


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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		
10 Nov	Sun	Resumed 5th Sunday after the Epiphany, II
	7 am	FSSP
	8:30 am	+ Mario Caday Sr. & Warina Caday
	10 am	+ Virginia Tacey
	11:30 am	Danilo Rayos del Sol
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	James Manning
11 Nov	Mon	St. Martin of Tours, III
	7 am	+ Virginia Tacey
	12 pm	Rigene Manning
	6 pm	Tish Gallagher
12 Nov	Tues	St. Martin I, III
	7 am	Patti Dunn
	12 pm	Elias Sandoval & family
	6 pm	Catherine Polichio
13 Nov	Wed	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, III
	7 am	+ Frank Polichio
	12 pm	Fred Polichio
	6 pm	Private intention
14 Nov	Thurs	St. Josephat, III
	7 am	+ Cecilia Hong Pham
	12 pm	Intentions of Ozi-Maria
	6 pm	Protection of the FSSP
15 Nov	Fri	St. Albert the Great, III
	7 am	+ Maria Nghieng Nguyen
	12 pm	Pope Francis
	6 pm	Andrew & Aurora Escamilla
16 Nov	Sat	St. Gertrude the Great, III
	7 am	+ Holy Souls
	8:30 am	Cierra Anderson
	12 pm	Harbison family

PRAYER LIST

Ron Mantsch, Esther Jimenez, Daniel Huynh, Avianna Ramirez, Catherine Durant, 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, 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 the loved ones of fellow parishioners, and our adult catechumens and candidates.

IN MEMORIAM

Bob Crocker, Kathleen Scarry, Bill Sneeringer, Marion Nicholas, 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

PARISH GROUPS	
Choir & Music Classes	Keven Smith
<i>Youth & Adults, Sunday & Thursday.....ksmith_writer@yahoo.com</i>	
Altar Guild & Altar Guild Minor	Mike Solton
<i>Boys 7 – 18, Third Saturday 916-832-2859</i>	
Troops of Saint George (Scouting)	James Campbell
<i>Boys 6 – 18 Jcampbell@tsgtroop750.org</i>	
Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Amy Rutschow
<i>Girls 14 – 18, First Saturday 916-340-5782</i>	
Rosa Mystica	Sue McGrath
<i>Girls 9 – 13, First Saturday 916-531-3946</i>	
Little Flowers	Katie Scarry
<i>Girls 5 – 8, First Saturday 530-945-6947</i>	
Youth Group	Liz Hernandez
<i>Ages 14 – 18, Second & Fourth Friday 916-396-4062</i>	
OLSW Co-op	Inocencio Rangel
<i>Ages 14 – 18, Tuesday & Thursday 916-804-6359</i>	
CCM Co-op	Blanca Pimentel
<i>Ages 3 – 14, Thursday blancaerodria@yahoo.com</i>	
Veritas (Young Adult Group)	Kyle Watson
<i>Ages 18 – 39, Third Tuesday veritasnorcal@gmail.com</i>	
Adult Catechism	Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP
<i>Adults, Second & Fourth Thursday frcurtis@fssp.com</i>	
Chesterton Society	Spencer Roundtree
<i>Adults, Second Tuesday sac.chesterton@gmail.com</i>	
Knights of Columbus #16419	William Giovannetti
<i>Adult men, Third Wednesday 916-531-4730</i>	
Ushers	Roger Soto
<i>Adult men, Sundays & Holy Days 209-610-1163</i>	
Security	Federico Serrano
<i>Adult Men, Sundays & Parish Events 916-907-4236</i>	
Altar Linen & Flowers Society	Tomoko McDonough
<i>Adult women, Third Saturday mcdonoughmommy6@gmail</i>	
Church Flowers	Greta Munsill
<i>Friday or Saturday 916-425-7112</i>	
Church Cleaning	Eli Gonzalez
<i>Wednesday 916-395-7408</i>	
Collection Count Crew	Kelly Manstch
<i>Monday Parish Office 916-451-5114</i>	
Brown Bag Lunch Program	Maureen Olguin
<i>Sunday jmolguin5960@att.net</i>	
The Gabriel Project	Catarina Hinojos
<i>On call 415-286-6228</i>	
Senior's Lunch (55+)	Ann Zacharias
<i>Third Thursday 916-838-7404</i>	
Coffee & Donuts	Nicole
<i>Sunday mrs99@pm.me</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Fr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP;
Sr. MaryAnne Regina, CM; Sr. Kiana Nava, OSB**

Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

BR. DAMIEN a.k.a. FR. MCWHIRTER



Father is doing quite well in spite of the radical adjustment of religious life vis-à-vis priestly ministry. He has been at the monastery since mid-August and has recently been promoted from postulancy to the novitiate. As a novice, he is entitled to a religious name, given to him by the abbot: Father's religious name is Br. Mary Peter Damian. He is addressed as "Brother" during the period of novitiate, which will likely last about one year. In many respects, this period is a time of testing the monastic vocation, which is quite different from a strictly priestly vocation. Once he takes vows, I believe he will be addressed as "Father" once again. In any case he is usually called by the name "Damien"; his fuller name "Mary Peter Damian" being reserved for formal documents.

The rigorous life of the monks was on full display during my visit to them. While I was there, they would rise at 3 am (being on a solar *horarium*) and then move to another room where they have some partitions set up for privacy, as they sleep in a common room. There, they change out of their monastic sleeping robe into their habit, brush their teeth, and perhaps splash a little water on their face. By 3:15 am, all assemble in the chapel for Matins, which usually takes a little over an hour. After Matins, some priests say a private Mass, assisted by lay brothers as servers. During these Masses, the other monks go to the chapter room for private *lectio divina*; they are joined by the others at the conclusion of the private Masses. Soon enough, at the false dawn, the monks return to the chapel for Lauds. Afterwards, they have one of only two brief opportunities in the day for private work or prayer; monks may shower, or write a letter, or accomplish some other tasks at their own discretion.

This period ends and the monks return to the chapel for Prime; they sing the first half of this, then retire from the chapel to the chapter room for the recitation of the Martyrology, a reading from the Rule of St. Benedict, followed by a *ferverino* delivered by the abbot, their daily chapter, and then the conclusion of Prime. Soon after that the monks return to the chapel yet again, this time for Terce.

After Terce, the monks assist at a sung Mass, and then move on to their assigned work. This is interrupted an hour or two later by Sext, which – like all the other Offices – is sung in the chapel. Afterwards the monks return to their work until None, which is followed by their meal (on normal days, this is the only meal taken by the monks – on Sundays and feast-days, they have two meals). The meal is taken in silence, with one of the monks reciting table reading from one of the front corner of the refectory.

The monks process out of the refectory after meal prayers chanting Psalm 50, returning to the chapel for Vespers. Once again, the monks have another very brief time to engage in private prayer or work, this time lasting only twenty minutes or so. Finally, they return for the last time to the chapel for Compline, after which they all retire to bed.

The life is quiet, measured, and balanced, and the monks are all kind and appear to be quite happy and healthy. Br. Damien is engaged as the assistant refectarian, so he spends most of the work time of his day slicing fruit and vegetables, preparing bread, and setting tables for the common meal.

Br. Damien sends his warm greetings to everyone and was eager to assure me that he is praying for the priests and parishioners of St. Stephen's every single day. He greatly misses all of you.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 14	Rorate Mass
Jan 4	Christmas Party
Jan 12	First Holy Communion catechism begins
May 3	Confirmations (2:30 pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday

Registrations for First Holy Communion catechism are available in the parish bookstore. Children should be seven years old by May, 2025 in order to register for the classes, which will begin on Sun, Jan 12.

Coffee & Donuts after the 7, 8:30, & 10 am Masses.

This Week

Chesterton Society meets on Tues, Nov 12 at 7 pm.

Adult Catechism meets on Thurs, Nov 14 at 7 pm.

Open House, at the Chesterton Academy in Dixon on Thurs, Nov 14 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Game Night for Grown-Ups. Ages 18 and older, please join us on Fri, Nov 15 for Mass at 6 pm. Afterwards, a friendly meatless potluck and a fun night of board games in Classroom 2. Bring your favorite meatless dish and wholesome board game. No poker, gambling, or minors permitted. RSVP to williamgiovannetti@gmail.com.

Altar Guild meets on Sat, Nov 16.



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