


SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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<b>STAYING CONNECTED</b>	<b>THE FSSP</b>	<b>DONATIONS</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARISH ONLINE NEWSLETTER</b></p> <p>To receive the bulletin and important announcements online, call the Parish Office to register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW PARISHIONERS</b></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 <b>Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ST. BERNADETTE FUND</b></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;"><b>ONLINE GIVING</b></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		
<b>19 Jan</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany, II</b>
	7 am	Nancy Butchy
	8:30 am	+ Edelmira Mendoza-Ochoa
	10 am	Juana Lopez de Antonio
	11:30 am	Confraternity of Saint Peter
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	+ Almas del Purgatorio
<b>20 Jan</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Sts. Fabian &amp; Sebastian, III</b>
	7 am	Nathan Pak
	12 pm	+ Holy Souls
	6 pm	Mr & Mrs Charles Watts
<b>21 Jan</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>St. Agnes, III</b>
	7 am	Veronica Phillips
	12 pm	Mary & Manuel Curry
	6 pm	Aggie Laubacher
<b>22 Jan</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Sts. Vincent and Anastasius, III</b>
	7 am	+ Rivera familia
	12 pm	+ Dennis Huber
	6 pm	+ Holy Souls
<b>23 Jan</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>St. Raymund de Penafort, III</b>
	7 am	Aaralyn Henderson-Guillot
	12 pm	Josephine Mendoza
	6 pm	Christopher Magabo & family
<b>24 Jan</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>St. Timothy, III</b>
	7 am	Steve McVeod
	12 pm	+ Mary Hayes
	6 pm	Candace Henderson
<b>25 Jan</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Conversion of St. Paul, III</b>
	7 am	Aidan Andrews
	8:30 am	+ Phil Bailey
	12 pm	Tom Hall

**PRAYER LIST**

Ron Mantsch, Daniel Huynh, Avianna Ramirez, Ed Schneider, Paula Belen, 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	
<b>Choir &amp; Music Classes</b> .....	<b>Keven Smith</b> <i>Youth &amp; Adults, Sunday &amp; Thursday</i> ..... ksmith_writer@yahoo.com
<b>Altar Guild &amp; Altar Guild Minor</b> .....	<b>Mike Solton</b> <i>Boys 7 – 18, Third Saturday</i> ..... 916-832-2859
<b>Troops of Saint George (Scouting)</b> .....	<b>James Campbell</b> <i>Boys 6 – 18</i> ..... Jcampbell@tsgtroop750.org
<b>Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> .....	<b>Amy Rutschow</b> <i>Girls 14 – 18, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-340-5782
<b>Rosa Mystica</b> .....	<b>Sue McGrath</b> <i>Girls 9 – 13, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-531-3946
<b>Little Flowers</b> .....	<b>Katie Scarry</b> <i>Girls 5 – 8, First Saturday</i> ..... 530-945-6947
<b>Youth Group</b> .....	<b>Liz Hernandez</b> <i>Ages 14 – 18, Second &amp; Fourth Friday</i> ..... 916-396-4062
<b>OLSW Co-op</b> .....	<b>Inocencio Rangel</b> <i>Ages 14 – 18, Tuesday &amp; Thursday</i> ..... 916-804-6359
<b>CCM Co-op</b> .....	<b>Blanca Pimentel</b> <i>Ages 3 – 14, Thursday</i> ..... blancaerodria@yahoo.com
<b>Veritas (Young Adult Group)</b> .....	<b>Kyle Watson</b> <i>Ages 18 – 39, Third Tuesday</i> ..... veritasnorcal@gmail.com
<b>Adult Catechism</b> .....	<b>Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP</b> <i>Adults, Second &amp; Fourth Thursday</i> ..... frcurtis@fssp.com
<b>Chesterton Society</b> .....	<b>Spencer Roundtree</b> <i>Adults, Second Tuesday</i> ..... sac.chesterton@gmail.com
<b>Knights of Columbus #16419</b> .....	<b>William Giovannetti</b> <i>Adult men, Third Wednesday</i> ..... 916-531-4730
<b>Ushers</b> .....	<b>Roger Soto</b> <i>Adult men, Sundays &amp; Holy Days</i> ..... 209-610-1163
<b>Security</b> .....	<b>Federico Serrano</b> <i>Adult Men, Sundays &amp; Parish Events</i> ..... 916-907-4236
<b>Altar Linen &amp; Flowers Society</b> .....	<b>Tomoko McDonough</b> <i>Adult women, Third Saturday</i> ..... mcdonoughmommy6@gmail
<b>Church Flowers</b> .....	<b>Greta Munsill</b> <i>Friday or Saturday</i> ..... 916-425-7112
<b>Church Cleaning</b> .....	<b>Eli Gonzalez</b> <i>Wednesday</i> ..... 916-395-7408
<b>Collection Count Crew</b> .....	<b>Kelly Manstch</b> <i>Monday</i> ..... Parish Office 916-451-5114
<b>Brown Bag Lunch Program</b> .....	<b>Maureen Olguin</b> <i>Sunday</i> ..... jmolguin5960@att.net
<b>The Gabriel Project</b> .....	<b>Catarina Hinojos</b> <i>On call</i> ..... 415-286-6228
<b>Senior's Lunch (55+)</b> .....	<b>Ann Zacharias</b> <i>Third Thursday</i> ..... 916-838-7404
<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b> .....	<b>Nicole</b> <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

