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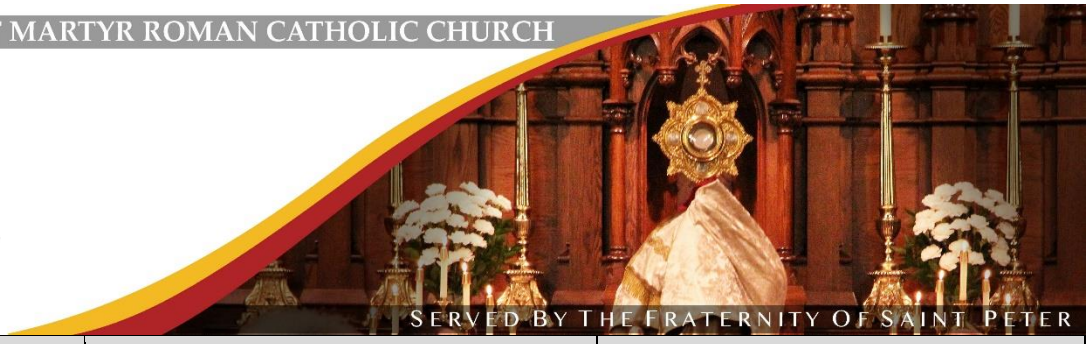

SACRAMENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

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.

CONFESSIONS

We have confessions **every weekday**, starting one half hour before the beginning of Mass. There are also limited times on Sunday for confessions.

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

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Contact the Parish Office. Baptisms should be within the first two weeks after birth; marriages generally require six months of preparation.

SICK CALLS

Call the Parish Office to schedule a home visit for the Sacraments.

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.

THE FSSP

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**.

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FAQ, bulletins, news, events, sermons, becoming Catholic, and much more.

PARISH SIGNAL GROUPS

Visit the bookstore for information.

DEVOTIONS

THE DIVINE OFFICE

Tu - Fr	8:50 am, *Terce* 11:20 am, *Sext* 5 pm, *Vespers*
Sat	11:20 am, *Sext* 5 pm, *Vespers & Compline*

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Thurs 1 pm - 6 pm

THE HOLY ROSARY

Sun	6:30 am & 7 pm
Last Sat	After the 8:30 am (*15 decades*)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tues After the 6 pm

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Wed After all Masses

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Sun	After the 1 pm
Thurs	After all Masses

SAINT MONICA SODALITY

1st Th After the 6 pm Mass

THE SACRED HEART

1st Fri After all Masses

FATIMA PROCESSION

The 13th of the month, May to Oct.

DONATIONS

ST. BERNADETTE FUND

Please consider giving to fellow parishioners in need. Donations can be made online or at the Parish Office.

ONLINE GIVING

Available at the parish website.
firstmartyr.com

Envelopes are very helpful for our bookkeeping, unless you are giving online. Please pick them up in the Parish Office.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

15 Mar	**Sun**	**Laetare Sunday**, *I*
	7 am	+ Holy Souls
	8:30 am	Cindy & Tony Steffinich
	10 am	Fr. Echert
	11:30 am	Monica Pham
	1 pm	*Pro populo*
	6 pm	Jose Garcia & family
16 Mar	**Mon**	**Feria**, *III*
	7 am	Brian Hodges
	12 pm	+ Rev. Jerry McCormick
	6 pm	+ Jerome F. & Claire M. Nolan
17 Mar	**Tues**	**St. Patrick**, *II*
	7 am	+ Jim Gallagher
	12 pm	+ Maja Peceli
	6 pm	Fr. Curtis
18 Mar	**Wed**	**Feria**, *III*
	7 am	FSSP
	12 pm	+ Canon Henrique Fragelli
	6 pm	Roman Pham
19 Mar	**Thurs**	**St. Joseph**, *I*
	7 am	Cindy & Tony Steffinich
	12 pm	Brian Hodges
	6 pm	+ Gui & Francesca Abelgas-Lau
20 Mar	**Fri**	**Feria**, *III*
	7 am	+ Holy Souls
	12 pm	+ Beth McQuillan
	6 pm	Becket Hymes
21 Mar	**Sat**	**Feria**, *III*
	7 am	Barbara Ryan
	8:30 am	Julio Cerezo & family
	12 pm	Charles & Christine Watts

PRAYER LIST

Julius Cozzatti, Judy Schuchmann, Michael & Kathleen DeSantis, Ana Rosa Phomsopha, Mother Regina, Donna Hopkins, Chuck Teixera, Carol Cummings, Ron Mantsch, Daniel Huynh, Avianna Ramirez, Ed Schneider, Paula Belen, Ralph Clark, Michelle DiGiovani, Mark Mitchell, Phil Carey, Debbie Vilar, Dominick Damore, Judi Geldermann, Elaine Testa, Monique Rance, Karen Rich, Stephanie Reali, Theresa Reali, Don Varley, Dolly Lewis, Mary Ann Cuny, Barbara Graichen, Darryl Gallagher, 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

Billy June Hinojos, Josephine Cuellar, Judy Roberts, Jim Gallagher, Geoff Pyka, Jim Kasak, Anthony Correa, Helen DiCarlo, Daniel Nguyen, Fr. Salgado, Jazmin Orozco, Peter Luong Van Tran, 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

PARISH SOCIETIES

Choir & Music Classes & Organ Society ..... **Keven Smith**
Youth & Adults, Sunday & Thursday .... ksmith_writer@yahoo.com

Altar Guild & Altar Guild Minor ..... **Mike Solton**
Boys 7 – 18, Third Saturday 916-832-2859

