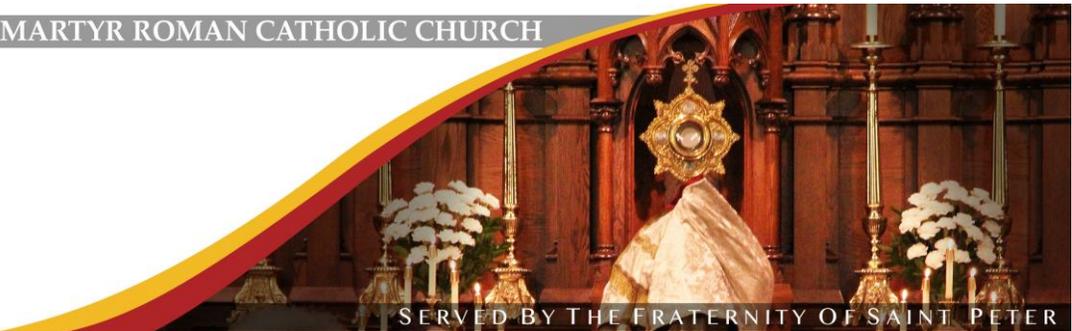


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<p>STAYING CONNECTED</p> <p>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p>NEW PARISHIONERS Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or Bookstore.</p>	<p>THE FSSP</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>DONATIONS</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

27 Aug	Sun	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II 7 am + William Remole 8:30 am Edward Morell 10 am Raymond Zapata & family 11:30 am Barbara Cogan 1 pm <i>Pro populo</i> 6 pm FSSP
28 Aug	Mon	St. Augustine, III 7 am Augustine Magabo 12 pm Eileen & Jack Mugauin 6 pm Oliva DaSilva
29 Aug	Tues	Beheading of St. John the Baptist, III 7 am + Seferina Trujillo 12 pm Rachael (<i>from Barbara Cogan</i>) 6 pm + William Remole
30 Aug	Wed	St. Rose of Lima, III 7 am Alfred Nicolini 12 pm + John Virga 6 pm Joseph & Rachael Durant
31 Aug	Thurs	St. Raymond Nonnatus, III 7 am + Manuel Rios 12 pm Teresa Lynn Pacheco 6 pm Mario & Julia Mitkon
1 Sept	Fri	Holy Twelve Brother & St. Giles, IV 7 am Francis Dugyon 12 pm Colleen Holbrook 6 pm + Mary Lou Burton
2 Sept	Sat	St. Stephen of Hungary, III 7 am Gianina Mora 8:30 am Michael Mantsch 12 pm Dien Vu

PRAYER LIST

Ralph Clark, Michelle Di Giovanni, 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

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

PARISH GROUPS

Choir & Music Classes	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)	James Campbell <i>Boys 6 – 18</i>Jcampbell@tsgtroop750.org
Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Amy Rutschow <i>Girls 14 – 18, First Saturday</i>916-340-5782
Rosa Mystica	Sue McGrath <i>Girls 9 – 13, First Saturday</i>916-531-3946
Little Flowers	Megan Gury <i>Girls 5 – 8, First Saturday</i>916-207-0498
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 3 – 14, Thursday</i>blancaerodria@yahoo.com
Veritas (Young Adult Group)	AJ Alvarado <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 of Columbus #16419	William Giovannetti <i>Adult men, Third Wednesday</i>916-531-4730
Ushers	Roger Soto <i>Adult men, Sundays & Holy Days</i>209-610-1163
Security	Patrick Clemons <i>Adult Men, Sundays & Parish Events</i>916-717-0244
Altar Linen & Flowers Society	Tomoko McDonough <i>Adult women, Third Saturday</i>mcdonoughmommy6@gmail
Church Flowers	Greta Munsill <i>Friday or Saturday</i>916-425-7112
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

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

Continued from last week

Last week we went through Scriptural evidence for the baptism of infants and provided various sources from the Fathers of the Church testifying to the fact that this was the normal practice in the early Church and, indeed, baptisms were done as soon as possible. Not even the argument that baptisms should be delayed until the eighth day after birth, in order to manifest the fulfilment of circumcision as a foreshadowing of the Sacrament, gained any traction – it was considered too long to wait.

This particular catechesis is not prompted by any real neglect on the part of parishioners. Most everyone has been extremely prompt about contacting us after the birth of a child and sensitive to the demands of the divine and ecclesiastical law to secure Baptism for children as soon as reasonably possible. But I do want to explain why I am very insistent that this be done.

In the first place, although infant mortality is at a historic low – almost to the point where it is unthinkable – it is not totally eradicated. Depending on what state you live in, infant mortality hovers around half a percent, so about one in two hundred children. Not all of these deaths are foreseen on account of pre-existing medical conditions. Delaying the baptism of a child is a senseless risk.

The catechism states well: “The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation.... **The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude**; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are “reborn of water and the Spirit” (CCC 1257, my emphasis).

(We certainly do well to trust in the goodness of Almighty God where it pertains to the fate of unbaptized children. Although their ultimate destiny is not revealed to us, we know that such souls are precious to God, and that wherever he places them for eternity, we will be satisfied. But again, why not baptize as soon as possible, when that is the sure and certain means given to us by Our Lord?)

In the second place, Baptism is a priceless gift for the child. In addition to securing heaven, the Sacrament also relieves the child from the dominion of Satan, eradicates the stain of original sin, infuses the soul with sanctifying grace – that is, the participation in the divine life, and with the virtues and gifts of the Holy Ghost, it makes the infant to be a child of God, and it joins the child to the Mystical Body of Christ, that is, the Church. Why would we delay in bringing all of these benefits to the little one?

Finally, we need to consider things from the perspective of Our Lord. It is he that is the ultimate father of every child. “And call no man your father on earth,” he says, “for you have one Father, who is in heaven” (Mt 23:9). He died in

order to be united to every soul, which is precious to him. “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Mt 19:14). What pain it must cause him, when parents to whom he has given responsibility, neglect to bring their child to him promptly!

FINANCIAL REPORT TO PARISHIONERS

Our annual report, which includes an overview profit and loss statement and our balance sheets, is now available to parishioners. It may be picked up in the vestibule.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 27	Registrations for Confirmation due (today!)
Sept 3	Confirmation catechism begins
Sept 8	Youth Group begins
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. They are held in Classrooms 2 & 3, at 2:45 pm (i.e. after the High Mass).** 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 registration is today, 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.*

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

The **funeral Mass for our parishioner Pietro Lopresti** will be held on Wed, Aug 30, at 10 am. A Rosary will be prayed before the Mass. Burial will follow in Lodi. Parishioners are welcome to attend any or all of the burial ceremonies on behalf of Pietro. Please keep him in your prayers.

First Friday & First Saturday fall this week.

The **Little Flowers, Rosa Mystica, and the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary** will meet for the first time this academic year on Sat, Sept 2, after the 8:30 am Mass. *Please note that the expectation for all three groups is that the young ladies will attend the 8:30 am Mass!*

Fr McWhirter will return to the parish on 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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