PARISH VOLUNTEER SIGNAL GROUP

I have started a Signal (a "free, secure messaging app that uses end-to-end encryption to keep conversations private") group that I hope parishioners will join to facilitate coordinating volunteer opportunities at the parish. If you would like to join the group, please use the QR code below:



NOVERITIS, "LET YE KNOW!"

from Fr. Dominic Savoie, FSSP

At the Council of Nicaea (325 AD) the issue of calculating Easter was discussed. Although it is not in the published canons from that council, the issue seems to have been settled and uniformity desired amongst all the Churches. St Athanasius, writing to the bishops of Africa in 369 AD, says "The former council was summoned because of the Arian heresy and because of Easter, in that they of Syria, Cilicia and Mesopotamia differed from us and kept the feast at the same season as the Jews. But thanks to the Lord, harmony has resulted not only in the faith but also as to the Sacred Feast."

St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop of Alexandria from 412 to 444 AD, inherited an already long tradition of writing an annual letter to be read on the Epiphany that would announce the date of Easter. According to Cyril, this duty was given to Alexandria "because of it's illustrious astronomers" and that it should "report annually to Rome the date of Easter, and Rome would communicate to the other churches." There is an even older tradition of Rome seeking calendar assistance from the astronomers Alexandria: Julius Ceasar updated the Roman calendar with the help of astronomers from Egypt. And so it seems the Roman church continued this logic for the calculation of the Easter festival.

By the end of the fifth century, it was already established that the solemn proclamation of the movable feasts were to be declared in the principle churches on the feast of the Epiphany throughout the Roman Catholic Church.

The proclamation on the Epiphany for the movable feasts for 2025:

*KNOW, dearly beloved brethren, that by the mercy of God, as we have been rejoicing in the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so also do we announce unto you the joy of the Resurrection of the our same Savior.*

*Septuagesima Sunday will be on the sixteenth day of February. Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the fast of most holy Lent is the fifth day of March. On the twentieth day of April we shall celebrate with joy the holy Pasch of*

*our Lord Jesus Christ. The twenty-ninth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Feast of Pentecost is on the eighth day of June. The Feast of Corpus Christi is on the nineteenth of the same. The thirtieth day of November is the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom are honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 2-10	Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes
Feb 11	Consecration of FSSP to Our Lady of Lourdes
Feb 15-17	Apostolic Visitation
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday
Apr 13-19	Holy Week
Apr 20	Easter Sunday
Apr 26	Italian Dinner
May 3	Confirmations (2:30 pm)
May 10, 31	First Holy Communion (12 pm)
Jun 15-21	Camp Sacred Heart
Jun 21-27	Camp Immaculate Heart
Jul 20-24	Parish Retreat (details: Patrick Risse)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday

**Diaper Drive.** Today, Sun, Jan 19, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations of diapers (sizes 1-6) and baby wipes for the benefit of the Gabriel Project. Donations can be dropped off before and after all Masses, in the courtyard. **Coffee & Donuts** after the 7, 8:30, & 10 am Masses.

This Week

**Fr. Schwab** will be away from the parish this week. **Veritas** will visit a local restaurant on the evening of Tues, Jan 21. For more details, e-mail: veritasnorcal@gmail.com. **Adult Catechism** meets at 7 pm on Thurs, Jan 23. **Youth Group** meets at 7 pm on Fri, Jan 24. The **Rosary for Priests** will be offered after the 8:30 am Mass on Sat, Jan 25. Join us in praying fifteen decades of the Holy Rosary for the sanctification of priests.

Looking Ahead

**Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb 2-10).** The novena consists of at least one decade of the Rosary daily followed by the *Memorare*. The intention is for the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter and our mission in the Church. **Our Lady of Christendom - Spain.** A pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Covadonga (Asturias) that takes place annually. July 26-28. 59 miles. For more details, contact Jeff Inferrera at jeffrey.inferrera@gmail.com, or visit:

<https://nscristiandad.es/en/>



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