


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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></p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b></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 <b>Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter</b>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ST. BERNADETTE FUND</b></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;"><b>ONLINE GIVING</b></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**

<b>15 Jan</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany, II</b>
	7 am	LeFlor Atcenal
	8:30 am	+ Bonnie Williams
	10 am	Romulo Baccay
	11:30 am	Alfrieda Oettle
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	Gabor Matoricz
<b>16 Jan</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>St. Marcellus I, III</b>
	7 am	Nancy Butchy
	12 pm	+ Bruce Wagner
	6 pm	Family & friends
<b>17 Jan</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>St. Anthony, III</b>
	7 am	+ Karl-Gerd Zuenkeler
	12 pm	+ Edward Miller
	6 pm	Thanksgiving intentions
<b>18 Jan</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
	7 am	Philip Calder
	12 pm	Lee Sorenson
	6 pm	+ Gloria Ceballos
<b>19 Jan</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
	7 am	Holy Souls
	12 pm	Godoy-DeLaPaz family
	6 pm	+ Bronislava Zirgulis
<b>20 Jan</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sts. Fabian and Sebastian, III</b>
	7 am	Holy Souls
	12 pm	Holy Souls
	6 pm	Lucy Henson & parents
<b>21 Jan</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>St. Agnes, III</b>
	7 am	Holy Souls
	8:30 am	+ Rudy Guban
	12 pm	Tom & Katie Scarry

**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 CumminRick Perez, Gerald Foy, Joseph Murphy, Olapeju Adesanya

**PARISH GROUPS**

<b>Choir &amp; Music Classes</b> .....	<b>Keven Smith</b> <i>Youth &amp; Adults, Sunday &amp; Thursday</i> ....ksmith_writer@yahoo.com
<b>Altar Guild &amp; Altar Guild Minor</b> .....	<b>Mike Solton</b> <i>Boys 7 - 18, Third Saturday</i> ..... 916-832-2859
<b>Troops of Saint George (Scouting)</b> .....	<b>James Campbell</b> <i>Boys 6 - 18</i> .....JCampbell@tsgtroop750.org
<b>Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> .....	<b>Amy Rutschow</b> <i>Girls 14 - 18, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-340-5782
<b>Rosa Mystica</b> .....	<b>Sue McGrath</b> <i>Girls 9 - 13, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-531-3946
<b>Little Flowers</b> .....	<b>Megan Gury</b> <i>Girls 5 - 8, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-207-0498
<b>Youth Group</b> .....	<b>Liz Hernandez</b> <i>Ages 14 - 18, Second &amp; Fourth Friday</i> ..... 916-396-4062
<b>OLSW Co-op</b> .....	<b>Inocencio Rangel</b> <i>Ages 14 - 18, Tuesday &amp; Thursday</i> ..... 916-804-6359
<b>CCM Co-op</b> .....	<b>Blanca Pimentel</b> <i>Ages 3 - 14, Thursday</i> ..... blancaerodria@yahoo.com
<b>Veritas (Young Adult Group)</b> .....	<b>AJ Alvarado</b> <i>Ages 18 - 39, Third Thursday</i> ..... veritasnorcal@gmail.com
<b>Adult Catechism</b> .....	<b>Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP</b> <i>Adults, Second &amp; Fourth Thursday</i> ..... frcurtis@fssp.com
<b>Chesterton Society</b> .....	<b>Spencer Roundtree</b> <i>Adults, Second Tuesday</i> ..... sac.chesterton@gmail.com
<b>Knights of Columbus #16419</b> .....	<b>William Giovannetti</b> <i>Adult men, Third Wednesday</i> ..... 916-531-4730
<b>Ushers</b> .....	<b>Roger Soto</b> <i>Adult men, Sundays &amp; Holy Days</i> ..... 209-610-1163
<b>Security</b> .....	<b>Patrick Clemons</b> <i>Adult Men, Sundays &amp; Parish Events</i> ..... 916-717-0244
<b>Altar Linen &amp; Flowers Society</b> .....	<b>Tomoko McDonough</b> <i>Adult women, Third Saturday</i> ..... mcdonoughmommy6@gmail
<b>Church Flowers</b> .....	<b>Greta Munsill</b> <i>Friday or Saturday</i> ..... 916-425-7112
<b>Church Cleaning</b> .....	<b>Eli Gonzalez</b> <i>Wednesday</i> ..... 916-395-7408
<b>Collection Count Crew</b> .....	<b>Kelly Manstch</b> <i>Monday</i> ..... Parish Office 916-451-5114
<b>Brown Bag Lunch Program</b> .....	<b>Maureen Olguin</b> <i>Sunday</i> ..... jmolguin5960@att.net
<b>The Gabriel Project</b> .....	<b>Catarina Hinojos</b> <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.*

