


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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STAYING CONNECTED	THE FSSP	DONATIONS
<p style="text-align: center;">PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEW PARISHIONERS</p> <p>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 Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST. BERNADETTE FUND</p> <p>Please consider giving to fellow parishioners in need. Donations can be made online or at the Parish Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLINE GIVING</p> <p>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 Jan	Sun	Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord, I 7 am Dorota Zolkowska 8:30 am + Justino Binalinbing 10 am Mary Lehman 11:30 am + Byron Clark 1 pm <i>Pro populo</i> 6 pm + Eligio Maya
2 Jan	Mon	Holy Name of Jesus, II 7 am + Richard Szabo 12 pm Patrick & Elizabeth O'Donnell 6 pm + Mike Johnson
3 Jan	Tues	Feria, IV 7 am Alondra Solis 12 pm Fr Curtis 6 pm Irene Pryor
4 Jan	Wed	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, III 7 am Jason Theis 12 pm + Carmen Reinares 6 pm + Benjamin Garcia
5 Jan	Thurs	St. John Neumann, III 7 am + Benedict XVI 12 pm + Benedict XVI 6 pm + Benedict XVI
6 Jan	Fri	Epiphany, I 7 am + Maria Hue Thi Nguyen 12 pm + William Blackburn 6 pm Toby Lehman
7 Jan	Sat	Saturday of Our Lady, II 7 am Tish Gallagher 8:30 am Debbie Reyes 12 pm Mr & Mrs Bochanski

PRAYER LIST

Kathy Nino, Judi Geldermann, Elaine Testa, Monique Rance, Nancy Tostenson, Victoria Grimm, Karen Rich, Bob Crocker, Stephanie Reali-Saavedra, Theresa Reali, Ana Rosa Phomsopha, Don Varley, Arman Mazidi, Dolly Lewis, Mary Ann Cuny, Barbara Graichen, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, 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

Derald Goyette, Bonnie Williams, Frank Bowa, Ramon Daley, Eileen Morrison, Richard & Louise Szabo, 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, Gerald Foy, Joseph Murphy, Olapeju Adesanya

PARISH GROUPS

Choir & Music Classes	Keven Smith <i>Youth & Adults, Sunday & Thursday</i>ksmith_writer@yahoo.com
Altar Guild & Altar Guild Minor	Mike Solton <i>Boys 7 - 18, Third Saturday</i> 916-832-2859
Troops of Saint George (Scouting)	James Campbell <i>Boys 6 - 18</i>JCampbell@tsgtroop750.org
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> 916-207-0498
Youth Group	Liz Hernandez <i>Ages 14 - 18, Second & Fourth Friday</i> 916-396-4062
OLSW Co-op	Inocencio Rangel <i>Ages 14 - 18, Tuesday & Thursday</i> 916-804-6359
CCM Co-op	Blanca Pimentel <i>Ages 3 - 14, Thursday</i> blancaerodria@yahoo.com
Veritas (Young Adult Group)	AJ Alvarado <i>Ages 18 - 39, Third Thursday</i> veritasnorcal@gmail.com
Adult Catechism	Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP <i>Adults, Second & Fourth Thursday</i> frcurtis@fssp.com
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
Ushers	Roger Soto <i>Adult men, Sundays & Holy Days</i> 209-610-1163
Security	Patrick Clemons <i>Adult Men, Sundays & Parish Events</i> 916-717-0244
Altar Linen & Flowers Society	Tomoko McDonough <i>Adult women, Third Saturday</i> mcdonoughmommy6@gmail
Church Flowers	Greta Munsill <i>Friday or Saturday</i> 916-425-7112
Church Cleaning	Eli Gonzalez <i>Wednesday</i> 916-395-7408
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

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.

DEATH OF BENEDICT XVI

It is with sorrow that the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter learned on December 31, 2022 of the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who was on several occasions a providential support for our community. As Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he was instrumental in the founding of the Fraternity and even visited its seminary in Wigratzbad for Holy Week in 1990. After his election to the chair of Peter, the personal contact continued, especially with the private audience he granted to his founders and the Superior General on July 6, 2009: it was for us the occasion to thank him for the *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum*. A few months ago, from his place of retirement at the *Mater Ecclesiae* monastery in the Vatican, he sent a private letter of encouragement to the Superior of the Fraternity of Saint Peter following the *Motu Proprio Traditiones Custodes*.

