

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>17 Dec</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent, I</b> 7 am + Clifford Rezentes 8:30 am Ann Ball 10 am Eric & Daisy Romero family 11:30 am Anjelica Hernandez Maciel 1 pm <i>Pro populo</i> 6 pm + Jeffrey Passarelli
<b>18 Dec</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Major Feria, II</b> 7 am Priests of St Stephen's 12 pm Thang Vu 6 pm Michelle Hernandez family
<b>19 Dec</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Major Feria, II</b> 7 am + Rhonda Kennelly 12 pm Ngoc Vu 6 pm Nicco Solorio
<b>20 Dec</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Ember Wednesday, II</b> 7 am St. Stephen's Seven Sisters 12 pm Barbara Ryan 6 pm Isidro Romero
<b>21 Dec</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>St. Thomas, II</b> 7 am Fr Lyons 12 pm Xavier Guillen 6 pm + Ernest John Carey
<b>22 Dec</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Ember Friday, II</b> 7 am + Joao Jose Machado 12 pm John & Jackie Strandhagen 6 pm + Alfredo Mendoza
<b>23 Dec</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Ember Saturday, II</b> 7 am + Leslie Wall 8:30 am Anthony & Rita Munoz 12 pm Vivian & Michelle Cao

**PRAYER LIST**

Ed Schneider, Paula Belen, Vanessa Jimenez, 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**

Fr. James Buckley, Rudy Nagel, 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
<b>Senior's Lunch (55+)</b> .....	<b>Ann Zacharias</b> <i>Third Thursday</i> ..... 916-838-7404

**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

### ADVENT TREE

Please consider taking an envelope from the tree in the vestibule and donating to the St. Bernadette Fund if you can.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Thank you to all our parish's many benefactors. Offertory envelopes for the upcoming year are now available, after all Sunday Masses and throughout the week, in the conference room between the bookstore and the main office. Kindly alert our office if:

- You donate exclusively through online giving and are no longer in need of donation envelopes.
- You do not have donation envelopes, but would like them.

**Contact:** stephenproto@yahoo.com

A friendly reminder: Writing the donation amount on the outside of the envelope can really help our counters!

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Vigil of Christmas (Sun, Dec 24).** Normal Sunday schedule (i.e. 7 am, 8:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm, and 6 pm). Matins begins at 9:30 pm. **NB: No catechism classes Dec 24 or Dec 31.**

**Christmas (Mon, Dec 25).** Masses at:

- Midnight (Solemn); *Matins starts at 9:30 pm*
- 7 am (*confessions beforehand as usual*)
- 8:30 am
- 10 am
- 11:30 am
- 1 pm (Sung)
- **Please note there is no 6 pm Mass.**

**Feast of St. Stephen (Dec 26).** Masses at 7 am, noon, and – at 6 pm – a Solemn Mass with Guild Ceremony. Reception for members of the Guild to follow in the parish hall.

**Octave of Christmas (Jan 1).** As it falls on a Monday, this is not a Holy Day of Obligation; normal Monday schedule.

### FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY SCHEDULE

Fr. Evaristus will be alone at the parish from Tuesday to Friday during the first week of January (2-5). **Masses will be held at noon on those four days; there will also be a 6 pm on Tuesday and Thursday.** Confessions will be very limited. Please keep the convocation in your prayers.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 2-5	FSSP NAP Convocation (3 priests attending)
Jan 6	Christmas Party
Jan 7	FHC Registrations Due
Jan 14	FHC Classes Begin
Jan 27	Marriage Workshop (12 pm - 5 pm)
Apr 13	Confirmations (3 pm)

Jun 16-22	Camp Sacred Heart
Jun 22-28	Camp Immaculate Heart
Jul 14-18	Parish Retreat

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Registrations for First Holy Communion** are now available in the parish office and bookstore. *They will be due on Sun, Jan 7.* Classes will begin on Sun, Jan 14. Fr. McWhirter will be teaching the classes this year.

**Order beeswax and other devotional candles** at the bookstore. They will be blessed at Candlemas, on Feb 2. All orders must be in by Wed, Jan 3.

The **Chesterton Society** meets on Tues, Dec 19 at 7 pm.

The **Veritas Young Adult Group** meets on Tues, Dec 19 at 7 pm. They will be studying the infancy narrative in the Gospel according to St. Luke.

The **Youth Group** will be going ice skating on Sat, Dec 23; those who are interested in attending should purchase tickets online beforehand (last year we had to wait in a long line, and many of the youth did not get in).

**Christmas Party.** Mark your calendars for **Sat, Jan 6, 2024 at 5:00pm!** This fun-filled family event brings our parish family together to celebrate Christmastide. After a Chinese food buffet, many of the youth will be performing for us in a talent show. In past years, we have delighted in everything from musical and theatrical acts to stand-up comedy!

**Tickets:** Suggested donation is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Available after all Sunday Masses, starting on **Dec 3.**

**Auditions:** Do you have a musical or unique talent that you would like to perform at this event? Auditions are now open through December (or until all time slots are filled) and usually close quickly! Contact information is below.

**Volunteers:** Last, but most importantly, we need many volunteers. I know many of you are generous with your time and energy, and we appreciate all that you do for our parish. There are many opportunities and positions that still need to be filled. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Contact:** Yesenia Rangel at YeseniaLovesLife@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at 916-682-9600. To view schedules, or register to volunteer or audition, use the QR code below:



**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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