

SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



| PARISH INFORMATION | SACRAMENTS | DEVOTIONS |
|--|---|--|
| <p>PARISH OFFICE</p> <p>Email stephenproto@yahoo.com Website www.sacfssp.com Phone 916-455-5114 Address 5461 44th Street Sacramento, CA 95820 Bookstore 916-223-3112</p> <p>PRIESTS</p> <p>Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP <i>Pastor</i> frcurtis@fssp.com Fr. David McWhirter, FSSP <i>Par. Vicar</i> frmcwhirter@fssp.com Fr. Evan Schwab, FSSP <i>Par. Vicar</i> father.schwab@gmail.com Fr. Evaristus Eshiwu <i>Retired</i></p> <p>STAFF</p> <p>Tish Gallagher <i>Parish Secretary</i> stephenproto@yahoo.com Keven Smith <i>Choirmaster</i> ksmith_writer@yahoo.com Kelly Mantsch <i>Parish Bookkeeper</i> ststephenbusinessoffice@gmail.com Anne Morell <i>Bookstore Assistant</i> Stella Zapata <i>Custodian & Office Asst.</i> Francis Dugyon <i>Sacristan</i></p> | <p>MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sun 7 am, 8:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm (Sung), 6 pm Mon - Fri 7 am, 12 pm, 6 pm Sat 7 am, 8:30 am, 12 pm Holy Day Check bulletin.</p> <p>CONFESSIONS</p> <p>We have confessions every weekday, starting one half hour before the beginning of Mass. There are also limited times on Sunday for confessions.</p> <p>Sun 6:30 am & 5:30 pm Mon - Fri 6:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm Sat 6:30 am, 8 am, 11:30 am</p> <p>BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS</p> <p>Contact the Parish Office. Baptisms should be within the first two weeks after birth; marriages generally require six months of preparation.</p> <p>SICK CALLS</p> <p>Call the Parish Office to schedule a home visit for the Sacraments.</p> <p>If someone is dying, outside of office hours, dial 916-455-5114, then press 1. You will be transferred immediately to the priest-on-call.</p> | <p>THE DIVINE OFFICE</p> <p>Mon - Fri Lauds at 8:10 am Compline at 7:40 pm</p> <p>EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION</p> <p>Thurs 1 pm - 6 pm</p> <p>THE HOLY ROSARY</p> <p>Sun 6:30 am & 7 pm Last Sat After the 8:30 am <i>(15 decades, offered for priests.)</i></p> <p>OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP</p> <p>Tues After the 6 pm Mass</p> <p>PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH</p> <p>Wed After all Masses</p> <p>PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS</p> <p>Sun After the 1 pm Mass Thurs After all Masses</p> <p>SAINT MONICA SODALITY</p> <p>First Thurs After the 6 pm Mass</p> <p>THE SACRED HEART</p> <p>First Fri After all Masses</p> <p>FATIMA PROCESSION</p> <p>The 13th of every month from May to October. See bulletin announcements for times.</p> |
| STAYING CONNECTED | THE FSSP | DONATIONS |
| <p>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p>NEW PARISHIONERS</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 Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.</p>  | <p>ST. BERNADETTE FUND</p> <p>Please consider giving to fellow parishioners in need. Donations can be made online or at the Parish Office.</p> <p>ONLINE GIVING</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

| | | |
|---------------|--------------|---|
| 24 Dec | Sun | Vigil of the Nativity, I 7 am Fr Curtis 8:30 am + John & Jodi Curtis 10 am Fr Gregory Noronha 11:30 am Felipe Lariz 1 pm <i>Pro populo</i> 6 pm + Ruth Torres |
| 25 Dec | Mon | The Nativity of Our Lord, I 12 am <i>Pro populo</i> 7 am Margaret Keeler 8:30 am Debbie Coronado 10 am + Rhonda Jean Kennelly 11:30 am + Marietta Abelgas 1 pm <i>Pro populo</i> |
| 26 Dec | Tues | St. Stephen the First Martyr, II 7 am Sandy Dell 12 pm Fr Luke Washicko 6 pm Steven & Marquis Romero |
| 27 Dec | Wed | St. John the Evangelist, II 7 am Jay Wright 12 pm Bishop Joseph Strickland 6 pm FSSP intentions |
| 28 Dec | Thurs | Holy Innocents, II 7 am + Joseph Tan Le 12 pm + Holy Souls 6 pm Confraternity of St Peter |
| 29 Dec | Fri | Fifth Day in the Octave, II 7 am + Richard & Bubbie Root 12 pm Fr Evaristus 6 pm Ron Mahurin |
| 30 Dec | Sat | Sixth Day in the Octave, II 7 am + Josef Schuchman 8:30 am + Virginia Cazale 12 pm Akash & Annie Dhaliwal |