PASTOR'S COLUMN

AFTERMATH OF THE STORM

We've weathered things pretty well. Outside of a few flickers, the property only lost power once, and then only for a couple of hours. The redwood trees - between the severe winds and calling out a trimming company eight or nine days ago - dropped enough branches to fill a semi-truck, but it may be they will be healthier for it. Unfortunately they sometimes shed heavy boughs on some of our hanging cables, pulling them free from the roof, but those were quickly repaired. The roof itself suffered some loss of shingles over the bookstore, but Joseph Henao came out promptly to replace them and also put the roof in that area in significantly better shape. We didn't suffer any leaks at all anywhere on the property which seems a miracle. Some of our gutters filled with debris and threatened to fall from the roof, but one of the men in the parish caught that and got up to clear them. Finally, you may have noticed the new fence leaning in areas where there was nothing to break the wind. The damage isn't so bad as it looks - I spoke with the contractor on site here and it seems that the soil compacted around the concrete foundations of the posts. Once the weather clears up and the ground dries, he will send out a crew to clear around the current concrete and pour new concrete. A few boards will have to be replaced but nothing serious.

I want to thank those that braved the cold, wind, and rain, to keep the property in good working order over the last two weeks. Also, many parishioners have had a much worse time of it during the storms: some were out of power for five days, others experienced severe flooding on their property. Please keep everyone in your prayers and offer assistance where you can!

PARKING LOT

I am grateful that parishioners generally act with patience and decorum while trying to get in and out for Masses, especially on Sunday. Parking, in the lot or on the local residential streets, is highly visible to the community at large, and can be the occasion either for scandal or edification for our neighbors. A few specific requests - please try not to park outside of marked spaces in the lot, especially keeping clear of the 44th Street gate and the priest's driveway entrance. Otherwise we can make things difficult for emergency vehicles or for priests trying to make it to the dying. Also, I remind everyone parking on the streets to take great care not to block driveways or disturb street-side trash cans.

Fathers can be of tremendous help by dropping their families off and then parking on the street in order to keep spaces free for women and the elderly.

Finally, please remind children to be careful and not to run in the parking lot. Thank you very much!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 28 Youth Group - Ice Skating
- 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.

*If you are exclusively using online donations, please let us know so that we can discontinue your envelopes. Thank you!*

The **Chesterton Society** will meet on Tues, Jan 17, at 7 pm, in classroom 2. *The meeting was moved from last week due to the storms.*

**Veritas Young Adult Group.** Meets this Thurs, Jan 19 at 7 pm in the classrooms. Fr. Curtis will be giving a talk on dating and courtship. All young adults are welcome to attend.

**Day of Reparation (Fri, Jan 20).** In 2022, Roe v. Wade was overturned by the Supreme Court. This landmark decision has brought a new moment in the efforts to foster a culture of life and dignity. Proponents of a throw-away society persist in closing their minds and hearts to imagining a world without abortion. In the State of California, voters passed Proposition 1, which has embedded the practice of abortion in the State Constitution. Abortion is still legal, without limitation and now may be expanded because of Proposition 1. Recognizing the tragedy of legalized abortion still gripping our state, I have designated Friday, January 20th as a Day of Reparation. - *Bishop Jaime Soto*

**St Stephen's Altar Guild** meets this Sat, Jan 21.

**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.

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AAAFAC2CA7F4C16-Sunday>



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