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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		
14 Sept	Sun	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, II
	7 am	Preservation of the FSSP & Latin Mass
	8:30 am	+ Ramon Nonato Coria
	10 am	+ Jim Kasak
	11:30 am	+ Holy Souls
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	Pope Leo XIV
15 Sept	Mon	Seven Sorrows of the BVM, II
	7 am	FSSP
	12 pm	Benjamin Manier
	6 pm	Scott family
16 Sept	Tues	Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian, III
	7 am	+ Felicitas Cruz Jeionimo
	12 pm	+ Timothy E. Stone
	6 pm	Oliver O. Bragg
17 Sept	Wed	Stigmata of St. Francis, IV
	7 am	Angela & Yuri anniversary
	12 pm	Susan Myers
	6 pm	Yolanda Otto
18 Sept	Thurs	St. Joseph of Cupertino, III
	7 am	+ Richard D' Alessandro
	12 pm	+ Jim Kasak
	6 pm	+ Amanda Burr
19 Sept	Fri	St. Januarius, III
	7 am	Mexico City
	12 pm	Annette Manier
	6 pm	FSSP
20 Sept	Sat	St. Eustache & Companions, IV
	7 am	Greg Jagers
	8:30 am	Fr. Colin Wen
	12 pm	Phil Carey & family

PRAYER LIST	
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	
<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>	
IN MEMORIAM	
Jim Gallagher, 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	

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
Fr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP; Riley Silva (entering OLGs); Sr. MaryAnne Regina, CM; Sr. Kiana Nava, OSB; Rebekah Kasak (entering OSB)
<i>Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.</i>

PASTOR'S COLUMN

NATIONAL TRAGEDY

As many of you are no doubt aware, last week, on Wednesday, September 10, conservative influencer Charlie Kirk was shot and killed at a public event at Utah Valley University. The alleged shooter has since been apprehended and is in custody.

Kirk is not unique in falling victim to murder; there are some fifty people every day, in the United States alone, who lose their life to a deliberate and malicious person, even apart from considering the horror of abortion. Why, then, do we react so strongly, to this particular person, and these particular circumstances?

To be frank, I have never followed Kirk very closely. I found *some* (but not all) of his religious and political views unreasonable or even disturbing, and I did not personally care for his manner of engagement. To be fair to him, those few commentators that I have listened to paying tribute to Kirk, have described him as a kind, warm, and compassionate man, a good husband and a loving father.

Given that Kirk was not a Catholic, nor do I believe that he held to a political platform that we ought to subscribe to without qualification, why would I describe his murder as not only a tragedy (which it inarguably was) but even a *national* tragedy? Why do respond to it on a national level? Why do we suspect that it may have national consequences?

It cannot be simply because, perhaps, he is someone we have occasionally seen in the media – a face that we recognize. It is rather because – although we do not yet know the motive of his killer – we all intuitively (and reasonably) suspect that Kirk was killed for his ideas: and not for his *false* ideas, but for those that are *true*. His murder, then, has deeper implications. It has left a wife widowed and two small children fatherless, an unspeakable injury. But in a deeper sense his murder also represents an attack on the *truth*, a common good, to which we are all entitled. Truth is a transcendental property of being, it is at the very core of the nature of reality itself, and it is the privilege of rational creatures to be able to discern it, discover it, and, to some degree, even comprehend it. Its value is so inestimably high, that it is worth even dying for; likewise, a life lived without truth, would not be a life worth living. When truth is attacked, we are all besieged. Distress and anger are the reasonable and just response.

It is important that anger be well directed, however. There has been no end of ugly compilations of foolish people celebrating the death of Kirk. These people are *useful idiots*, held in contempt by the truly powerful in our world, who delight in division and prejudice insofar as it makes us blind to their rapacious bids for ever more power and renders us *easy to control*. Do not lose yourself in an impotent rage against

fools; their masters will only laugh at both you and them from their position behind the curtain. And the demons, reigning over all of them, laugh hardest of all.

We have to recall our ultimate battle in this life: *For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood; but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places. Therefore take unto you the armour of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and to stand in all things perfect. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of justice, and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace* (Eph 6:12-15).

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 14	Knights Penitent Info. Meeting (2:45 pm)
Sept 15	Rebekah Kasak: Entrance to Monastery
Sept 20	Altar Guild resumes
Sept 28	Knights Penitent Provisional Initiation
Oct 11	Chesterton Event
Oct 13	Sr. Kiana: Investiture
Oct 25	Pancake Breakfast
May 9	Italian Dinner
Jun 14-20	2026, Camp Sacred Heart
Jun 20-26	2026, Camp Immaculate Heart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday

Second Collection: Diocesan Priest's Retirement.

The **Knights Penitent** will be hosting an information meeting at 2:45 pm in the parish hall.

After the 1 pm Mass, **the Relic of the True Cross** will be presented for veneration in honor of today's Feast.

This Week

Veritas Young Adults meet on Tues, Sept 16 at 7 pm for a talk on apologetics by Fr. Franco.

Fr. Charles Ike, FSSP will be visiting until Wed, Sept 17.

The **Seniors (55+) Lunch** meets on Thurs, Sept 18, after the noon Mass. Bring your own lunch to Classroom 1 for fellowship.

The **Altar Guild** will have its first meeting on Sat, Sept 20.

Looking Ahead

K-12 students are invited to **An Encounter with St. Therese**, on Mon, Oct 27, at the Carmel of the Holy Family & St. Therese, at 6981 Teresian Way, Georgetown, CA 95634. **RSVP is required!** Please submit your RSVP as soon as possible to: st.therese.rsvp@gmail.com. The event will include a presentation, a slideshow, an opportunity to meet Carmelite friars, and veneration of the relics of St. Therese.



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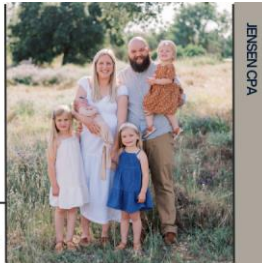
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