


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION	SACRAMENTS	DEVOTIONS
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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>23 Feb</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sexagesima Sunday, II</b> 7 am + Holy Souls 8:30 am Madrigal family 10 am John Paul Dugyón 11:30 am Mason & Faith Keehley 1 pm <i>Pro populo</i> 6 pm Monica Gisla
<b>24 Feb</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>St. Matthias, II</b> 7 am Catherine McNamara 12 pm + Edelmira Mendoza-Ochoa 6 pm Fr Curtis
<b>25 Feb</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b> 7 am Caleb Lew 12 pm Lucia Orozco 6 pm Agnes Dugyón
<b>26 Feb</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b> 7 am Peter Luong Tran 12 pm + Dr Nicholas Gonzalez 6 pm + Theresa Bezich
<b>27 Feb</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, III</b> 7 am Laura Huber 12 pm + Holy Souls 6 pm + Richard Seifert
<b>28 Feb</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b> 7 am Nick Cammarota 12 pm Daniela Lucia Mendez 6 pm + Richard & Louise Szabo
<b>1 Mar</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Our Lady on Saturday, IV</b> 7 am + Edelmira Mendoza-Ochoa 8:30 am The priests and seminarians 12 pm + Fr Mike Carroll

**PRAYER LIST**

Fr. Evaristus, Carol Cummings, Ron Mantsch, Daniel Huynh, Avianna Ramirez, Ed Schneider, Paula Belen, 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 Mutturties

*Please keep all 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**

Jazmin Orozco, Peter Luong Van Tran, Anne Marie Ternes, 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

**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>Katie Scarry</b> <i>Girls 5 – 8, First Saturday</i> ..... 530-945-6947
<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>Kyle Watson</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>Federico Serrano</b> <i>Adult Men, Sundays &amp; Parish Events</i> ..... 916-907-4236
<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
<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b> .....	<b>Nicole</b> <i>Sunday</i> ..... mrs99@pm.me

**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

BENEDICT XIV (r. 1740 – 1758)  
ON LENT

“The observance of Lent is the *very badge of Christian warfare*. By it we prove ourselves not to be enemies of Christ. By it we avert the scourges of divine justice. By it we gain strength against the princes of darkness, for it shields us with heavenly help. Should men grow remiss in their observance of Lent, it would be a detriment to God’s glory, a disgrace to the Catholic religion, and a danger to Christian souls. Neither can it be doubted that such negligence would become the source of misery to the world, of public calamity, and of private woe.”

CARDINAL MERCIER (1851-1926)

*Excerpts from ON CHRISTIAN MORTIFICATION*

- In the matter of food, restrict yourself as far as possible to simple necessity.
- Take nothing between meals, unless out of necessity or for the sake of convenience.
- Pray to God often, pray to God daily to help you by His grace so that you do not overstep the limits of necessity and do not permit yourself to give way to pleasure.
- Regulate your sleep, avoiding in this all faint-heartedness, all softness, especially in the morning. Set an hour, if you can, for going to bed and getting up, and keep strictly to it.
- If you suffer some slight indisposition, avoid being a nuisance to others through your bad mood.
- Guard against making the slightest illness a reason for dispensation or exemption from your daily schedule.
- Accept with docility, endure humbly, patiently and with perseverance, the tiresome mortification called illness.
- Close your eyes always and above all to every dangerous sight, and even - have the courage to do it - to every frivolous and useless sight.
- Refrain from going to warm yourself, unless this is necessary to save you from being unwell.
- Mortify yourself with the greatest care in the matter of impatience, of irritation or of anger.
- Mortify the natural organ of your mind, which is to say the tongue. Practice silence gladly.
- Prefer to listen to others rather than to speak yourself; and yet speak appropriately, avoiding as extremes both speaking too much, which prevents others from telling their thoughts, and speaking too little, which suggests a hurtful lack of interest in what they say.
- Never interrupt somebody who is speaking and do not forestall, by answering too swiftly, a question he would put to you.
- Carefully refrain from using any coarse, vulgar or even idle word, because Our Lord warns us that He will ask an account of them from us on the day of judgment.

- You ought to show the greatest exactitude in observing all the points of your rule of life, obeying them without delay.
- Bear with your neighbor's defects; defects of education, of mind, of character. Bear with everything about him which irritates you: his gait, his posture, tone of voice, accent, or whatever.
- Love to give praise to your companions, especially those you are naturally most inclined to envy.
- Accept with the most perfect resignation the mortifications decreed by Providence, the crosses and the labors belonging to the state of life in which Providence has placed you. *“There, where, there is less of our choice,”* said St. Francis, *“there is more of the good pleasure of God.”*

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 5	Ash Wednesday
Mar 5	40 Days for Life begins
Mar 17-20	Parish Mission: <i>Watch one hour with me.</i>
Mar 28-29	24 Hours for the Lord ( <i>noon - noon confessions</i> )
Apr 13-19	Holy Week
Apr 20	Easter Sunday
Apr 26	Italian Dinner
May 3	Confirmations (2:30 pm)
May 10, 31	First Holy Communion (12 pm)
Jun 15-21	Camp Sacred Heart
Jun 21-27	Camp Immaculate Heart
Jul 20-24	Parish Retreat (details: Patrick Risse)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sunday*

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

*This Week*

**Adult Catechism** meets on Thurs, Feb 27 at 7 pm.

**Youth Group** meets on Fri, Feb 28 at 7 pm.

**First Saturday** falls this week (*NB. First Friday is next week*).

**The Little Flowers, Rosa Mystica, and Sodality of the BVM** meet on Sat, Mar 1.

*Looking Ahead*

**Baby Bottle Drive.** On Sun, Mar 2, Rosa Mystica 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. For more information, go to <https://saclife.org>. We will collect the bottles on April 6th.

**40 Days for Life** begins on Wed, Mar 5. For details, visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/sacramento>



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