


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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<p style="text-align: center;">PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEW PARISHIONERS</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 Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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

4 Feb	Sun	Sexagesima Sunday, II 7 am Maria Chi Nguyen 8:30 am + Wayne Kruse 10 am + Marvin Katich 11:30 am + Rosa Serrano 1 pm <i>Pro populo</i> 6 pm + Mr Mossick
5 Feb	Mon	St. Agatha, III 7 am + Holy Souls 12 pm + Patricia Marion Patch 6 pm FSSP
6 Feb	Tues	St. Titus, III 7 am Sang Nguyen & family 12 pm James & Mary Newell 6 pm + Daniel Rocha
7 Feb	Wed	St. Romuald, III 7 am + Victor DeCaria 12 pm Maria Huong Thi Pham 6 pm Kasak family
8 Feb	Thurs	St. John of Matha, III 7 am Ran Nguyen 12 pm + Mario Boller Caronan 6 pm Warner & Martin families
9 Feb	Fri	St. Cyril, Bisop of Alexandria, III 7 am + Richard Corbin, Sr 12 pm Le Pham 6 pm + Harling family
10 Feb	Sat	St. Scholastica, IV 7 am FSSP 8:30 am Schaefer family 12 pm Marina Yumena Lucina

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

Alfred Solorio, 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> Parish Office 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

LENT IS COMING

We are only two and a half weeks from the beginning of Lent. If you are new to the parish, we do encourage the more traditional fasting and abstinence throughout the course of Lent. This would mean to fast every day through Lent, except for Sundays, and also to abstain from meat. If you have never done this before, the period of *Septuagesima* is useful to start "gearing up" for Lent. Try pushing your breakfast back by a half hour or so every day until it just unites with lunch, and then start reducing lunch a little bit until you can either get down to one meal a day, or one meal and one (or two, if necessary) smaller collations. The body is good at these adjustments, especially if it is not too sudden. Don't be intimidated! This is how *all* Catholics practiced Lent for many, many centuries. (In fact, it was even more rigorous the more you push back towards the ancient Church.)

I would also recommend giving up other luxuries with food, such as sweets and alcohol.

Lent would be a great time for everyone to detach as much as possible from social media and from cell phones in general. Consider taking up the practice of plugging cell phones in somewhere while at home and learning to just *leave them there*, only having recourse to them where there is some real necessity.

Hopefully this will open up space to establish (or renew) a good plan of life during Lent; that is, an adequate and *reasonable* schedule for prayers, devotions, duties, and recreation throughout the day.

Lent is also a time where the practice of silence, so hard to find in our days, is pre-eminently important. Detaching from cell phones will likely also be of great benefit to this.

God bless you all! The priests are praying for you that all may profit from a grace filled penitential season. Please pray for us, as well.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 10	Pancake Breakfast
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Mar 9	Marriage Workshop, Part 2
Mar 17	Baby bottles due (Life Center fundraiser)
Apr 13	Confirmations (3 pm)
Apr 27	Italian Dinner
May 29	Priestly Ordination of then Fr Kasak
Jun 8	First Mass of Fr Kasak at Cathedral (5 pm)
Jun 16-22	Camp Sacred Heart
Jun 22-28	Camp Immaculate Heart
Jul 3-18	FSSP General Chapter
Jul 14-18	Parish Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Collection for the Building Fund.

Tax Letters are now available. They can be picked up in the conference room between the bookstore and the office after all daytime Masses.

OLSW Co-op Fundraiser. Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Co-Op will be having a food fundraiser today, Sun, Feb 4, from 8 am - 4 pm in classroom #1. Thank you for your support!

Knuckle Boom Lift. On Mon, Feb 5, we will have a rental knuckle boom lift in the church. This is in order to take measurements for the installation of violet curtains over the statues during Passiontide, as well as to take inventory of light bulbs and also install hardware to make Christmas decorations easier. Parishioners may need to navigate around the lift those two days while attending Mass. (This will be the first of two times this is done: this time, for measurements; the next time, for the installation of new hardware.)

Adult Catechism meets on Thurs, Feb 8, at 7 pm.

Youth Group meets on Fri, Feb 9, at 7 pm.

Pancake Breakfast. Sat, Feb 10, from 8 am until 12 pm, the Knights of Columbus and the Troops of St. George are coordinating to provide pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausage (and coffee and other beverages). Proceeds will support the Troops of St. George and the St. Bernadete Fund. \$10 for one person; \$25 for a family; children under six eat for free.

Baby Bottle Drive. Sun, Feb 11, the Rosa Mystica Girls' Society will be distributing baby bottles in the courtyard for the purpose of collecting alms throughout the Lenten season (coins, paper money, and checks accepted). This fundraiser supports the mission of the Sacramento Life Center, which is to offer compassion, support and free medical services to women and men in the greater Sacramento area facing unplanned or unsupported pregnancies. We will collect the bottles on Mar 17th.

SMCA Bake Sale. Sun, Feb 11, the Sancta Maria Classical Academy will host a bake sale fundraiser after all daytime Masses. Members of the Academy will be available to answer questions from interested parents.

Dr John Bergsma, author of popular works such as *A Catholic Introduction to the Bible: The Old Testament* and *Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls*, will be giving some Lenten conferences at St Joseph in Vacaville on Fri, Feb 16 and Sat, Feb 17. Further details: <https://bit.ly/2024lent>

The **Marriage Workshop** will conclude, Sat, Mar 9, at 1 pm. I anticipate that two hours will be sufficient, so plan on being there until 3 pm. As before, please bring your own lunch for a brief meal after the noon Mass; also, some of the young ladies in the parish have again graciously agreed to provide childcare at the classrooms.

Fr McWhirter will be away from the parish from Tues, Feb 6 until Fri, Feb 16.



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