

SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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STAYING CONNECTED	THE FSSP	DONATIONS
<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.  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>10 Sept</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II</b>
	7 am	Preservation of the FSSP & Latin Mass
	8:30 am	+ Edgardo Mercado
	10 am	Annie Perez
	11:30 am	Fr Curtis
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	+ Jerrico Crisologo
<b>11 Sept</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Sts. Protus &amp; Hyacinth, IV</b>
	7 am	+ Jovencio R Cabangon, Sr
	12 pm	Fr McWhirter
	6 pm	Fr Schwab
<b>12 Sept</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary, III</b>
	7 am	Fr Evaristus
	12 pm	Holy Souls
	6 pm	+ Mildred High
<b>13 Sept</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
	7 am	Daneen Campa
	12 pm	Nicolas Cristi
	6 pm	+ Loretta Garcia
<b>14 Sept</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, II</b>
	7 am	Baby Georgie Zanarini
	12 pm	Maria Catarina Hoa Doan
	6 pm	+ Arlene Ledoux
<b>15 Sept</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>The Seven Sorrows of the BVM, II</b>
	7 am	+ Klaus Barber
	12 pm	Fr Schwab
	6 pm	Mike Solton
<b>16 Sept</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sts. Cornelius &amp; Cyprian, III</b>
	7 am	St Stephen's priests
	8:30 am	Keven Smith & choir members
	12 pm	Phu Nguyen

**PRAYER LIST**

Ralph Clark, Michelle Di Giovanni, 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**

Paul Graff, Pietro Lopresti, 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

NORTH AMERICAN FSSP CONVOCATION

I am giving advance notice that we will have a reduced Mass schedule the first week of January, as three of the priests (Fr. McWhirter, Fr. Schwab, and myself) will be attending a convocation of the North American Province in Denton, Nebraska, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. When we get nearer the dates in question I will release the formal schedule, but it is likely that we will go down to noon Mass and perhaps a couple of evening Masses from Tuesday, January 2 to Friday, January 5. Fr. Evaristus has elected to stay behind during the convocation and has graciously offered to keep the parish running in our absence.

The convocation is a preparatory meeting for the election of representatives to the General Chapter of the FSSP, which will meet again in the summer of 2024 (it meets every six years). The chapter is the highest legislative body of the FSSP; it has the duty of amending our legislative texts, including our constitutions and directories, and electing our superior general as well as his general council. It gives to the superior general a mandate and a vision; it is the responsibility of the superior then to implement the vision of the chapter during his six-year tenure. As the largest regional body of FSSP priests, we will probably send nine or ten representatives to the chapter.

Chapters are always important moments for the health of any religious institution. But this upcoming chapter is almost certainly going to address the question of Holy Week and other elements of the liturgical books which properly belong to the patrimony of the faithful. I am certain the conversation will be vigorous. As these questions pertain not just to our parish, and not just to the FSSP as a whole, but also to the Church at large, I ask particularly that all parishioners begin praying for the chapter on a regular and even a daily basis. It is my belief that this will constitute an important moment in history.

OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS

“Unhappy, the children of those times! Seldom will they receive the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. As for the sacrament of Penance, they will confess only while attending Catholic schools, which the devil will do his utmost to destroy by means of persons in authority. The same will occur with Holy Communion. Oh, how it hurts me to tell you that there will be many and enormous public and hidden sacrileges! In those times, the sacrament of Extreme Unction will be largely ignored. Many will die without receiving it, being thereby deprived of innumerable graces, consolation, and strength in the great leap from time to eternity. The sacrament of Matrimony, which symbolizes the union of Christ with the Church, will be thoroughly attacked and profaned. Masonry, then reigning, will

implement iniquitous laws aimed at extinguishing this sacrament. They will make it easy for all to live in sin, thus multiplying the birth of illegitimate children without the Church’s blessing. The holy sacrament of Holy Orders will be ridiculed, oppressed, and despised, for in this both the Church and God Himself are oppressed and reviled, since He is represented by His priests.

“The devil will work to persecute the ministers of the Lord in every way, working with baneful cunning to destroy the spirit of their vocation and corrupting many. Those who will thus scandalize the Christian flock will bring upon all priests the hatred of bad Christians and the enemies of the One, Holy, Roman Catholic, and Apostolic Church. This apparent triumph of Satan will cause enormous suffering to the good pastors of the Church.”

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 30	K of C pancake breakfast for Sac. Life Center
Oct 9-10	Parking Lot Resealing & Restriping
Oct 14	Chesterton Event
Oct 31	All Hallows Eve Party
Jan 2-5	FSSP NAP Convocation
Jan 6	Christmas Party

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Second Collection** for the Diocesan Priestly Retirement Fund. *The diocese has been sending this collection from our parish on to FSSP headquarters.*

The **Chesterton Society** meets on Tues, Sept 12 at 7 pm.

The **Fatima Procession** takes place on Wed, Sept 13, after the 6 pm Mass. This will be the penultimate procession of the year.

**Adult Catechism** will be held on Thurs, Sept 14 at 7 pm. Fr. McWhirter will be teaching the class in Fr. Curtis’ absence. It will cover the Angels, Creation, and the Fall of Man.

The **Altar Guild** meets on Sat, Sept 16, after the 8:30 am Mass. *Please note that Guild members are expected to attend the 8:30 am Mass.*

**Chesterton Auction.** We are asking for a donation of time at a vacation cabin, gift certificates, services or items that would make good auction prizes! Please contact Mary Schaefer at 916-850-5555.

**Fr. Evaristus** will be gone this week from Sun, Sept 10 until Sat, Sept 17.

**Fr. Curtis** will be on retreat from Mon, Sept 11 until Wed, Sept 20.

**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](mailto:jmjhensons@icloud.com)!



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