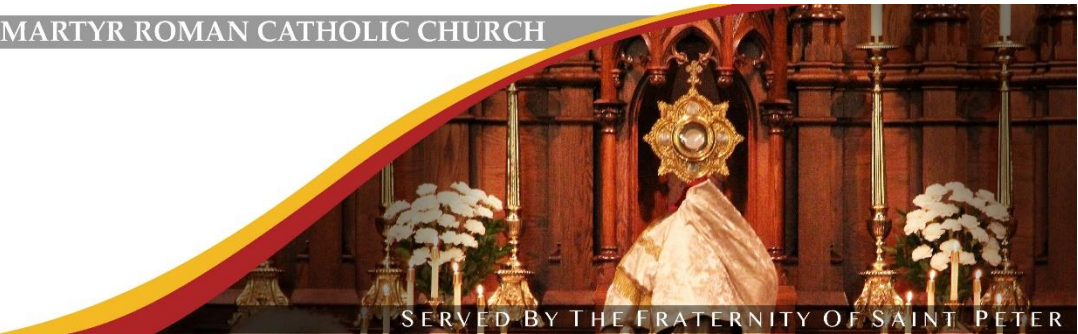



SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



SERVED BY THE FRATERNITY OF SAINT PETER

PARISH INFORMATION	SACRAMENTS	DEVOTIONS
<p style="text-align: center;">PARISH OFFICE</p> <p>Email stephenproto@yahoo.com Website www.sacfssp.com Phone 916-455-5114 Address 5461 44th Street Sacramento, CA 95820 Bookstore 916-223-3112</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRIESTS</p> <p>Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP <i>Pastor</i> frcurtis@fssp.com Fr. David Franco, FSSP <i>Par. Vicar</i> fr.franco.sacramento@proton.me Fr. Evan Schwab, FSSP <i>Par. Vicar</i> father.schwab@gmail.com Fr. Evaristus Eshiwu <i>Retired</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">STAFF</p> <p>Tish Gallagher <i>Parish Secretary</i> stephenproto@yahoo.com Keven Smith <i>Choirmaster</i> ksmith_writer@yahoo.com Kelly Mantsch <i>Parish Bookkeeper</i> ststephenbusinessoffice@gmail.com Stella Zapata <i>Custodian & Office Asst.</i> Francis Dugyon <i>Sacristan</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sun 7 am, 8:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm (Sung), 6 pm Mon - Fri 7 am, 12 pm, 6 pm Sat 7 am, 8:30 am, 12 pm Holy Day Check bulletin.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONFESSIONS</p> <p>We have confessions every weekday, starting one half hour before the beginning of Mass. There are also limited times on Sunday for confessions.</p> <p>Sun 6:30 am & 5:30 pm Mon - Fri 6:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm Sat 6:30 am, 8 am, 11:30 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS</p> <p>Contact the Parish Office. Baptisms should be within the first two weeks after birth; marriages generally require six months of preparation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SICK CALLS</p> <p>Call the Parish Office to schedule a home visit for the Sacraments.</p> <p>If someone is dying, outside of office hours, dial 916-455-5114, then press 1. You will be transferred immediately to the priest-on-call.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE DIVINE OFFICE</p> <p>Mon - Fri Terce at 8:50 am Sext at 11:20 am Vespers at 5 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION</p> <p>Thurs 1 pm - 6 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE HOLY ROSARY</p> <p>Sun 6:30 am & 7 pm Last Sat After the 8:30 am (15 decades, offered for priests.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP</p> <p>Tues After the 6 pm Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH</p> <p>Wed After all Masses</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS</p> <p>Sun After the 1 pm Mass Thurs After all Masses</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SAINT MONICA SODALITY</p> <p>First Thurs After the 6 pm Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE SACRED HEART</p> <p>First Fri After all Masses</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FATIMA PROCESSION</p> <p>The 13th of every month from May to October. See bulletin announcements for times.</p>
STAYING CONNECTED	THE FSSP	DONATIONS
<p style="text-align: center;">PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEW PARISHIONERS</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 Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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

