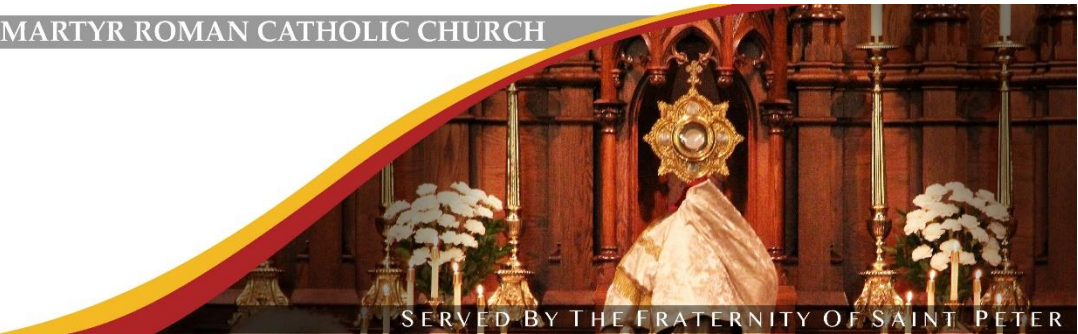



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<p style="text-align: center;">STAYING CONNECTED</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE FSSP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DONATIONS</p>
<p>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office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

22 Dec	Sun	Fourth Sunday of Advent, I
	7 am	+ Jonan Sneeringer
	8:30 am	+ Bill Sneeringer
	10 am	Mantsch family
	11:30 am	Estefania Sandoval & family
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	Joey Afsari
23 Dec	Mon	Major Feria, II
	7 am	Kaleb Afsari
	12 pm	Neal family
	6 pm	Jessica Reynoso
24 Dec	Tues	Vigil of Christmas, I
	7 am	Fr Curtis
	12 pm	Marianne Curry
	6 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
25 Dec	Wed	The Nativity of Our Lord, I
	Midnight	<i>Pro populo</i>
	7 am	Yoder family
	8:30 am	+ Macario & Aurelia Quines
	10 am	Fr Berg, FSSP
	11:30 am	Juaquin Sandoval & family
	1 pm	Intention of Valdez family
26 Dec	Thurs	St. Stephen, II
	7 am	Dobbins family
	12 pm	Patricia Gallagher
	6 pm	Phero Luong V. Tran
27 Dec	Fri	St. John the Evangelist, II
	7 am	Carol Nguyen
	12 pm	Special intention
	6 pm	Dominico Timothy T. Tran
28 Dec	Sat	Holy Innocents, II
	7 am	+ Teresa An Pham
	8:30 am	Dittman/Moore family
	12 pm	Patricia Gallagher

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;
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

DOM MARMION ON THE INCARNATION

The whole life of Jesus was that of a supreme pontiff dedicated to the glory of the Father and the salvation of man. The priesthood attained its climax at the Last Supper and on Calvary. But the whole existence of the Savior is stamped with the priestly character. The first movement of his most sacred soul at the time of the Incarnation was a sovereign act of religion. The evangelists have not revealed to us the secret of this priestly oblation of the Savior; St. Paul, whose role it was to make known to us the mysteries of God and of his Christ, had knowledge of it: "Wherefore when he cometh into the world," writes the apostle, "Christ said, Sacrifice and oblation Thou wouldst not: but a body Thou hast fitted for me. Holocaust nor sacrifice for sin did not please Thee. Then said I: Here I am – for it is written of me in the head of the Book – I come to do Thy will, O God" (Heb 10:5-7). In recognition of the supreme dominion of the Father, Christ offered himself to him without reserve. This ineffable offering was his reply to the unparalleled grace of the hypostatic union; it was a priestly act, the precursor of the redemptive sacrifice and of all the acts of the heavenly priesthood.... On his entry into the world, his soul, brilliant with the light of the Word, contemplated the divinity and, in this august majesty, it was given him to know the infinite majesty of the Father.... Turning to his Father in an outburst of inexpressible love, he abandoned himself absolutely to his good pleasure. At this sacred moment, as we may believe, all the activity of heaven was suspended in contemplation of this initial dedication of itself by the human nature of Jesus.... *Ecce venio*: accept me as a victim.

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 to follow. *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 (Sung), & 6 pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

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
Apr 26	Italian Dinner
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

St. Bernadette envelopes are on the Advent tree.

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

The **Rosary for Priests** will be offered after the 8:30 am Mass on Sat, Dec 28. Please join us praying fifteen decades of the Holy Rosary for the sanctification of priests.

Spiritual Talk by Friar Anthony, MFM on Sat, Dec 28 at 1 pm. *The Necessity of Holiness and Our Duty to Obtain it; Imitation of St. Francis.* Please bring a potluck item. For details, please e-mail andrewguillot11@protonmail.com.

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: Closed!

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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