

SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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<p><b>STAYING CONNECTED</b></p>	<p><b>THE FSSP</b></p>	<p><b>DONATIONS</b></p>
<p><b>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</b></p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p><b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b></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 <b>Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter</b>.</p> 	<p><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><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>24 Mar</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Palm Sunday, I</b> 7 am Celeste Gisla 8:30 am + Marjy Jo Varley 10 am + Holy Souls 11:30 am FSSP 1 pm <i>Pro populo</i> 6 pm Twanda Anderson
<b>25 Mar</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Holy Monday, I</b> 7 am + Anthony Lam Nguyen 12 pm Theresa Bedoy 6 pm Vivian & Marcus Cao
<b>26 Mar</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Holy Tuesday, I</b> 7 am Julie Jeong 12 pm + Matt Risse 6 pm + Aurelio Madera
<b>27 Mar</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Holy Wednesday, I</b> 7 am + Holy Souls 12 pm + Peter Morell 6 pm + Lorreta Varley
<b>28 Mar</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Holy Thursday, I</b> 6 pm Priests of St. Stephen the First Martyr
<b>29 Mar</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Good Friday, I</b> 1 pm <i>Mass of the Pre-Sanctified; no intention</i>
<b>30 Mar</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Vigil of Easter, I</b> 4 pm Adult converts

**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**

Vincent DiCarlo, 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**

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<b>Collection Count Crew</b> .....	<b>Kelly Manstch</b> <i>Monday</i> ..... Parish Office 916-451-5114
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<b>Senior's Lunch (55+)</b> .....	<b>Ann Zacharias</b> <i>Third Thursday</i> ..... 916-838-7404
<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b> .....	<b>Dante Moreno</b> <i>Sundays</i> ..... 209-328-8118

**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

HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday.** *Normal Sunday schedule, but the High Mass includes the blessing of palms and a procession. The Passion according to St. Matthew.*

- **1 pm:** Solemn Mass with blessing of the palms and procession.

*Palm Sunday honors Our Lord's kingship in the procession of the Holy Cross and in the proclamation of his Sacred Passion, during which the faithful hold aloft blessed palms, recognizing thereby Our Lord's victory in his Paschal mysteries. The palms enjoy one of the longest sacramental blessings of any blessed item and are one of the few sacred items blessed in the context of the Mass itself. The faithful carry them home and place them with devotion behind the crucifix – a perpetual reminder that Our Lord "reigns from the wood."*

*For those attending earlier Masses on Palm Sunday, palms will be available throughout the rest of Holy Week.*

**Monday to Wednesday.** *Normal daily Mass schedule.*

- **Monday.** The Gospel is taken from St. John, ch. 12; *Let her alone, that she may keep it against the day of my burial.*
- **Tuesday.** The Passion according to St. Mark.
- **Wednesday.** The Passion according to St. Luke.

**Holy Thursday.**

- **8 am:** Matins and Lauds, i.e. *Tenebrae*.
- **11:30 am:** Confessions.
- **6 pm:** Solemn Mass with procession to the Altar of Repose; stripping of the altars; Vespers; overnight vigil.

*Holy Thursday recalls the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood, as well as Our Lord's agony in the garden. The faithful are invited after Mass to "spend one hour" with him. The Altar of Repose will be available all night and into the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified on Friday. Men from the security team will keep watch over the property overnight to maintain a safe environment for those coming to visit Our Lord.*

*The Mass of the Last Supper is connected to the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified of the following day by the vigil that joins them, as well as the processions to (on Holy Thursday) and from (on Good Friday) the Altar of Repose. This is one of many elements during Holy Week that unite Our Lord's Passion to his gift of the Holy Eucharist.*

**Good Friday.**

- **8 am:** Matins and Lauds, i.e. *Tenebrae*.
- **11:30 am:** Confessions.
- **12 pm:** Stations of the Cross.
- **1 pm:** Mass of the Pre-Sanctified. The Passion according to St. John. A collection for the Holy Land is taken up.

*Good Friday commemorates the Passion & Death of Our Lord. Holy Communion is not received on this day as the faithful enter into the mystery of the loss of Our Lord at his death.*

**Vigil of Easter.**

- **8 am:** Preparatory rites for adult converts.
- **4 pm:** Mass of the Vigil of Easter.

*On Holy Saturday we keep vigil at the tomb of Our Lord, with the same sentiments of sorrow and hope embraced by Our Lady as she awaited the Resurrection. The Mass includes the blessing of the Paschal fire and trident-led procession in the Church, followed by the Exsultet, one of the most sublime works of poetry adorning the holy liturgy, then twelve lessons recalling salvation history, the blessing of Paschal water and the reception of converts, the Litany of the Saints, and finally the Mass proper. The propers of the Mass elicit both penitential sorrow and an anticipated joy.*

**Easter Sunday.** *Normal Sunday schedule. Solemn Mass at 1 pm.*

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

*His Excellency requests that I include a link to the online donation page for the Good Friday collection:*

<https://myfranciscan.org/donation-page-pontifical-good-friday-collection/>

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**

Parishioners are invited to donate **calla lilies, calla lily leaves, Easter lilies** and **any other flowers** for the Altar of Repose. Please bring them to the parish hall the afternoon of Wed, Mar 27.

**Good Friday collection** in favor of the Holy Land.

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation Receptions.** I am very grateful to Kathleen Pauls for volunteering to organize three receptions again this year. *She is asking for additional volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up at these receptions* (Sat, Apr 13; Sat, May 4; & Sat, May 11). Help at any or all of the receptions is appreciated. Contact Kathleen Pauls at 916-532-8230 or [kathleenannpauls@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenannpauls@yahoo.com).

**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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