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

| | |
|--|---|
| Choir & Music Classes | Keven Smith <i>Youth & Adults, Sunday & Thursday</i>ksmith_writer@yahoo.com |
| Altar Guild & Altar Guild Minor | Mike Solton <i>Boys 7 – 18, Third Saturday</i> 916-832-2859 |
| Troops of Saint George (Scouting) | James Campbell <i>Boys 6 – 18</i>Jcampbell@tsgtroop750.org |
| Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Amy Rutschow <i>Girls 14 – 18, First Saturday</i> 916-340-5782 |
| Rosa Mystica | Sue McGrath <i>Girls 9 – 13, First Saturday</i> 916-531-3946 |
| Little Flowers | Megan Gury <i>Girls 5 – 8, First Saturday</i> 916-207-0498 |
| Youth Group | Liz Hernandez <i>Ages 14 – 18, Second & Fourth Friday</i> 916-396-4062 |
| OLSW Co-op | Inocencio Rangel <i>Ages 14 – 18, Tuesday & Thursday</i> 916-804-6359 |
| CCM Co-op | Blanca Pimentel <i>Ages 3 – 14, Thursday</i> blancaerodria@yahoo.com |
| Veritas (Young Adult Group) | AJ Alvarado <i>Ages 18 – 39, Third Tuesday</i> veritasnorcal@gmail.com |
| Adult Catechism | Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP <i>Adults, Second & Fourth Thursday</i> frcurtis@fssp.com |
| Chesterton Society | Spencer Roundtree <i>Adults, Second Tuesday</i> sac.chesterton@gmail.com |
| Knights of Columbus #16419 | William Giovannetti <i>Adult men, Third Wednesday</i> 916-531-4730 |
| Ushers | Roger Soto <i>Adult men, Sundays & Holy Days</i> 209-610-1163 |
| Security | Patrick Clemons <i>Adult Men, Sundays & Parish Events</i> 916-717-0244 |
| Altar Linen & Flowers Society | Tomoko McDonough <i>Adult women, Third Saturday</i> mcdonoughmommy6@gmail |
| Church Flowers | Greta Munsill <i>Friday or Saturday</i> 916-425-7112 |
| Church Cleaning | Eli Gonzalez <i>Wednesday</i> 916-395-7408 |
| Collection Count Crew | Kelly Manstch <i>Monday</i> <i>Parish Office</i> 916-451-5114 |
| Brown Bag Lunch Program | Maureen Olguin <i>Sunday</i> jmolguin5960@att.net |
| The Gabriel Project | Catarina Hinojos <i>On call</i> 415-286-6228 |
| Senior’s Lunch (55+) | Ann Zacharias <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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sun, Dec 24: Normal Sunday; Matins at 9:30 pm.
Mon, Dec 25: Masses at Midnight, 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30 am, & 1pm. The Midnight and 1 pm Masses are Solemn. There is no 6 pm Mass.
Tues, Dec 26: Normal schedule. 6 pm Mass is the Solemn Mass with Guild Ceremony. A reception will follow.
Mon, Jan 1: Normal schedule; not a Holy Day of Obligation.
Tues, Jan 2: Masses at 7am, noon & 6 pm.
Wed, Jan 3: Mass at noon.
Thurs, Jan 4: Masses at noon & 6 pm.
Fri, Jan 5: Mass at noon.

FIDUCIA SUPPLICANS

On Monday, December 18, the Holy See released the document Fiducia Supplicans: On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings. Probably many of you are already familiar with the content of this document and the controversy surrounding it, as it purports to lay out the conditions for the blessing of so-called couples in sinful relationships.

The response to this document has been nothing if not predictable. The heterodox are exuberant. Wicked priests have already started extending such blessings in a manner which validates such persons in their sinful lifestyle; certain bishops, especially in Europe, have read into the document a confirmation of their existing practice, and some have gone so far as to forbid priests from not extending this blessing.

The neo-con element, comprised at this point mostly by "professional" Catholics, has been quick to point out that the document reaffirms the traditional teaching on marriage, distinguishes between the depraved union and the persons themselves, and acknowledges the sinful character of any extra-marital use of the generative faculties. The document does, thank God, assert these. However, from there, the neo-cons move on towards castigating the faithful for their response of confusion and dismay, which they interpret as a lack of proper adherence and loyalty to the Holy See. This is gaslighting.

It is wise to refrain from speculating at intentions, as man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart (1 Sam 16:7). But even setting aside the question of motive, the document is acting as a dog whistle to liberal elements in our society, that seek to abolish entirely the Sixth Commandment, calling evil good (cf. Is 5:20).

We can be grateful to the growing number of faithful Catholic bishops, who recognize the outrage and scandal of this document and are speaking out publicly against it. These would include bishop conferences in Africa, Ukraine,

Poland, Kazakhstan, as well as individual bishops in many other regions. Please pray for these and for all bishops.

