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STAYING CONNECTED	THE FSSP	DONATIONS
<p>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p>NEW PARISHIONERS 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 Please consider giving to fellow parishioners in need. Donations can be made online or at the Parish Office.</p> <p>ONLINE GIVING 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		
20 Apr	Sun	Easter Sunday, I
	7 am	Isabella Phomsopha
	8:30 am	Darla Fishback
	10 am	+ Holy Souls
	11:30 am	St. Stephen's co-op
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	+ Schaefer family (deceased)
21 Apr	Mon	Easter Monday, I
	7 am	Sean & Amy Fischer
	12 pm	Fr. Curtis
	6 pm	+ Holy Souls
22 Apr	Tues	Easter Tuesday, I
	7 am	Fr. Schwab
	12 pm	+ Peter Luong Tran
	6 pm	+ Enriqueta Vera
23 Apr	Wed	Easter Wednesday, I
	7 am	Fr. Curtis
	12 pm	Alexandria Vitug
	6 pm	+ Holy Souls
24 Apr	Thurs	Easter Thursday, I
	7 am	+ Michael Hudson
	12 pm	+ Daniel Nguyen
	6 pm	+ Danny Thompson
25 Apr	Fri	Easter Friday, I
	7 am	+ Christine Martinez
	12 pm	Fr. Franco
	6 pm	Colleen Harder
26 Apr	Sat	Easter Saturday, I
	7 am	Ana Narag & family
	8:30 am	Fr. Evaristus
	12 pm	Allison Brimball & daughters

PRAYER LIST	
<p>Anthony Correa, Fr. Evaristus, Geoff Pyka, 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 Mutterties</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	
IN MEMORIAM	
<p>Daniel Nguyen, Fr. Salgado, 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</p>	

PARISH GROUPS	
Choir & Music Classes & Organ Society	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	
<p>Fr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP; Sr. MaryAnne Regina, CM; Sr. Kiana Nava, OSB</p> <p><i>Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.</i></p>	

PASTOR'S COLUMN

RESURREXIT SICUT DIXIT, ALLELUIA!



REFLECTION ON THE TIMES

Earlier celebration of the Triduum mysteries reflects the practice of the Church for at least a thousand years* (*one priest I spoke with who tends to have historical sources for such things gave me an early ninth-century text for a later Vigil Mass of Easter*). The most usual explanation for this drift towards earlier times is: the Eucharistic fast, combined with the loss of all-night vigils kept by the Catholic faithful. The argument runs that the faithful of old would, for example, begin the Vigil ceremonies late on Saturday evening, and that these would be so prolonged as to terminate on Sunday morning. Once this kind of vigil faded from Catholic practice, it became too onerous to keep the absolute (food and water) midnight Eucharistic fast, if Masses were to begin in the afternoon or even late evening. Since the Eucharistic fast has now been practically reduced to nothing, there is “no compelling reason” to draw the Masses of the Triduum earlier. I find this argument unsatisfying because it is almost certainly incomplete: oversimplifying causation by reducing it to one variable. I do not believe it is at all demonstrable that the Eucharistic fast was the *only* or even the *primary* reason for the drift towards earlier times.

In any case, those earlier times *did* exist for a thousand years, and the liturgical and devotional life of the Church developed and matured in *that* particular garden. All sorts of practices such as the Office of Tenebrae become difficult or impossible otherwise (*in prior years, one way we have “solved” this is by reciting only Thursday and Friday Tenebrae, neglecting Saturday entirely, and by turning Good Friday into a liturgical marathon, running Tenebrae, confessions, Stations, and the Mass of the Presanctified back-to-back for eight hours straight, with a only a short pause between Tenebrae and confessions*).

I will offer that, from the perspective of the priests, this was the most balanced and “human” schedule that we have had for the Triduum. Thursday opened with Mass, when we were at our sharpest, then allowed for quiet prayer and adoration throughout the day (and into the night), with the punctuation of evening Tenebrae. Friday, too, opened with what was most important - the Mass of the Presanctified - before granting some space before afternoon Stations, and

again before evening Tenebrae. Confessions were more available at several times throughout each day (instead of just once) and therefore more spread out. Tenebrae saw, by a large margin, the largest attendance that I have ever seen.

One shift I would like to make would be to add a soup & bread potluck after the Mass of the Presanctified on Friday, to make it easier for people travelling from home to stay at the parish for afternoon Stations and even Tenebrae. I would also like to extend the public veneration of the Cross to the entire afternoon. If I get feedback to this effect, pushing the Thursday and Friday Masses back to 10 am might make things easier on families. There is also the question of Saturday which the priests are considering.

I would appreciate any feedback from the faithful and I am also seeking feedback from other parish priests that are looking at this. Thank you and blessed Easter to all of you.

* You will, of course, find some counter-examples in local regions through the medieval period and even pushing into the early Tridentine era.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Egg Hunt. Today, after the 1 pm Mass, in field area.

Blessed Palms are available in the vestibule.

This Week

Fr McWhirter will be visiting the parish. Although his limited time will not allow for home visits, the faithful are invited to a potluck after the evening Mass on Wed, Apr 23.

Funeral Mass for Daniel Nguyen on Thurs, Apr 24 at noon.

Youth Group meets this Fri, Apr 25 at 7 pm.

The **Rosary for Priests** (fifteen decades) will be prayed on Sat, Apr 26, after the 8:30 am Mass.

The **Italian Dinner** is this Sat, Apr 26 at 5 pm (*dinner at 6*).

Looking Ahead

Catholic Film-Making. Mary Bowen will be visiting our parish on Sun, Apr 27, to give a presentation on Catholic film-making in Classroom 2. Some of the youth from our parish have been a part of the Bowen films.

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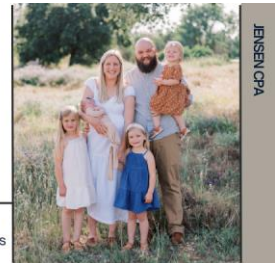
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