


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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| <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

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| 15 Dec | Sun | Third Sunday of Advent, I 7 am + Luke Issac Navarra 8:30 am Patricia Gallagher 10 am Alex Townsend 11:30 am Zachary Huber 1 pm <i>Pro populo</i> 6 pm + Robert Simpson |
| 16 Dec | Mon | St. Eusebius, III 7 am Mia Curry 12 pm Hanniel Dinh 6 pm Margaret Andersen |
| 17 Dec | Tues | Major Feria, II 7 am Paul Phillips 12 pm + Trace Dobbins 6 pm Theodora Simeon Harrell |
| 18 Dec | Wed | Ember Wednesday, II 7 am Thanksgiving for the presidential election 12 pm Catherine Hession 6 pm Luke Issac Navarra |
| 19 Dec | Thurs | Major Feria, II 7 am + Jesus J. Garcia 12 pm Patricia Gallagher 6 pm Twanda Andersen |
| 20 Dec | Fri | Ember Friday, II 7 am + Jesus J. Garcia 12 pm Sang Nguyen 6 pm Dee Tozer |
| 21 Dec | Sat | St. Thomas, II 7 am Fr John Lyons, FSSP 8:30 am Kenneth Ucci 12 pm Xavier Guillen |

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

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| 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;
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

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The restrooms in the classroom building are essentially finished, but we are waiting for some paperwork to clear before we will have passed final inspections. Until then, the restrooms will not be available for use. We hope to clear the paperwork any day now.

Also, we have experienced a lot of difficulty with the sealant on the concrete floors in those restrooms. It is functional but it has a cosmetic defect in an uneven sheen. Having talked to the manufacturer of the product, the floor contractors will return to repolish the floors and re-apply the sealant this upcoming summer when it is warmer.

The new classrooms doors should be delivered soon.

The curtain wall alcove on the corner of 44th St and 28th Ave has been demolished and replaced with a simple wall. This was to address a safety issue that had arisen there: numbers of homeless gathering to use drugs. The letters for the title and address of the church will be going back up soon.

Finally, the drain system at the picnic area is waiting on dry weather to pour concrete. That project should be done in a week or two.

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). **NB there is no 6 pm Mass on Christmas.**

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

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| Dec 30 | Youth Group Ice Skating |
| 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

Please consider taking a **St. Bernadette envelope** from the Advent tree in the vestibule.

Tickets for the Christmas Party are being sold in the courtyard (*see below for details*).

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

Veritas meets on Tues, Dec 17, at 7 pm.

The **Seniors (55+)** are joining one another for lunch after the noon Mass on Thurs, Dec 19, in Classroom 1. Bring your own lunch and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners.

Adult Catechism meets on Thurs, Dec 19, at 7 pm.

Altar Guild meets on Sat, Dec 21.

Looking Ahead

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. Or, use the QR code below to sign up as a volunteer or for auditions.





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