


**SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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<p><b>STAYING CONNECTED</b></p> <p><b>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</b>  To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p><b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b>  Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>	<p><b>THE FSSP</b></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>DONATIONS</b></p> <p><b>ST. BERNADETTE FUND</b>  Please consider giving to fellow parishioners in need. Donations can be made online or at the Parish Office.</p> <p><b>ONLINE GIVING</b>  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>13 Aug</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday after the Pentecost, II</b>
	7 am	Preservation of the FSSP & Latin Mass
	8:30 am	+ Gloria Phillips
	10 am	+ Julia Costales
	11:30 am	Doan family
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	+ Cesar Oliva
<b>14 Aug</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Vigil of the Assumption, II</b>
	7 am	+ Walter Grattar
	12 pm	+ George Pinto
	6 pm	+ Joe & Margaret Scott
<b>15 Aug</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>The Assumption of the BVM, I</b>
	7 am	+ Tom & Gloria Berry
	8:30 am	+ Klaus Barber
	12 pm	Hans Schuchmann
	6 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
<b>16 Aug</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>St. Joachim, II</b>
	7 am	Amy Fischer
	12 pm	Dotty Thielen
	6 pm	Roger Perez
<b>17 Aug</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>St. Hyacinth, III</b>
	7 am	+ Manuel Rios
	12 pm	Audrey Rogers
	6 pm	Dorota Zolkowska
<b>18 Aug</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>St. Agapitus, IV</b>
	7 am	+ Diane Pearl Greening
	12 pm	Frieda Oettle
	6 pm	+ James Greenwell
<b>19 Aug</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>St. John Eudes, III</b>
	7 am	+ Don Keeler
	8:30 am	+ Larry Helm
	12 pm	+ Andrew Keeler

**PRAYER LIST**

Ralph Clark, Michelle Di Giovanni, Pietro Lopresti, Carolina Ferraza, Mark Mitchell, Phil Carey, Judy Bennett, Jasinkas, 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**

John Hymes, Teodosio Dino, 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

**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 Tuesday</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**

**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

HISTORICAL TESTIMONY TO THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Excerpts from catholic.com

Archaeology has revealed two tombs of Mary, one in Jerusalem and one in Ephesus. The fact that Mary lived in both places explains the two tombs. But what is inexplicable apart from the Assumption is the fact that there is no body in either tomb. And there are no relics. Anyone who peruses early Church history knows that Christian belief in the communion of saints and the sanctity of the body—in radical contrast to the Gnostic disdain for “the flesh”—led early Christians to seek out with the greatest fervor relics from the bodies of great saints. Cities, and, later, religious orders, would fight over the bones of great saints.

This is one reason why we have relics of the apostles and so many of the greatest saints and martyrs in history. Yet never was there a single relic of Mary’s body? As revered as Mary was, this would be very strange, except for the fact of the assumption of her body.

Recently discovered Syriac fragments of stories about the Assumption of Mary have been dated as early as the third century. And there are undoubtedly more manuscripts to be found. It must be remembered that when we are talking about these “Transitus stories,” we are not only talking about ancient manuscripts and fragments of manuscripts, but we are talking also about two different “families” of manuscripts written in nine languages. They all agree on Mary’s Assumption and they presuppose that the story was already widely known.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 13	Fatima Procession after the 1 pm Mass
Aug 15	Registrations for Girls’ Groups due
Aug 27	Registrations for Confirmation due
Oct 14	Chesterton Event

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Collection for the Church in Latin America.

The Fatima Procession will be held today, Sun, Aug 13, after the 1 pm Mass.

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on Tues, Aug 15. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Mass schedule is:

- 7 am (Low)
- 8:30 am (Low)
- 12 pm noon (Sung)
- 6 pm (Low)

Please take note that the Sung Mass is at noon!

The Seniors (55+) will be having lunch together in Classroom 1, on Thurs, Aug 17, after the noon Mass. Please bring your own lunch!

Confirmations 2024. Registration is now open for classes for children of the parish who will be 12 years of age by June 1, 2024. Classes will begin on Sun, Sept 3, 2023. In order to register, you must have a copy of your child’s Baptism certificate. Please pick up forms in the bookstore. The deadline for turning in registration forms is Sun, Aug 27.

NB. Children enrolled in catechism classes must belong to families that are parishioners and regularly attend the parish. This is for the benefit of the enrolled children: limiting class sizes to something reasonable and also giving an opportunity for the children to make Catholic friends that will continue to be a part of their parish life during adolescence.

Girls’ groups are now accepting registration for the upcoming 2023 - 2024 session. Forms will be available in the bookstore or parish office; they are due very soon – Tues, Aug 15. For questions, please contact the respective leader.

Little Flowers Girls Group, Ages 4 - 8. First Saturday Mass at 8:30 am, followed by a spiritual talk by Fr. Schwab, then a snack and crafts. Registration fee is \$25 for the first child and \$15 for each sibling. Participation by a parent is required. Forms for early registration can be obtained in the parish bookstore. Deadline for signing up is Aug 15. Leader: Megan Gury at 916-584-6018.

Rosa Mystica Girls’ Society, Ages 9 - 13. First Saturday Mass at 8:30 am, followed by a spiritual talk by Fr. Curtis, snack time, jump rope, and learning skills, such as sewing, knitting, or crochet. Our works are donated to needy moms. The registration fee is \$25; participation by a parent is required. Forms for early registration can be obtained in the parish bookstore. The deadline for signing up is Aug 15. Leader: Sue McGrath at 916-531-3946.

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ages 14 - 18. Our Lady’s Sodality is an opportunity for young ladies to grow spiritually and practically under the patronage of our Blessed Mother. First Saturday Mass at 8:30 am, followed by a spiritual talk by Fr. McWhirter, and then spiritual reading and discussion. Leader: Miss Amy Rutschow at 916-340-5782.

Veritas (our young adult group for ages 18 to 39) is meeting next week, Tues, Aug 22, at 7 pm. They will enjoy a potluck dinner and some simple crafts. Members are encouraged to bring prayer cards, pictures, small decorations, and min tins or other small boxes. For more information, e-mail AJ Alvarado: veritasnorcal@gmail.com.

Fr McWhirter will be away from until Tues, Aug 29.

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: Please e-mail jmjhensons@icloud.com!



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