 22, at 7 pm in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to join.

Youth Group will meet on Fri, Sept 23, at 7 pm in classroom 3 (do please attend the 6 pm Mass though!).

The **Rosary for Priests** will be offered on Sat, Sept 24, after the 8:30 am Mass.

This Saturday!! End of Life Forum: Moral, Legal, and Practical Issues. Sat, Sept 24, at 1 pm, in the parish hall. We invite all parishioners to attend the noon Mass and *bring your own lunch* before three conferences on various end of life issues. Details are below – please note each conference will last about thirty minutes, followed by a twenty minute period for questions, and then a ten minute break.

- **12 pm** **Mass.** Attendance highly encouraged.
- **1 pm** **Lunch.** Please bring your own lunch.
- **1:30 pm** **1st Conf. Moral Questions.**
Fr Curtis will discuss various moral questions, including ordinary and extraordinary care, organ donation, double effect vis-à-vis pain medication, do not resuscitate (DNR) orders, and assisted suicide.
- **2:30 pm** **2nd Conf. Wills & Trusts Workshop.**
Phil Carey, a parishioner and local attorney, will be giving a free conference on the “ins and outs” of wills and trusts, powers of attorney and health directives, commonly known as Estate Planning. The purpose of the conference will be to answer basic questions of estate planning and inheritance which would be helpful to those concerned about how best to pass on your assets and wealth to your children.
- **3:30 pm** **3rd Conf. Funeral Arrangements.**
Mike Solton, who worked for several decades in funeral services, will speak on how to identify a reputable funeral home and cemetery, how and when to purchase a burial plot and coffin, what needs to be done in organizing a loved one’s funeral, and what prudent measures should be taken beforehand to prepare for one’s own funeral.

Chesterton Event. Tickets for the Chesterton Event will be sold beginning next Sun, Sept 25. This year marks the 100th anniversary of G.K. Chesterton’s conversion to the Catholic Faith. Dale Ahlquist will return this year, as well as Chuck Chalberg the dramatist. The topic? Conversion.

Organizers for the Chesterton Event are looking for volunteers to help sell tickets for the event. If interested, please call Anne Roundtree at 530-417-1671.



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