As your pastor, I want to express to you my profound and lasting sadness prompted by the confusion of the last ten years, which has unsettled the faithful, emboldened the enemies of the Church, and placed a tragic stumbling block in the path of many converts. While there are many possible explanations for this confusion, all would seem to admit only of probability, even after long hours of careful study and reflection. Therefore I caution against giving too much credence to certain online pundits, who speak with a dubious authority and an unwarranted certainty. Bishop Athanasius Schneider reminds us: God permits these times of great crisis and confusion to purify our faith and our unshakeable hope in Him. In such times, we should avoid overly human solutions, which are often prompted by anger and frustration.

We are in a time of greatest chastisement. Our Lady has been warning us of these times for centuries, and we can be mindful of the words of Our Lord: I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe (John 14:29). I wish I could tell you why, and by what means, and for how long; but all of these are, at present, known to heaven alone. We must attend with loving confidence on the providence of Our Lord, who alone is our savior. At present, I invite all to enter more deeply into the spirit of reparation, and to cling carefully to the injunction of Our Lord, given under the shadow of his own Passion: Remain here, and watch with me... watch, and pray (Mt 26:38, 41). And again, what I say to you I say to all: Watch (Mk 13:37).

IMPORTANT DATES

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Rows include: Dec 26 Altar Guild Ceremony; 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

Still available: FHC Registrations (due Sun, Jan 7), candle orders (due Wed, Jan 3), and offertory envelopes.

Christmas Party. Mark your calendars for Sat, Jan 6, 2024 at 5:00pm! Suggested donation is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. For more details:





Fran Cammarota
 Realtor
 (916) 367-2773
 fran@francammarota.com
 DRE#01052954

- Selling Real Estate Since 1989
- Ask About My 20% Parish Donation
- Father of Nine!

GUIDE
 REAL ESTATE


Forbes
 GLOBAL PROPERTIES

Philip E. Carey


free no obligation consultation

GENERAL LITIGATION * PERSONAL INJURY
 BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS * PROBATE
 WILLS & LIVING TRUSTS

PHIL@PHILCAREYLAW.COM T: 916-564-0706
 2100 NORTHPROP AVE, SUITE 900 F: 916-564-6455
 SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

AQUINAS
 WEALTH ADVISORS
 ALIGNING FAITH & FINANCE
 POWERED BY MORALIS TECHNOLOGIES, LLC



Greg Bronson, CLTC®, FSCP®
 Lead Advisor
 Cell: 530.503.7473
 CA Insurance License #0F25335
 gbronsonequinaswealth.com
 www.aquinaswealth.com

Get your free Faith & Finance Score™ on our site



Crumley & Associates 916.638.4600
 A private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC
 7956 California Ave
 Fair Oaks, CA 95628
 www.dougcrumleyjr.com

Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC.
 Member FINRA and SIPC.

Ameriprise
 Financial




RHG Coaching

Susan Keeley, PCC, TICC
 Life & Trauma Coach
 916.215.4981
 WWW.RHGCOACHING.COM



“Real Estate and Loans for Life. Service you can Trust.”
A Faithful Agent
Dianna Dao, Realtor/Loan Officer
 Real Estate Source, Inc. & California Lending Source
 DRE License # 01510735 NMLS License # 1966479
 Faithfully looking out for your best interests.
 (916) 514-2549
 www.AFaithfulAgent.com AFaithfulAgent@gmail.com
 +JMJ+ Join us in weekly Pro-Life prayers for the sacred lives of the unborn at Planned Parenthood, 201 29th St., Sacramento. Contact Dianna for details.
 For more info: www.womensprayergroupinchrist.org
 Supporting the FSSP: www.RealEstatefortheFSSP.wordpress.com



Dignity Health Foundation

Felipe Arredondo, MD
 Internal Medicine

Main 916.733.3400
 Fax 916.733.5384

Mercy Medical Group
 Internal Medicine
 3000 Q Street
 Sacramento, CA 95816

Eric Reslock Jr
 Landscaper

1-916-982-9349
 ericreslockjr@reslocklandscaping.com
 @reslocklandscaping




MPG PAINTING
 CSI B #995073
 Commercial/Residential, Light Industrial & Specialty Coatings
 (916) 234-6628
 www.mppainting.net

EAST LAWN
 Cemeteries, Funeral Homes, Cremation, & Preplanning
 Honoring the Catholic funeral tradition since 1904.



Call: **Mike Solton**
 St Stephen Parishoner
916-832-2859
 www.EastLawn.com
 Lic. # FD-136, 1242, 2340, 1455



Joseph's Hammer
 Handyman Services
 Call or Text: (916) 318-9631
 josephshammerhandyman.com

Consider contacting our parishioner **Ed Wedinsky** to work out little jobs like airport runs, running errands, etc. His number is 530-704-8392.

Interested in supporting the print and office needs of the parish by placing an ad (2.55" x 1.36") in the bulletin? Contact Fr. Curtis by e-mail: frcurtis@fssp.com.