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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>20 Aug</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, II</b>
	7 am	+ Theresa Donahue
	8:30 am	+ Enrique Zaragosa
	10 am	+ John Hymes
	11:30 am	Anne Marie Reslock
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	+ Jonathan Bocala
<b>21 Aug</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>St. Jane Frances de Chantal, III</b>
	7 am	Darryl Gallagher
	12 pm	+ Marie Marshall
	6 pm	Joe Harting
<b>22 Aug</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart of the BVM, II</b>
	7 am	Marilyn Prouty
	12 pm	+ Don De haven
	6 pm	Scott family
<b>23 Aug</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>St. Philip Benizi, III</b>
	7 am	Phillip & Denise Hinojos
	12 pm	Rich Vincent
	6 pm	Teresa Lynn Pacheco
<b>24 Aug</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>St. Bartholomew, II</b>
	7 am	+ Esmeralda Crosologo
	12 pm	Priests of the FSSP
	6 pm	Poor Souls
<b>25 Aug</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>St. Louis IX, III</b>
	7 am	Joe Harling
	12 pm	+ John Hymes
	6 pm	Fraternity of St. Peter
<b>26 Aug</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>St. Zephyrinus, IV</b>
	7 am	Priests of the FSSP
	8:30 am	Alvaro Zapata
	12 pm	+ John Hymes

**PRAYER LIST**

Ralph Clark, Michelle Di Giovanni, Pietro Lopresti, Carolina Ferraza, Mark Mitchell, Phil Carey, Judy Bennett, Jasinkas, Debbie Vilar, Dominick Damore, Judi Geldermann, Elaine Testa, Monique Rance, Nancy Tostenson, Victoria Grimm, Karen Rich, Bob Crocker, Stephanie Reali-Saavedra, Theresa Reali, Don Varley, Arman Mazidi, 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 our adult catechumens and candidates.*

**IN MEMORIAM**

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, John Dunlap, Jeff Long, David Tostenson, Eleanor Roberts, Robert Rose, Sharon Graves, Eda Granby, Gloria Garcia, Raymond Villalpando

**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>Megan Gury</b>
<i>Girls 5 – 8, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-207-0498	
<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>AJ Alvarado</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>
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<b>Ushers</b> .....	<b>Roger Soto</b>
<i>Adult men, Sundays &amp; Holy Days</i> ..... 209-610-1163	
<b>Security</b> .....	<b>Patrick Clemons</b>
<i>Adult Men, Sundays &amp; Parish Events</i> ..... 916-717-0244	
<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	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**Rev. Mr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP;  
Sr. MaryAnne Regina, CM**

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

**PASTOR'S COLUMN**

**BAPTISM OF INFANTS**

*Apostolic Origin & Patristic Evidence*

In the New Testament, we read about “entire households” being baptized (cf Acts 6:33; 1 Cor. 1:16). St. Peter gives us: “Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children” (Acts 2:38-39).

The Church Fathers uniformly taught that infants were to be baptized. The only controversy that ever arose with regards to the baptism of infants was with respect to timing. Some proposed that baptism be administered on the eighth day after birth, because circumcision, which was a type and foreshadowing of baptism, was given on the eighth day to the sons of Israel. But this was immediately rejected. The reason will surprise many: eight days was considered too long to wait!

**St. Irenaeus** (189 AD): “He [Jesus] came to save all through himself; all, I say, who through him are reborn in God: infants, and children, and youths, and old men.”

**Hippolytus** (215 AD): “Baptize first the children, and if they can speak for themselves let them do so. Otherwise, let their parents or other relatives speak for them.”

**Origen** (248 AD): “Every soul that is born into flesh is soiled by the filth of wickedness and sin. . . . In the Church, baptism is given for the remission of sins, and, according to the usage of the Church, baptism is given even to infants.”

“The Church received from the apostles the tradition of giving baptism even to infants.”

**St. Cyprian of Carthage** (253 AD): “As to what pertains to the case of infants: You [Fidus] said that they ought not to be baptized within the second or third day after their birth, that the old law of circumcision must be taken into consideration, and that you did not think that one should be baptized and sanctified within the eighth day after his birth. In our council it seemed to us far otherwise. No one agreed to the course which you thought should be taken. Rather, we all judge that the mercy and grace of God ought to be denied to no man born.”

**St. Gregory Nazianzus** (388 AD): “Do you have an infant child? Allow sin no opportunity; rather, let the infant be sanctified from childhood. From his most tender age let him be consecrated by the Spirit.”

**St. John Chrysostom** (388 AD): “You see how many are the benefits of baptism, and some think its heavenly grace consists only in the remission of sins, but we have enumerated ten honors [it bestows]! For this reason we baptize even infants, though they are not defiled by [personal] sins, so that there may be given to them holiness,

righteousness, adoption, inheritance, brotherhood with Christ, and that they may be his [Christ’s] members.”

**St. Augustine** (400 AD): “What the universal Church holds, not as instituted [invented] by councils but as something always held, is most correctly believed to have been handed down by apostolic authority. Since others respond for children, so that the celebration of the sacrament may be complete for them, it is certainly availing to them for their consecration, because they themselves are not able to respond.”

(408 AD) “The custom of Mother Church in baptizing infants is certainly not to be scorned, nor is it to be regarded in any way as superfluous, nor is it to be believed that its tradition is anything except apostolic.”

*To be continued. Quotations taken from Catholic Answers.*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Aug 27	Registrations for Confirmation due
Sept 30	K of C pancake breakfast for Sac. Life Center
Oct 14	Chesterton Event
Oct 31	All Hallows Eve Party

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Confirmations 2024.** Registration is now open for classes for children of the parish who will be 12 years of age by June 1, 2024. Classes will begin on Sun, Sept 3, 2023. In order to register, you must have a copy of your child’s Baptism certificate. Please pick up forms in the bookstore. The deadline for turning in registration forms is Sun, Aug 27.

**NB.** Children enrolled in catechism classes must belong to families that are parishioners and regularly attend the parish. This is for the benefit of the enrolled children: limiting class sizes to something reasonable and also giving an opportunity for the children to make Catholic friends that will continue to be a part of their parish life during adolescence.

**Veritas** (our young adult group for ages 18 to 39) is meeting Tues, Aug 22, at 7 pm. They will enjoy a potluck dinner and some simple crafts. Members are encouraged to bring prayer cards, pictures, small decorations, and min tins or other small boxes. For more information, e-mail AJ Alvarado: veritasnorcal@gmail.com.

**Adult Catechism** meets this Thurs, Aug 24, at 7 pm.

**Rosary for Priests** this Sat, Aug 26, after the 8:30 am Mass.

Next Sunday, the **Little Flowers** will host a fundraiser lunch in one of the classrooms, after the High Mass.

**Fr McWhirter** will be away from until Tues, Aug 29.

**Sunday Coffee.** Join us in classroom 1 following the 7:00, 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses for fresh coffee & the opportunity to build community with fellow parishioners.

**Volunteers:** Please e-mail jmjhensons@icloud.com!



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