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<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		
24 Aug	Sun	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, II
	7 am	Mary Schneider
	8:30 am	+ Holy Souls
	10 am	Mark & Erna Harbison
	11:30 am	+ Cipriana Cortes
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	President Trump & family
25 Aug	Mon	St. Louis IX, III
	7 am	+ Marcial Fernandez
	12 pm	Pope Leo XIV
	6 pm	FSSP
26 Aug	Tues	St. Zephyrinus, IV
	7 am	+ Concepcion Odavar
	12 pm	+ Jim Gallagher
	6 pm	+ Janet Marquez
27 Aug	Wed	St. Joseph Calasanctius, III
	7 am	+ Cassie Stroot
	12 pm	Daniel Huynh
	6 pm	Manier family
28 Aug	Thurs	St. Augustine, III
	7 am	+ Relatives & friends of Susan Myers
	12 pm	Eileen & Richard Dunn
	6 pm	Rick Bennett
29 Aug	Fri	The Beheading of St. John the Baptist, III
	7 am	+ Seferina Trujillo
	12 pm	Teresa Dugyon
	6 pm	+ Mr. & Mrs. William Remole
30 Aug	Sat	St. Rose of Lim, III
	7 am	Sharon Girardi
	8:30 am	+ Basilio Uclaray
	12 pm	Jackie & Thai Tran

PRAYER LIST	
<p>Jim Gallagher, Fr. Evaristus, Chuck Teixeira, 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, Karen Rich, Stephanie Reali-Saavedra, Theresa Reali, Don Varley, Dolly Lewis, Mary Ann Cuny, Barbara Graichen, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, 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>Geoff Pyka, Jim Kasak, Anthony Correa, Helen DiCarlo, 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</p>	

PARISH GROUPS	
Choir & Music Classes & Organ Society	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)	
<i>Boys 6 – 18</i>CPT@tsgtroop750.org	
Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Amy Rutschow
<i>Girls 14 – 18, First Saturday</i> 916-340-5782	
Rosa Mystica	Hannah Fauci
<i>Girls 9 – 13, First Saturday</i> 323-590-8003	
Little Flowers	Katie Scarry
<i>Girls 5 – 8, First Saturday</i> 530-945-6947	
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 6 – 14, Thursday</i>blancaerodria@yahoo.com	
Veritas (Young Adult Group)	Kyle Watson
<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 Penitent	Alex Townsend
<i>Adult men, regional meetings</i> 415-328-8759	
Ushers	Roger Soto
<i>Adult men, Sundays & Holy Days</i> 209-610-1163	
Security	Federico Serrano
<i>Adult Men, Sundays & Parish Events</i> 916-907-4236	
Altar Linen & Flowers Society	Tomoko McDonough
<i>Adult women, Third Saturday</i> mcdonoughmommy6@gmail	
Church Flowers	Hannah Fauci
<i>Friday or Saturday</i> 323-590-8003	
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+)	Janice Marston
<i>Third Thursday</i> 916-459-9056	
Coffee & Donuts	Nicole
<i>Sunday</i> mrs99@pm.me	

