


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

29 Dec	Sun	Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, II
	7 am	Maria Huong Thi Pham
	8:30 am	Patricia Gallagher
	10 am	Pham Duy Tuong
	11:30 am	Maria Chi Bich Nguyen
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	Dat Huu Pham
30 Dec	Mon	Sixth Day of the Octave, II
	7 am	Maria Do Thi Linh
	12 pm	Maria Nguyen Thi Hue
	6 pm	Batolomeo Pham Hien
31 Dec	Tues	Seventh Day of the Octave, II
	7 am	Guise Nguyen Van Xa
	12 pm	Cecelie Hymes & family
	6 pm	Patricia Gallagher
1 Jan	Wed	Circumcision of Our Lord, II
	7 am	+ Susan Cummings
	8:30 am	+ Larry Sound
	12 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	+ Edelmira Medoza-Ochoa
2 Jan	Thurs	Octave of St. Stephen the First Martyr, IV
	7 am	Nikolaus Barth
	12 pm	Alex & Kate Townsend
	6 pm	St. Monica Sodality
3 Jan	Fri	Octave of St. John the Evangelist, IV
	7 am	Barbara Ryan
	12 pm	+ Susan Cummings
	6 pm	+ Mary Khlok
4 Jan	Sat	Octave of the Holy Innocents, IV
	7 am	+ So Nguyen
	8:30 am	Harrell family
	12 pm	Becket Hymes

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

APOSTOLIC VISITATION

At the end of the summer, the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life signaled its intention to conduct an apostolic visitation of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter (FSSP). *As the Prefect of this Dicastery himself made clear to the Superior General and his assistants during a meeting in Rome, this visit does not originate in any problems of the Fraternity, but is intended to enable the Dicastery to know who we are, how we are doing and how we live, so as to provide us with any help we may need.*

A small number of FSSP parishes in each district or province have been selected to receive the visitators to facilitate their mission. Therefore, this February 15 - 17, our parish will be hosting the Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin, *Archbishop Emeritus of Dublin, Ireland* and the Most Rev. Bernard-Nicolas Jean-Marie Aubertin, O. Cist., *Archbishop Emeritus of Tours, France*. I have obtained very few details regarding the particulars of their visit, but as the majority of their stay will be on Sunday, February 16, I expect many parishioners will have opportunity to greet the archbishops between Masses. While introducing yourself to them, the proper address to them would be *Your Grace*.

I am hoping someone might lend the rectory a relatively straightforward espresso machine during their stay.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 30	Youth Group Ice Skating
Jan 4	Christmas Party
Jan 5	Epiphany Water Blessing
Jan 12	First Holy Communion catechism begins
Feb 15-17	Apostolic Visitation
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

Tickets for the Christmas Party are being sold in the vestibule (*see below for details*). **Last day to purchase!!**

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. **Last week to sign up!**

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 begin on Sun, Jan 12. **Registration due Sun, Jan 5!**

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

This Week

The **Youth Group** is going ice skating on Mon, Dec 30. Noon Mass; then a meal at Suzie Burger; finally, Skatetown in Roseville for the 2 - 5 pm open rink. Car pooling is available. Contact Liz Hernandez (916-396-4062) for details.

New Year's Eve. A plenary indulgence is attached to the recitation of the *Te Deum*. It also happens to be the birthday of Bishop Soto – please keep him in your prayers.

Circumcision of Our Lord (Wed, Jan 1). Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 7 am, 8:30 am, noon (Sung), & 6 pm.

First Friday & First Saturday fall this week. There will be a sung Mass on Fri, Jan 3 at noon.

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.



Looking Ahead

Epiphany Water Blessing. Sun, Jan 5, after the 1 pm High Mass (i.e. around 2:45 pm). Because the Vigil of Epiphany falls on a Sunday this year, **we will bless the water in the parish hall**, on account of the impracticality of having hundreds of water bottles out in the nave during Sunday Masses.

Some notes, please read carefully: (1) Water containers must be at least one gallon in size; (2) Containers must be clearly labelled and **placed behind the curtain in the parish hall**; (3) If they are brought on Sunday itself, great care must be taken not to disturb those assisting at Mass from the hall; and (4) Limit of two containers.



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