


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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| <p><b>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</b></p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p><b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b></p> <p>Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>   | <p>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><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><b>ONLINE GIVING</b></p> <p>Available at the parish website.<br/> 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>21 May</b> | <b>Sun</b>   | <b>Sunday after Ascension, II</b> |
|               | 7 am         | Fr Curtis                         |
|               | 8:30 am      | + Marilyn Prouty                  |
|               | 10 am        | Gregory McCluskey                 |
|               | 11:30 am     | + Marianne Bushnell               |
|               | 1 pm         | <i>Pro populo</i>                 |
|               | 6 pm         | + Larry Russel Ford               |
| <b>22 May</b> | <b>Mon</b>   | <b>Feria, IV</b>                  |
|               | 7 am         | Sarah Gomez                       |
|               | 12 pm        | DiGiovanni family                 |
|               | 6 pm         | Michelle LaMonica family          |
| <b>23 May</b> | <b>Tues</b>  | <b>Feria, IV</b>                  |
|               | 7 am         | Jim Gallagher                     |
|               | 12 pm        | Mary Kaehler                      |
|               | 6 pm         | + Gary Flores, Sr                 |
| <b>24 May</b> | <b>Wed</b>   | <b>Feria, IV</b>                  |
|               | 7 am         | James Mantsch                     |
|               | 12 pm        | + Dennis Myers                    |
|               | 6 pm         | Erik Murphy                       |
| <b>25 May</b> | <b>Thurs</b> | <b>St. Gregory VII, III</b>       |
|               | 7 am         | + Nick Parino                     |
|               | 12 pm        | Susan Meyers                      |
|               | 6 pm         | + Schamacher family members       |
| <b>26 May</b> | <b>Fri</b>   | <b>St. Philip Neri, III</b>       |
|               | 7 am         | Lianna Berube                     |
|               | 12 pm        | + Harling family members          |
|               | 6 pm         | Graduating Seniors                |
| <b>27 May</b> | <b>Sat</b>   | <b>Vigil of Pentecost, I</b>      |
|               | 7 am         | Jose Magabo                       |
|               | 8:30 am      | Fr Branimir Musa                  |
|               | 12 pm        | + Schaeter family members         |

**PRAYER LIST**

Debbie Vilar, Dominick Damore, Judi Geldermann, Elaine Testa, Monique Rance, Nancy Tostenson, Victoria Grimm, Karen Rich, Bob Crocker, Stephanie Reali-Saavedra, Theresa Reali, 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**

Barbara Chu, Nellie Reyes, Albert Treskon, Violet Corr, 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 Cummings, Rick Perez, Gerald Foy, Joseph Murphy

**PARISH GROUPS**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Choir &amp; Music Classes</b> .....           | <b>Keven Smith</b><br><i>Youth &amp; Adults, Sunday &amp; Thursday</i> ....ksmith_writer@yahoo.com    |
| <b>Altar Guild &amp; Altar Guild Minor</b> ..... | <b>Mike Solton</b><br><i>Boys 7 – 18, Third Saturday</i> ..... 916-832-2859                           |
| <b>Troops of Saint George (Scouting)</b> .....   | <b>James Campbell</b><br><i>Boys 6 – 18</i> .....Jcampbell@tsgtroop750.org                            |
| <b>Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> ..... | <b>Amy Rutschow</b><br><i>Girls 14 – 18, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-340-5782                        |
| <b>Rosa Mystica</b> .....                        | <b>Sue McGrath</b><br><i>Girls 9 – 13, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-531-3946                          |
| <b>Little Flowers</b> .....                      | <b>Megan Gury</b><br><i>Girls 5 – 8, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-207-0498                            |
| <b>Youth Group</b> .....                         | <b>Liz Hernandez</b><br><i>Ages 14 – 18, Second &amp; Fourth Friday</i> ..... 916-396-4062            |
| <b>OLSW Co-op</b> .....                          | <b>Inocencio Rangel</b><br><i>Ages 14 – 18, Tuesday &amp; Thursday</i> ..... 916-804-6359             |
| <b>CCM Co-op</b> .....                           | <b>Blanca Pimentel</b><br><i>Ages 3 – 14, Thursday</i> ..... blancaerodria@yahoo.com                  |
| <b>Veritas (Young Adult Group)</b> .....         | <b>AJ Alvarado</b><br><i>Ages 18 – 39, Third Thursday</i> ..... veritasnorcal@gmail.com               |
| <b>Adult Catechism</b> .....                     | <b>Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP</b><br><i>Adults, Second &amp; Fourth Thursday</i> ..... frcurtis@fssp.com |
| <b>Chesterton Society</b> .....                  | <b>Spencer Roundtree</b><br><i>Adults, Second Tuesday</i> ..... sac.chesterton@gmail.com              |
| <b>Knights of Columbus #16419</b> .....          | <b>William Giovannetti</b><br><i>Adult men, Third Wednesday</i> ..... 916-531-4730                    |
| <b>Ushers</b> .....                              | <b>Roger Soto</b><br><i>Adult men, Sundays &amp; Holy Days</i> ..... 209-610-1163                     |
| <b>Security</b> .....                            | <b>Patrick Clemons</b><br><i>Adult Men, Sundays &amp; Parish Events</i> ..... 916-717-0244            |
| <b>Altar Linen &amp; Flowers Society</b> .....   | <b>Tomoko McDonough</b><br><i>Adult women, Third Saturday</i> ..... mcdonoughmommy6@gmail             |
| <b>Church Flowers</b> .....                      | <b>Greta Munsill</b><br><i>Friday or Saturday</i> ..... 916-425-7112                                  |
| <b>Church Cleaning</b> .....                     | <b>Eli Gonzalez</b><br><i>Wednesday</i> ..... 916-395-7408  |
| <b>Collection Count Crew</b> .....               | <b>Kelly Manstch</b><br><i>Monday</i> ..... Parish Office 916-451-5114                                |
| <b>Brown Bag Lunch Program</b> .....             | <b>Maureen Olguin</b><br><i>Sunday</i> ..... jmolguin5960@att.net                                     |
| <b>The Gabriel Project</b> .....                 | <b>Catarina Hinojos</b><br><i>On call</i> ..... 415-286-6228  |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**Rev. Mr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP;  
Sr. MaryAnne Regina, 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 PHILIP NERI ON THE VIGIL OF PENTECOST**