1 Dec	Sun	First Sunday of Advent, I 7 am + Harold Belcher 8:30 am Kathleen Diebald 10 am + Trace Dobbins 11:30 am Marissa Harren 1 pm <i>Pro populo</i> 6 pm + Richard Siefert
2 Dec	Mon	St. Bibiana, III 7 am Maraal & Concepcion Cristi 12 pm Tish Gallagher 6 pm Jathan Strandhagen
3 Dec	Tues	St. Francis Xavier, III 7 am Celso Boholst 12 pm Intentions of Ozi-Maria 6 pm Arcada & Castor Boholst
4 Dec	Wed	St. Peter Chrysologus, III 7 am David & Regina Dittman 12 pm + John Page 6 pm Sylvia R. Cortez
5 Dec	Thurs	Feria, III 7 am FSSP 12 pm Michael C. Hernandez 6 pm St. Monica Sodality
6 Dec	Fri	St. Nicholas, III 7 am + Richard Siefert 12 pm Wesley Bollinger 6 pm Helena Mejia & family
7 Dec	Sat	St. Ambrose, III 7 am Mary Damore 8:30 am Intentions of the Valdez family 12 pm President Donald Trump

PRAYER LIST

Ron Mantsch, Esther Jimenez, Daniel Huynh, Avianna Ramirez, Catherine Durant, Ed Schneider, Paula Belen, Vanessa Jimenez, 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

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.

IN MEMORIAM

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

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	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 3 – 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 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	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	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
Senior's Lunch (55+)	Ann Zacharias <i>Third Thursday</i> 916-838-7404
Coffee & Donuts	Nicole <i>Sunday</i> mrs99@pm.me

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Fr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP; Br. Mary Peter Damien, OSB;
Sr. MaryAnne Regina, CM; Sr. Kiana Nava, OSB**

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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

ST ANDREW NOVENA

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen. *Recite fifteen times per day until Christmas Eve, for a particular intention.*

ADVENT TREE

This Sunday inaugurates the Advent season. As per our usual custom, we have set a tree out in the vestibule with envelopes for the St. Bernadette Fund, which is a parish account reserved for the needs of parishioners in financial difficulties. Please consider taking an envelope to donate to the St. Bernadette Fund if you can.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Vigil of Christmas (Tues, Dec 24). Masses at 7 am, noon, & 6 pm. Matins begins at 9:30 pm.

Christmas (Wed, Dec 25). Masses at:

- Midnight (Solemn)
- 7 am (*confessions beforehand as usual*)
- 8:30 am
- 10 am
- 11:30 am
- 1 pm (Sung)
- ***Please note there is no 6 pm Mass.***

Feast of St. Stephen (Thurs, Dec 26). Masses at 7 am, noon, and – at 6 pm – a Solemn Mass with Guild Ceremony. Reception for members of the Guild to follow in the parish hall. *Please assist at one of the earlier Masses if you are not supporting one of the young men at the Guild Ceremony.*

Octave of Christmas (Wed, Jan 1). Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 7 am, 8:30 am, noon, & 6 pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 14	Rorate Mass
Jan 4	Christmas Party
Jan 12	First Holy Communion catechism begins
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday
Apr 13-19	Holy Week
May 3	Confirmations (2:30 pm)
May 10, 31	First Holy Communion
Jun 15-21	Camp Sacred Heart
Jun 21-27	Camp Immaculate Heart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday

Second Collection for the Building Fund.

Tickets for the Christmas Party are being sold in the courtyard.

Collection Envelopes are now available for pick up.

Order beeswax and other devotional candles at the bookstore. They will be blessed at Candlemas, on Feb 2. All orders must be in by Wed, Jan 1.

Registrations for First Holy Communion catechism are available in the parish bookstore. Children should be seven years old by May, 2025 in order to register for the classes, which will begin on Sun, Jan 12.

Coffee & Donuts after the 7, 8:30, & 10 am Masses.

This Week

First Friday & First Saturday fall this week.

The **Little Flowers, Rosa Mystica,** and the **Sodality of the BVM** will meet on Sat, Dec 7.

Looking Ahead

The **Rorate Mass** is on **Sat, Dec 14,** at **6:30 am.** This beautiful Mass is scheduled at our parish for every second Saturday of December; it is a candlelit Mass in honor of Our Lady, taking its name from the first words of the Introit, from Isaiah 45:8 – *“Rorate caeli desuper et nubes pluant justum: Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just.”*

Christmas Party. Mark your calendars for **Sat, Jan 4, 2025 at 5:00 pm!** This fun-filled family event brings our parish family together to celebrate Christmastide. After a Chinese food buffet, many of the youth will be performing for us in a talent show. In past years, we have delighted in everything from musical and theatrical acts to stand-up comedy!

