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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>17 Sept</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II</b>
	7 am	Sarah Long
	8:30 am	Susan Myers
	10 am	Freeman family
	11:30 am	+ Klaus Barber
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	FSSP priests
<b>18 Sept</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>St. Joseph of Cupertino, III</b>
	7 am	Julio Jaimes
	12 pm	+ Abelgas, Ching, & Ocampo families
	6 pm	+ Francis Schiele
<b>19 Sept</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>St. Januarius, III</b>
	7 am	FSSP priests
	12 pm	+ Herman Schuchmann
	6 pm	+ Thomas McDonough
<b>20 Sept</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Ember Wednesday, II</b>
	7 am	+ Manuel Rios
	12 pm	+ John Hymes
	6 pm	+ Tinh Dinh
<b>21 Sept</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>St. Matthew, II</b>
	7 am	Susan Crowder
	12 pm	+ Esmeralda Crisologo
	6 pm	Louis Solton
<b>22 Sept</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Ember Friday, II</b>
	7 am	Christina Gonzalez
	12 pm	+ Conrad Geluz
	6 pm	Aaliyah Valles
<b>23 Sept</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Ember Saturday, III</b>
	7 am	+ Michael Carvalho
	8:30 am	Angelo Mantsch
	12 pm	+ Gloria Ceballos

**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

### THE STIGMATA OF SAINT FRANCIS

*Composed by the Seraphic Doctor, St. Bonaventure*

Two years before the faithful servant and minister of Christ, Francis, gave up his spirit to God, he retired alone into a high place, which is called Mount Alvernia, and began a forty-days' fast in honour of the Archangel St. Michael. The sweetness of heavenly contemplation was poured out on him more abundantly than usual, till, burning with the flame of celestial desires, he began to feel an increasing overflow of these divine favours. While the seraphic ardour of his desires thus raised him up to God, and the tenderness of his love and compassion was transforming him into Christ the crucified Victim of excessive love; one morning, about the Feast of the Exaltation of Holy Cross, as he was praying on the mountain-side, he saw what appeared to be a Seraph, with six shining and fiery wings, coming down from heaven. The vision flew swiftly through the air and approached the man of God, who then perceived that it was not only winged, but also crucified; for the hands and feet were stretched out and fastened to a cross; while the wings were arranged in a wondrous manner, two being raised above the head, two outstretched in flight, and the remaining two crossed over and veiling the whole body. As he gazed, Francis was much astonished, and his soul was filled with mingled joy and sorrow. The gracious aspect of him, who appeared in so wonderful and loving a manner, rejoiced him exceedingly, while the sight of his cruel crucifixion pierced his heart with a sword of sorrowing compassion.

He who appeared outwardly to Francis, taught him inwardly that, although weakness and suffering are incompatible with the immortal life of a seraph, yet this vision had been shown to him to the end that he, Christ's lover, might learn how his whole being was to be transformed into a living image of Christ crucified, not by martyrdom of the flesh, but by the burning ardour of his soul. After a mysterious and familiar colloquy, the vision disappeared, leaving the Saint's mind burning with seraphic ardour, and his flesh impressed with an exact image of the Crucified, as though, after the melting power of that fire, it had next been stamped with a seal. For immediately the marks of nails began to appear in his hands and feet, their heads showing in the palms of his hands and the upper part of his feet, and their points visible on the other side. There was also a red scar on his right side, as if it had been wounded by a lance, and from which blood often flowed staining his tunic and underclothing.

Francis, now a new man, honoured by this new and amazing miracle, and, by a hitherto unheard of privilege, adorned with the sacred stigmata, came down from the mountain bearing with him the image of the Crucified, not carved in wood or stone by the hand of an artist, but engraved upon his flesh by the finger of the living God. The seraphic man well knew that it is good to hide the secret of the king; wherefore, having been thus admitted into his king's confidence, he strove, as far as in him lay, to conceal the sacred marks. But it belongs to God to reveal the great things which he himself has done; and hence, after impressing those signs upon Francis in secret, he publicly

worked miracles by means of them, revealing the hidden and wondrous power of the Stigmata by the signs wrought through them. Pope Benedict XI willed that this wonderful event, which is so well attested and in pontifical diplomas has been honoured with the greatest praises and favours, should be celebrated by a yearly solemnity. Afterwards, Pope Paul V, wishing the hearts of all the faithful to be enkindled with the love of Christ crucified, extended the feast to the whole Church.



*This feast usually takes place on September 17. This year the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost takes its place.*

### 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

**Veritas** meets on Tues, Sept 19. Join us for 6 pm Mass at St. Stephen's, followed by dinner at Leatherby's in Arden. For more details contact AJ Alvarado: [veritasnorcal@gmail.com](mailto:veritasnorcal@gmail.com).

**Fr. Curtis** will return from retreat on Wed, Sept 20.

**Youth Group** meets on Fri, Sept 22 at 7 pm.

**Chesterton Event: "Faith and Fairy Stories"** tickets will be sold on **three Sundays only**, beginning Sunday September 24 after all Masses except the 6 pm Mass. \$25 per person includes wine and hors d'oeuvres, and two featured guest speakers: **Joseph Pearce** ~ "Unlocking the Catholicism of the Lord of the Rings" Mr. Pearce unlocks the symbolism of this epic and "fundamentally religious and Catholic work" by Tolkien, allowing it to be read and understood on the deepest level of religious significance.

**Dale Ahlquist** ~ "Fairy Tales: the Common Stories of Mankind" In his masterpiece Orthodoxy, Chesterton tells us that he learned the fundamental truths of life... in the nursery. Fairy tales teach us that evil can be defeated, that the humble shall be exalted, and that you must love a thing first and make it lovable afterwards.

(Questions: call or text Anne at 530-417-1671)

**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.

**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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