


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

22 Jan	Sun	Third Sunday after Epiphany, II
	7 am	Annie Mantsch
	8:30 am	+ Lawrence Shields
	10 am	Mia & Marianne Curry
	11:30 am	Josephine Barnes
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	Lee Sorenson
23 Jan	Mon	St. Raymond of Penafort, III
	7 am	Kevin Trappart
	12 pm	+ Derald Goyette
	6 pm	Brad & Amanda Scott
24 Jan	Tues	St. Timothy, III
	7 am	Michael Malcom
	12 pm	Lucy Henson & parents
	6 pm	Catherine McNamara
25 Jan	Wed	Conversion of St. Paul, III
	7 am	John Paul Dugyón
	12 pm	+ Rene Iway
	6 pm	+ Anne Clai Panaglina Reyes
26 Jan	Thurs	St. Polycarp, III
	7 am	+ Frank Bowa
	12 pm	+ Ann Cheathan
	6 pm	Alfriedo Oettle
27 Jan	Fri	St. John Chrysostom, III
	7 am	Nancy Butchy
	12 pm	+ Flor & Michael Malapandan
	6 pm	Thomas Phillip
28 Jan	Sat	St. Peter Nolasco, III
	7 am	+ Gloria Phillips
	8:30 am	Adri Fernandez
	12 pm	Madrigal family

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

Mary Hayes, 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

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.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

THE MARTYRDOM OF ST POLYCARP

Now, as Polycarp was entering into the stadium, there came to him a voice from heaven, saying, Be strong, and show yourself a man, O Polycarp! No one saw who it was that spoke to him; but those of our brethren who were present heard the voice. And as he was brought forward, the tumult became great when they heard that Polycarp was taken. And when he came near, the proconsul asked him whether he was Polycarp. On his confessing that he was, the proconsul sought to persuade him to deny Christ, saying, Have respect to your old age, and other similar things, according to their custom, such as, Swear by the fortune of Cæsar; repent, and say, Away with the Atheists. But Polycarp, gazing with a stern countenance on all the multitude of the wicked heathen then in the stadium, and waving his hand towards them, while with groans he looked up to heaven, said, Away with the Atheists. Then, the proconsul urging him, and saying, Swear, and I will set you at liberty, reproach Christ; Polycarp declared, Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He never did me any injury: how then can I blaspheme my King and my Saviour?

The proconsul then said to him, I have wild beasts at hand; to these will I cast you, unless you repent. But he answered, Call them then, for we are not accustomed to repent of what is good in order to adopt that which is evil; and it is well for me to be changed from what is evil to what is righteous. But again the proconsul said to him, I will cause you to be consumed by fire, seeing you despise the wild beasts, if you will not repent. But Polycarp said, You threaten me with fire which burns for an hour, and after a little is extinguished, but are ignorant of the fire of the coming judgment and of eternal punishment, reserved for the ungodly. But why do you tarry? Bring forth what you will.

While he spoke these and many other like things, he was filled with confidence and joy, and his countenance was full of grace, so that not merely did it not fall as if troubled by the things said to him, but, on the contrary, the proconsul was astonished, and sent his herald to proclaim in the midst of the stadium thrice, Polycarp has confessed that he is a Christian.

This, then, was carried into effect with greater speed than it was spoken, the multitudes immediately gathering together wood and sticks out of the shops and baths; the Jews especially, according to custom, eagerly assisting them in it. And when the funeral pile was ready, Polycarp, laying aside all his garments, and loosing his girdle, sought also to take off his sandals — a thing he was not accustomed to do, inasmuch as every one of the faithful was always eager who should first touch his skin. For, on account of his good behavior he was, even before his martyrdom, adorned with every kind of good. Immediately then they surrounded him with those substances which had been prepared for the funeral pile. But when they were about also to fix him with

nails, he said, Leave me as I am; for He that gives me strength to endure the fire, will also enable me, without your securing me by nails, to remain without moving in the pile.

St Polycarp, who was a disciple of the apostle St John, is not the first martyr of the sub-apostolic age, but the record of his martyrdom is the earliest written account of the details of someone's martyrdom outside of the New Testament. The account is not long and is easily found online. It bears many striking and beautiful parallels to the Passion of Our Lord. I encourage you to read it!

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 28	Youth Group – Ice Skating
Feb 2	Candlemas, 6 pm
Mar 13-17	Parish Mission – Fr Cassian
Apr 29	Italian Dinner
May 6, 13	First Holy Communion
May 9	Confirmations, 6 pm
May 20	Marian Procession
July 30	Summer retreat (until Aug 3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Catechism will meet on Thurs, Jan 26 at 7 pm.

Youth Group. We will *not* have our regularly scheduled meeting on Fri, Jan 27. Instead, the youth will attend the noon Mass on Sat, Jan 28; from there, we will carpool over to **Suzie Burger** at 2820 P St for lunch, and then **Skatetown** at 1009 Orlando Ave, Roseville. Parents should plan on picking up their kids from St. Stephen's at 5:30 pm. Those attending should plan on bringing sufficient cash for lunch as well as \$18 for the entrance and rental fee at Skatetown.

Rosary for Priests. Join us for 15 decades of the Rosary for the sanctification of priests after the 8 am Mass on Sat, Jan 28.

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):

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



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