


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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<p>STAYING CONNECTED</p>	<p>THE FSSP</p>	<p>DONATIONS</p>
<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

25 Feb	Sun	Second Sunday of Lent, I 7 am + Anntonina Hukowska 8:30 am Ly Nguyen 10 am Scott Risse 11:30 am + Dora Natividad 1 pm <i>Pro populo</i> 6 pm Joe Mahurin
26 Feb	Mon	Feria, III 7 am Jose Garcia 12 pm Hanh Dinh 6 pm Sean Warner
27 Feb	Tues	Feria, III 7 am Thomas Sr & Gloria Villalobos 12 pm FSSP 6 pm Tatum Solorio
28 Feb	Wed	Feria, III 7 am Thuy Nguyen & family 12 pm Penny Mahurin 6 pm + John Hymes
29 Feb	Thurs	Feria, III 7 am + Anthony Antunes 12 pm Mason Erskine 6 pm + Teodor Hukowski
1 Mar	Fri	Feria, III 7 am + Edgardo Mercado 12 pm + Kazimiera Ciezka 6 pm Roediger family
2 Mar	Sat	Feria, III 7 am + Frank Muñoz 8:30 am + Manfred Von Richthofen 12 pm Santiago Reynoso

PRAYER LIST

Vincent DiCarlo, 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 Muttterties

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

Estelle McKnerney, 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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Funds directed to the Annual Catholic Appeal go towards charitable services of the Diocese, the formation of seminarians, and finally 25% comes back to the parish. This return is deposited in the accounts of the Gabriel Society and the St. Bernadette Fund.

I do strongly encourage parishioners to donate to the appeal. Even a small pledge represents a mark of gratitude towards our bishop who has continued to shelter our community in a time of almost universal persecution of the traditional Mass. The Second Collection today will be taken up for the purpose of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please make use the envelopes in the pews.

Parish Designation: If more than one parish is selected, fund will be split equally.

Select your parish [checkbox] St. Stephen The First Martyr Parish, Sacramento - 378 [checkbox] St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Auburn - 18

Donating Online. It is possible to make a donation online. Please take care to select St. Stephen the First Martyr as your parish. This can be tricky to do on a cell phone (you will be looking to check the box in front of the name of our parish, not after), so I recommend making your donation from a PC, laptop, or tablet. Your receipt will say: "Select your parish: St. Stephen The First Martyr Parish, Sacramento - 378."



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IN VITRO FERTILIZATION

Recently, the Alabama Supreme Court ruled that frozen embryos have the same status as children. This ruling is consistent with Catholic teaching and the natural law. It has serious implications for the fertility-industrial complex in Alabama (a multi-billion dollar industry in the United States) and we can hope and pray that it will bring a swift end to the horror of IVF in that state, and elsewhere.

IVF (in vitro fertilization) is the practice of conceiving a child in vitro, literally "within the glass", referring to a test tube, petri dish, or other scientific apparatus. It is gravely immoral in principle, because it separates the procreative aspect of intimacy from the unitive. It reduces a child to a product or a commodity. It steals from a child the right to be conceived in an intimate act of love, and it (usually) introduces at least one third party - namely, the technician - into the process of conception.

IVF also has terrible consequences that ought to haunt us. It generates a host of embryos, which are then frozen cryogenically, held in stasis upon the good pleasure or desires of the so-called parents. Some of these poor creatures will remain "on ice" forever, or at least until "termination" (i.e. murder) at some pre-determined "expiration date". These children are quite literally reserved on a shelf in so-called "banks", just like any other commercial product, until they are deemed convenient and "wanted". They are stripped of all dignity and all rights. When (and if) they are finally designated for implantation, they often suffer long-term medical difficulties. Because the "success rate" of IVF varies dramatically by age (it can be as low as 3.9% for women over 42), multiple embryos are often transferred to the uterus to increase the odds of a successful pregnancy. Where "too many" embryos implant, selective abortion is used to "cull" the unwanted children.

IVF is a horror and a nightmare. It is not an ethical answer to fertility problems that some spouses tragically suffer.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Mar 9 Marriage Workshop, Part 2
Mar 17 Baby bottles due (Life Center fundraiser)
Apr 13 Confirmations (3 pm)
Apr 27 Italian Dinner
May 4 & 11 First Holy Communion Mass (at noon)
May 24 Graduation Mass (6 pm)
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 Annual Catholic Appeal. Tax Letters are available in the conference room. Stations of the Cross and Lenten Bread & Soup meals on Fri, Mar 1. Stations will be held after the noon and 6 pm Masses; the meal will follow the evening Stations. Contact for the potluck meal is Stephen Pratt: 805-279-5953. First Friday & First Saturday fall this week. There will be a sung Mass on Fri, Mar 1, at noon. The Little Flowers, Rosa Mystica, and the Sodality of the BVM meet on Sat, Mar 2. The Marriage Workshop will conclude, Sat, Mar 9, from 1 pm to 3 pm. Bring your own lunch; some of the young ladies in the parish have again graciously agreed to provide childcare at the classrooms. Parish, Silent, Ignatian Exercises Retreat. Jul 14-18. \$750. Fr. Jeffery Jambon (chaplain of Benedictines of Mary in Ava). Register in the bookstore before Sun, Jun 23. Please register early so we can anticipate how many will attend.



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