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS	
<p>Fr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP; Riley Silva (entering OLGs); Sr. MaryAnne Regina, CM; Sr. Kiana Nava, OSB; Rebekah Kasak (entering 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	
SCRIPTURE AND LITURGY	
<i>Fr. Dominic Savoie, FSSP</i>	
<p>Last Sunday's gospel parable recounted how "two men went up into the temple to pray." The publican, whose prayer was favored by God, is familiar to us. He "stood far off," with his "head down," and "struck his breast." We see the publican's prayer imitated in our liturgy at every Mass. The priest and ministers, before ascending the altar, stand far off, profoundly bow while saying the Confiteor, and strike their breasts while publicly confessing their faults. These rubrics, which direct the ministers' bodily postures, are a school in humility.</p> <p>Too many people assume God does not care about how you pray, dress, sit, stand, or kneel when worshipping Him. They casually equate a modern value, which is narcissistic and misguided, with a divine one. "<i>Be your authentic self—that is what is important!</i>" Authenticity is acceptable insofar as it is charitable to others and properly ordered to the good, but it cannot be a fundamental principle of right living—especially when worshipping God. We should first discern whether God has indicated how we should worship.</p> <p>In a twist of irony, Protestant worship, which claims to subordinate all to the written word of God, has largely rejected ritualism for individualistic, expressive worship. In contrast, Catholic ritual is predominantly based on a humble imitation of the divinely revealed word. Even beyond those references that clearly indicate the basis of our Sacraments—e.g., Baptism (John 3:5), Confirmation (Acts 8:14-17), Eucharist (1 Cor 11:23-25), Penance (John 20:22-23), Extreme Unction (James 5:14-15), Holy Orders (1 Tim 4:14), and Matrimony (Mt 19:4-6), to name a few—much ritual symbolism is derived from Scripture rather than merely invented by man.</p>	
REMINDER TO KEEP THE PARISH GROUNDS TIDY	
<p>I remind all parishioners to take care to tidy up after leaving the parish. We have especially been having difficulties with Sundays in the picnic area. Many plates and drinks are being left behind on tables or even the lawn. I am very grateful to parishioners that, before leaving the church, do a sweep through the grounds to identify and throw away trash. This is a great charity to Stella, to the priests, and to the community at large – thank you!</p>	
IMPORTANT DATES	
Aug 24	Troops of St. George info meeting (3 pm)
Aug 30	Social Security & Child Tax Credit Workshop
Aug 31	Confirmation registrations due
Sept 4	Riley Silva: Entrance to OLGS
Sept 6	Girls' Groups resume
Sept 7	Confirmation Classes begin
Sept 12	First Youth Group meeting (7 pm)
Sept 15	Rebekah Kasak: Entrance to Monastery

Sept 20	Altar Guild resumes
Oct 11	Chesterton Event
Oct 13	Sr. Kiana: Investiture
Jun 14-20	2026, Camp Sacred Heart
Jun 20-26	2026, Camp Immaculate Heart
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<i>Sunday</i>	
<p>Chant Workshop after the 1 pm High Mass.</p> <p>Registration forms for children's Confirmation are now available in the parish bookstore and office. Classes will be held on Sundays, after the 1 pm Mass, starting Sun, Sept 7. <i>Registrations are due Sun, Aug 31.</i></p> <p><i>Please note: the minimum age for beginning Confirmation classes is seventh grade, according to the instructions of our bishop. Concretely speaking, students should, at minimum, turn twelve during the <u>calendar</u> year of 2025.</i></p> <p>Troops of St. George will be hosting an informational session in classroom 2 on Sun, Aug 24 from 3 - 4 pm. This is a Catholic scouting troop for boys ages six and up. More info: https://tsgtroop750.org.</p>	
<i>This Week</i>	
<p>Jim Gallagher, our parishioner, passed away on Sat, Aug 16. His funeral will be held this Tues, Aug 26 at noon. A Rosary will be prayed before the Mass; the burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery at 2 pm.</p> <p>Adult Catechism meets on Tues, Aug 28 at 7 pm.</p> <p>The Rosary for Priests will be prayed after the 8:30 am Mass on Sat, Aug 30. Join us in praying fifteen decades for the sanctification of priests.</p> <p>Workshop on Social Security and child tax credits. On Sat, Aug 30, after the noon Mass, there will be a workshop given by Marci Arredondo (a lawyer and one of our parishioners) on House of Representative 1, the so-called <i>Big Beautiful Bill Act</i>. This discussion will provide information on changes to Social Security and child tax credits, summarizing how this bill affects parishioners 65 and older and how families of newborn babies for the years of 2025-2028 can benefit from the "Trump Accounts."</p>	
<i>Looking Ahead</i>	
<p>Vocations Potluck. Sun, Aug 31, after the 1 pm Mass. Come send off our parishioners Rebekah Kasak and Riley Silva as they enter the convent and the seminary, respectively. A collection will be taken up to provide for a donation for the two of them. More details and sign-up:</p>	
	



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