Troops of Saint George (Scouting)
Boys 6 – 18 ..... CPT@tsgtroop750.org

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary ..... **Amy Rutschow**
Girls 14 – 18, First Saturday 916-340-5782

Rosa Mystica ..... **Hannah Fauci**
Girls 9 – 13, First Saturday 323-590-8003

Little Flowers ..... **Katie Scarry**
Girls 5 – 8, First Saturday 530-945-6947

Youth Group ..... **Liz Hernandez**
Ages 14 – 18, Second & Fourth Friday 916-396-4062

OLSW Co-op ..... **Inocencio Rangel**
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CCM Co-op ..... **Blanca Pimentel**
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Adult Catechism ..... **Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP**
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Altar Linen & Flowers Society ..... **Tomoko McDonough**
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Church Flowers ..... **Hannah Fauci**
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Church Cleaning ..... **Eli Gonzalez**
Wednesday 916-395-7408

Collection Count Crew ..... **Kelly Manstch**
Monday ..... *Parish Office* 916-451-5114

Brown Bag Lunch Program ..... **Maureen Olguin**
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The Gabriel Project ..... **Catarina Hinojos**
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Senior's Lunch (55+) ..... **Janice Marston**
Third Thursday 916-459-9056

Coffee & Donuts ..... **Nicole**
Sunday ..... mrs99@pm.me

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Fr. Jacob Kasak, FSSP; **Sr. MaryAnne Regina, CM**; **Sr. Maria Dolorosa, FLM**; **Sr. Leonie, OSB**; **Sr. Rebekah Kasak (OSB)**

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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

RETIREMENT OF TISH GALLAGHER

Tish has announced her retirement from her position at the parish. On behalf of the community, I would like to extend our warm gratitude and deepest respect for her many, many years of tireless service to the parish. She has been an integral part of our community since its inception, has founded a successful parish bookstore that has benefited innumerable souls, and has been of invaluable assistance to the priests in pursuing the pastoral and evangelical mission of the parish. Many parish activities relied heavily on her organization and work for many years. I am personally indebted to her for her steadfast support during my tenure as pastor; and most especially during the very trying years of COVID.

We have comissioned a small gift for Tish in honor of her contributions to the parish, which will be presented to her once it is complete. She remains active on Signal if you should like to reach out to her. Her final day will be the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19.

PARISH MISSION

Fr. Daniel Heenan, FSSP, the pastor of our parish in Guadalajara, will hold a parish mission this Monday, March 16 to Wednesday, March 18. There will be two conferences every day – one in Spanish after the noon Mass, another in English after the evening Mass. The parish mission will be livestreamed (https://www.youtube.com/FSSPSacramento) for the benefit of those who cannot attend at the scheduled times. I do encourage in-person attendance where possible. The theme: *Oportet Illum Regnare – Lent, Conversion, & the Sacred Heart*.

HOLY WEEK (MARCH 29 - APRIL 4)

1. **Palm Sunday** - *Normal schedule*. Procession at 1 pm.
2. **Monday to Tuesday** - *Normal schedule*.
3. **Wednesday** –
   - 7 am & noon: Mass (*confessions beforehand as usual*)
   - 5 pm - 5:45 pm: Confessions
   - 6 pm: Tenebrae
4. **Holy Thursday** –
   - 7 am - 8:30 am: Confessions
   - 9 am: Mass of the Last Supper
   - *Adoration at the Altar of Repose overnight*
   - 5 pm - 5:45 pm: Confessions
   - 6 pm: Tenebrae
5. **Good Friday** –
   - 7 am - 8:30 am: Confessions
   - 9 am: Mass of the Presanctified
   - 5 pm - 5:45 pm: Confessions
   - 6 pm: Tenebrae
6. **Holy Saturday** - Vigil Mass at 4 pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 16-18	Lenten Mission: Fr. Daniel Heenan, FSSP
Mar 22	Baby bottles collected
May 2	Confirmations, 2 pm
May 3	May Crowning
May 9	Italian Dinner
May 16-17	Booth for hand-crafted items from Holy Land
May 30	First Holy Communion, noon Mass
Jun 14-20	2026, Camp Sacred Heart
Jun 20-26	2026, Camp Immaculate Heart
Jul 11	Father/Daughter Dance (contact: Da Silva)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday

The **St. Joseph Novena** continues until Thurs, Mar 19.

Second Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

This Week

Parish Mission. Mon - Wed. Details under *Pastor's Column.*

The **California March for Life** will be on Mon, Mar 16 at the State Capitol in Sacramento at 12:00 pm. Details can be found at: marchforlife.org/california/.

St. Patrick. 2nd class. Tues, Mar 17. Sung Mass at 6 pm.

St. Joseph. 1st class. Thurs, Mar 19. Sung Mass at 6 pm.

Senior's (55+) Lunch meets on Thurs, Mar 19 after the noon Mass, in classroom 1. Join other parishioners with your own lunch for fellowship.

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

Stations of the Cross. After the noon and 6 pm Masses on Fridays in Lent.

Lenten Soup Dinners. Fridays of Lent following the 6 pm Mass and Stations of the Cross. All parishioners are welcome to attend and bring a meatless soup, bread, or water to share on Lenten Fridays. For details, contact Edward Biasi at 707-590-4366 or ebiasi470@gmail.com.

Altar Guild meets on Sat, Mar 21.

Shakespeare Play. *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* performed by some of the children within the parish. Sat, Mar 21 at 4:30 pm, in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

Looking Ahead

Passion Play. Some of the children of the parish will be performing a Passion Play on Sat, Mar 28 after the noon Mass, in the parish hall.

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