Philip Neri was just 18 years old when he arrived in Rome. The city had been devastated by the sack of 1527, and the Church found herself diminished by scandal and clerical worldliness, struggling to respond to the Protestant reformers and to the decadence of the Renaissance. The Rome that Philip found was a miserable place, a shadow of its former self. Philip, moved with compassion and led by the Holy Spirit, sought out the seeds of renewal that the Eternal City held within it. In the evenings, he withdrew to pray in the catacombs of St. Sebastian, one of the burial places of the early Christian martyrs. There, alone with God, he experienced the transforming power of divine love.

On the vigil of Pentecost in 1544, while in fervent prayer to the Holy Spirit, Philip was overcome by the force of the Spirit, and he saw a ball of fire enter through his mouth and lodge in his heart. The intensity of this flame of God's love caused him to cry out, "Enough, Lord, enough! I cannot take any more." It was an experience comparable to the stigmata of St. Francis, and its effects were similarly permanent. The Holy Spirit ruled his entire life.

For the rest of his life, a warmth radiated from Philip's heart, so strong that he was known to go out with his cassock unbuttoned in the middle of winter. Troubled souls were calmed just by drawing near to Philip's heart and experiencing in his warmth the fire of divine love. He also experienced palpitations so violent that his whole body shook, and they affected the people and objects around him. Later, as a priest, he struggled to contain this shaking in order to celebrate Mass and to preach. After Philip's death, an examination revealed the extent of the physical effects of his Pentecost experience: permanently broken ribs, making room for the beating of a greatly expanded heart.

*This text is from a text provided by the Raritan Oratory. St. Philip Neri, as the founder of the first "Society of Apostolic Life", is considered to be an important and influential figure for the formation of FSSP priests.*

*Please pray fervently for an increase in charity and the gifts of the Holy Ghost as we approach the beautiful feast of Pentecost!*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

|           |                                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| May 26    | Graduation Mass & Potluck, 6 pm |
| May 28    | Camp registrations due          |
| Jun 11-17 | Camp Sacred Heart               |
| Jun 17-23 | Camp Immaculate Heart           |
| July 30   | Summer Retreat (until Aug 3)    |
| Aug 5     | Pig Roast                       |
| Oct 14    | Chesterton Event                |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Registrations** for Camps Sacred Heart & Immaculate Heart are available in the bookstore. They are due Sun, May 28 (one week from today!).

**Second Collection** for the **Catholic Communications Campaign**.

**Barbara Chu** passed away on Wed, May 17. Please keep her in your prayers. Her funeral Mass is currently scheduled for Fri, June 2, at 10 am. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**Graduation Mass.** On Fri, May 26, there will be a 6 pm Mass offered for graduating high school seniors, followed by a potluck. This will take the place of Youth Group on that day. Those that wish to participate could please reach out to Inocencio Rangel at [clanrangel@hotmail.com](mailto:clanrangel@hotmail.com).

The **Rosary for Priests** will be prayed after the 8:30 am Mass this Sat, May 27. Please join us in praying fifteen decades of the Holy Rosary for the sanctification of priests.

**Sancta Maria Classical Academy** will be hosting a fundraiser dinner at the Rodda home on Saturday, July 8. It will include a dinner and dancing (for parents), with a silent auction. Tickets will be sold after Masses on Sun, Jun 4.

**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.

**Pig Roast.** Please mark your calendars for Sat, Aug 5! More announcements will be forthcoming. Those looking to volunteer could please reach out to Gloria Santana at

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**Fr Curtis** will be away from the parish for his sister's college graduation until Fri, May 26.

**Fr McWhirter** will be on vacation from Thurs, May 25 until Fri, Jun 2.

**Sunday Coffee.** Join us 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/10C0E4AAFAC2CA7F4C16-Sunday>



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