Tickets: Suggested donation is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Available after all Sunday Masses, starting on **Dec 1.**

Auditions: Do you have a musical or unique talent that you would like to perform at this event? Auditions are now open through December (or until all time slots are filled) and usually close quickly! Contact information is below.

Volunteers: Last, but most importantly, we need many volunteers. I know many of you are generous with your time and energy, and we appreciate all that you do for our parish. There are many opportunities and positions that still need to be filled. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Contact: Yesenia Rangel at YeseniaLovesLife@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at 916-682-9600.



Fran Cammarota
 Realtor
 (916) 367-2773
 fran@francammarota.com
 DRE#01052954

- Selling Real Estate Since 1989
- Ask About My 20% Parish Donation
- Father of Nine!



Philip E. Carey

free no obligation consultation

**GENERAL LITIGATION * PERSONAL INJURY
 BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS * PROBATE
 WILLS & LIVING TRUSTS**

PHIL@PHILCAREYLAW.COM T: 916-564-0706
 2100 NORTHPROP AVE, SUITE 900 F: 916-564-6455
 SACRAMENTO, CA 95825



The Gabriel Project

Pregnant? Need help?
 800-910-0191



Greg Bronson, CLTC®, FSCP®
 Lead Advisor

Cell: 530.503.7473

CA Insurance License #0F25335
 gbronson@aquinaswealth.com
 www.aquinaswealth.com

Get your free Faith & Finance Score™ on our site



Crumley & Associates 916.638.4600
 A private wealth advisory
 practice of Ameriprise
 Financial Services, LLC
 www.dougcrumleyjr.com

Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC.
 Member FINRA and SIPC.



RHG Coaching

Susan Keeley, PCC, TICC
 Life & Trauma Coach

916.215.4981

WWW.RHGCOACHING.COM



**"Real Estate and Loans for Life.
 Service you can Trust."**

A Faithful Agent

Dianna Dao, Realtor/Loan Officer
 Real Estate Source, Inc. & California Lending Source
 DRE License # 01510735 NMLS License # 1966479

Faithfully looking out for your best interests...
 (916) 514-2549

www.AFaithfulAgent.com AFaithfulAgent@gmail.com
 +JMJ+ Join us in weekly Pro-Life prayers for the
 sacred lives of the unborn at Planned Parenthood,
 201 29th St., Sacramento. Contact Dianna for details.
 For more info: www.womensprayergroupinchrist.org
 Supporting the FSSP: www.RealEstatefortheFSSP.wordpress.com



Felipe Arredondo, MD
 Internal Medicine

Main 916.733.3400
 Fax 916.733.5384

Mercy Medical Group
 Internal Medicine
 3000 Q Street
 Sacramento, CA 95816

PRO + LIFE SONGS Jordan Sax

8 Time Grammy® eligible Catholic Singer/Songwriter

"JORDAN SAX Pro Life apostolate songs will help extend the
 Gospel of Life in the hearts of listeners so that the
 lives of many unborn babies may be saved."
 RAYMOND LEO CARDINAL BURKE (Vatican, Rome, ITALY)

iTunes + Spotify + Pandora + Amazon + iHeart



Immigration Services
 Gonzalez Forms Prep | Consulting

Raymond González

Office (916) 453-9800
 Direct (916) 213-1851

NUTRITIONIST & FITNESS COACH



RAY (916)213-1851

References from fellow parishioners.

Custom Homes
 Remodeling
 Renovations
 Additions
 ADUs

EMPIRE BUILDERS
 SQUARE, LEVEL, AND PLUMB

James Carey
 916/246-6495

Call us at no obligation to
 discuss your project.



MPG PAINTING

CSI # 999073
 Commercial/Residential, Light Industrial
 & Specialty Coatings
 (916) 234-6628
 www.mppainting.net

EAST LAWN

Cemeteries, Funeral Homes, Cremation, & Preplanning
 Honoring the Catholic funeral tradition since 1904.



Call: Mike Solton
 St Stephen Parishoner

916-832-2859
 www.EastLawn.com
 Lic. # FD-136, 1242, 2340, 1455



Joseph's Hammer

Handyman Services

Call or Text: (916) 318-9631
 josephshammerhandyman.com