


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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<b>STAYING CONNECTED</b>	<b>THE FSSP</b>	<b>DONATIONS</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</b></p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b></p> <p>Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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>7 Jan</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Holy Family Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I</b>
	7 am	Stella Zapata
	8:30 am	Jose Ruiz
	10 am	+ Carolyn Greenwood
	11:30 am	Linda Woosly
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	Jason Theis
<b>8 Jan</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
	7 am	Nancy Butchy
	12 pm	+ Marilyn Harder
	6 pm	Phil Carey & family
<b>9 Jan</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
	7 am	+ Rene Iway
	12 pm	Belen family
	6 pm	Brian & Darla Fishback family
<b>10 Jan</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
	7 am	John Paul Dugyon
	12 pm	FSSP
	6 pm	Marie Guadalupe Mendoza
<b>11 Jan</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>St. Hyginus, IV</b>
	7 am	+ John Hymes
	12 pm	+ Holy Souls
	6 pm	Pope Francis
<b>12 Jan</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
	7 am	Antonio Ruiz
	12 pm	Dotty Thielen
	6 pm	+ Michael John Prince
<b>13 Jan</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, II</b>
	7 am	Julio Jaimes
	8:30 am	FSSP
	12 pm	+ Rick Perez

**PRAYER LIST**

Ed Schneider, Paula Belen, Vanessa Jimenez, Ralph Clark, Michelle DiGiovani, Mark Mitchell, Phil Carey, Judy Bennett, Jasinkas, Debbie Vilar, Dominick Damore, Judi Geldermann, Elaine Testa, Monique Rance, Nancy Tostenson, Karen Rich, Bob Crocker, Stephanie Reali-Saavedra, Theresa Reali, Don Varley, 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

### EPIPHANY CHALK

Blessed chalk is available in the vestibule from the Feast of Epiphany. Upon returning home, the lintel of the main door of the house is marked with the blessed chalk by the head of the household in the following manner.

Inscribe **20+C+M+B+24** while saying the following prayer. The inscriptions are made where noted in parentheses.

The Three Wise Men – Caspar (C), Melchior (M), and Balthazar (B) – followed the star of God's Son who became Man, two-thousand (20), and twenty-four (24) years ago. May Christ (+) bless our home (+), and remain with us (+), throughout the new year (+).

Almighty God, incline Thine ear. Bless us and all who are gathered here. Send Thy holy angel who will defend us, and fill with grace all who dwell here. Amen.

### DEFINING TERMS

A few weeks ago I used a few terms that several parishioners asked to be defined -

**Heterodox Catholic:** Heterodox is derived from: *hetero*, that is, *different*; and *dox*, that is, *belief*. So the term "heterodox Catholic" is a misnomer, since by the very fact of deliberately denying Catholic dogma, one becomes a heretic and excludes oneself from the Catholic Church. *Actually only those are to be included as members of the Church who have been baptized and profess the true Faith, and who have not been so unfortunate as to separate themselves from the unity of the body, or been excluded by legitimate authority for grave faults committed* (Pius XII, 1943, *Mystici Corporis*). These are also sometimes styled "cafeteria Catholics" or "liberal Catholics". We should be careful, however, when using the latter term (i.e., liberal), not to conflate its ecclesiastical and the political use.

**Professional Catholic:** A person, usually a layman, who generates income in one manner or another from the Catholic faith. While not wrong in principle, in our age of social media, I find that so-called professional Catholics often manufacture or intensify feelings of outrage, anger, bitterness, and confusion in the attempt to generate clicks and thereby increase personal prestige and, of course, ad revenue.

**Neo-con Catholic:** This is someone that genuinely wants to be Catholic, but who derives his identity mostly from an ultramontane attachment to the person of the pope. Usually such Catholics are morally conservative, but unmoored from the tradition of the Church. The neo-con Catholic looks at the papacy as the origin of Catholic faith, rather than its greatest defender and guardian.

**Gaslighting:** *Psychological manipulation of a person usually over an extended period of time that causes the victim to question the validity of his own thoughts, perception of reality, or memories*

*and typically leads to confusion, loss of confidence and self-esteem, uncertainty of one's emotional or mental stability, and a dependency on the perpetrator* (Merriam-Webster). The term is derived from a 1938 play written by Patrick Hamilton.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 7	FHC Registrations Due
Jan 14	FHC Classes Begin
Jan 27	Marriage Workshop (12 pm - 5 pm)
Feb 10	Pancake Breakfast
Apr 13	Confirmations (3 pm)
Apr 27	Italian Dinner
May 29	Priestly Ordination of then Fr. Kasak
Jun 16-22	Camp Sacred Heart
Jun 22-28	Camp Immaculate Heart
Jul 14-18	Parish Retreat

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Second collection** for the Building Fund.

**Still available:** FHC Registrations (*due today, Sun, Jan 7*) and offertory envelopes.

**Confirmation catechism** resumes today, Sun, Jan 7.

*First Holy Communion catechism will begin on Sun, Jan 14.*

**OLSW Co-op Fundraiser.** Join us for a nachos fundraiser today, Sun, Jan 7, between 12 pm and 4 pm. \$2 beverages; \$3 nachos & cheese; \$4 nachos, cheese, and meat.

The **Chesterton Society** meets Tues, Jan 9, at 7 pm.

**Adult Catechism** will be held on Thurs, Jan 11, at 7 pm.

The **Youth Group** meets on Fri, Jan 12, at 7 pm.

The **Little Flowers, Rosay Mystica**, and the **Sodality of the BVM** meet on Sat, Jan 13.

**Security men & ushers** are invited to a meeting on Sat, Jan 13, after the 8:30 am Mass, in order to discuss security related matters pertaining to the parish.

**Vocations Fundraiser.** There will be a cookies and cocoa fundraiser on Sun, Jan 14 following all daytime Masses. The proceeds will go to supporting Rev. Mr. Jacob Kasak and Kiana Nava, who has recently been accepted with the Benedictines Mary Queen of Apostles. Cookies and cocoa are \$0.50 each.

**Diaper Drive.** On Sun, Jan 21, the Knights of Columbus will be receiving donations of diapers (sizes 1-6) and baby wipes for the benefit of the Gabriel Project. Donations can be dropped off after all Masses, in the courtyard.

**Marriage Workshop.** On Sat, Jan 27, Fr. Curtis will give a workshop on marriage open to all adult parishioners, starting with noon Mass and continuing in the parish hall until about 5 pm. There is no need to RSVP, and child supervision will be provided in the classroom area. Plan on bringing your own lunch.



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