The priests of the Fraternity, together with the faithful who are close to it, will be ardently praying for the repose of his soul. Requiem Masses with the absolution will be celebrated in the apostolates entrusted to the Fraternity in order to "pray to God that through the Sacrifice offered for the soul of his servant, the Sovereign Pontiff Benedict XVI, and after having raised him in this world to the papal office, he may be admitted into the celestial kingdom in the company of all the saints" (from the Requiem Mass for a Sovereign Pontiff).

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 1	First Holy Communion registrations due
Jan 7	Christmas Party
Jan 8	First Holy Communion classes begin
Mar 13-17	Parish Mission – Fr Cassian
Apr 29	Italian Dinner
May 6, 13	First Holy Communion
May 9	Confirmations at 6 pm
May 20	Marian Procession
July 30	Summer retreat (until Aug 3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory envelopes for 2023 are available in the room between the office and bookstore.

Registrations for First Holy Communion. Registrations are available for children who will turn seven before May of next year. Forms can be obtained from the parish bookstore or office; they are due by Sun, Jan 1. Please provide a baptismal certificate with registration.

Order beeswax and other devotional candles at the bookstore. They will be blessed at Candlemas, on Feb 2. All orders must be in by Sun, Jan 1.

Octave of Christmas (Jan 1). Normal Sunday schedule. *There will also be a fifteen decade Rosary, organized by the men of the parish, at 3 pm, for the intention of the preservation of the*

Latin Mass, the success of the Marian procession, and Our Lady's protection over our parish.

Catechism classes are cancelled on Jan 1.

Second Collection for the Building Fund.

A **sung funeral Mass** will be offered for Carmen Reinares on Wed, Jan 4 at noon.

Requiems for Benedict XVI. On Thurs, Jan 5, there will be Requiem Masses offered at all of the public Mass times (7 am, noon, and 6 pm). The 6 pm Mas will be solemn.

Epiphany Water. The Epiphany water blessing will be held on Thurs, Jan 5, after the 6 pm Mass, in the Church. Some notes, please read carefully:

- Water containers must be at least one gallon in size.
- Containers must be clearly labelled.
- Limit of two containers.

This blessed water should foster a real devotion to the mysteries of Epiphany, namely: the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Our Lord, and the first miracle of Our Lord – the changing of water into wine. Use it with devotion throughout the year to petition Our Lord's presence and protection be made manifest. And do please make every effort to attend Mass on Epiphany!

Epiphany. A sung Mass will be offered at Fri, Jan 6, at 6 pm.

First Friday & First Saturday fall this week.

A reminder that the various groups for the young ladies will meet next week on Sat, Jan 14.

Christmas Party. Sat, Jan 7, 2023 at 5:00pm! Chinese food buffet & talent show! **Tickets:** \$10 / person, \$25 / family. Available after all Sunday Masses. **Contact:** Yesenia Rangel at YeseniaLovesLife@gmail.com. **Volunteer Form:**

<https://forms.gle/PucVcdMCZdcqsRaBA>

Summer Retreat - 2023. "The Transcendent Joy of the Mass of the Ages." Silent retreat; Father Jacob Hsieh, O.Praem., July 30 - Aug 3. \$750 / person. Private room & bath, all meals included. Christ the King Retreat Center. Register: 916-407-7930, or inquire at St. Stephen's office or bookstore.

FSSP Italy Pilgrimage. Oct 16 - 23, 2023. Chaplain: Fr Akers, FSSP. Rome, Assisi, Florence, Arezzo, Padua, & Venice. For details, contact Brandon Blackford at 916-223-9766, or go to: <https://www.syversentouring.com/italy-fssp>.

Sunday Coffee. Join us every in classroom 1 following the 7:00, 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses for fresh coffee & the opportunity to build community with fellow parishioners.

*Please note there will **not** be coffee on Christmas Sunday.*

Volunteers needed for Sunday Coffee. Please see the link for more information (or e-mail jmjhensons@icloud.com):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AAFAC2CA7F4C16-Sunday>



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 His number is 530-704-8392.