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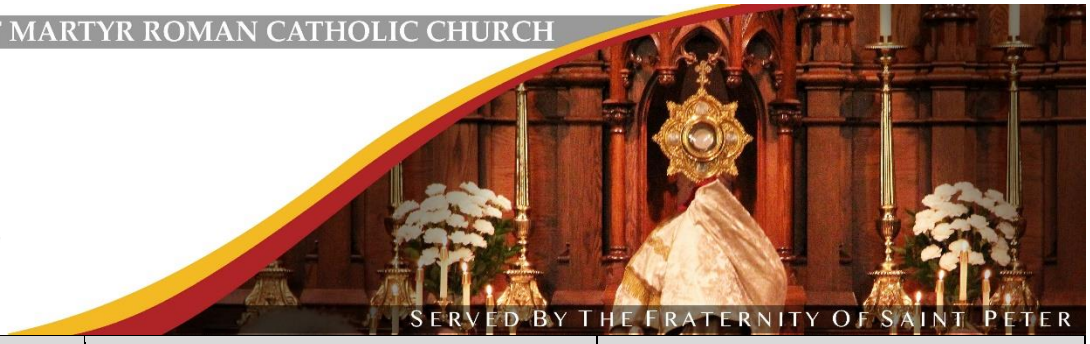

SACRAMENTS

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

19 Apr	**Sun**	**Second Sunday after Easter**, *I*
	7 am	Vivian Cao & family
	8:30 am	Kathleen Pauls
	10 am	Pope Leo XIV
	11:30 am	Drayson Hymes
	1 pm	*Pro populo*
	6 pm	+ Gregory & Marion Nichols
20 Apr	**Mon**	**Feria**, *IV*
	7 am	Bishop Soto
	12 pm	Darla Fishback
	6 pm	FSSP
21 Apr	**Tues**	**St. Anselm**, *III*
	7 am	Sean & Amy Fischer
	12 pm	Marisol & child
	6 pm	Hanh Dinh
22 Apr	**Wed**	**Sts. Soter & Caius**, *III*
	7 am	Pat Butchy
	12 pm	+ Jerry Pham
	6 pm	Fr. Curtis
23 Apr	**Thurs**	**St. Georgius**, *IV*
	7 am	+ Vincent Nguyen
	12 pm	Fr. Latimer
	6 pm	Fr. Evaristus
24 Apr	**Fri**	**St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**, *III*
	7 am	Fr. Braun
	12 pm	Fr. Franco
	6 pm	Elizabeth Perini
25 Apr	**Sat**	**St. Mark**, *II*
	7 am	+ Christine Martinez
	8:30 am	Leah Heppe
	12 pm	Sabel family

PRAYER LIST

Irene Guzman, 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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Adult Catechism ..... **Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP**
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Adult men, Sundays & Holy Days 209-610-1163

Security ..... **Federico Serrano**
Adult Men, Sundays & Parish Events 916-907-4001

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**
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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

PARISH HALL RESTROOMS OPEN!

I am pleased to announce that the parish hall restrooms are ready to be used. I thank everyone for their patience with the noise and limited restroom availability during construction.

The restrooms have five stalls for the women, two stalls and four urinals for the men. The two areas are roughly similar in square footage. Both restrooms are equipped with baby change stations. We have run electrical in place in case HVAC proves to be necessary for temperature control, though we have held off on installation to see how the restrooms do without it. The old restrooms did not include any HVAC, nor do the classroom restrooms currently.

A mop closet with a vented door and exhaust fan lies between the two restrooms. Like the classroom side, this includes a mop basin for cleaning dirty mops.

In terms of function and style, the new restrooms mirror the remodel of their classroom counterparts, with the following distinctions:

1. The mirrors are narrower, allowing for easier access to the soap dispenser.
2. The faucets are longer to prevent splashback onto the counters (*we have also replaced the older, shorter faucets in the classroom restrooms*).
3. The concrete has a copper colored dye imbued into the surface, giving greater warmth to the restrooms.
4. Built-in paper towel and trash receptacles have been installed to satisfy ADA requirements and provide more space for trash.
5. We had space for a water tank heater rather than an on-demand water heater.
6. The thermostatic mixing valves (ADA requirement to prevent scalding) under the sinks were properly installed to allow for cold water from the sinks (*this was fixed on the classroom side, as well*).
7. Emergency lights were sourced that are nearly a perfect match to the partition colors.
8. Wood doors were used to match the parish hall (*instead of the metal doors used in the classroom area*). The doors have a ¾" gap at the bottom to allow fresh air to circulate into the rooms.
9. The exhaust fans were connected to a single central exhaust system for both bathrooms, designed for greater air flow.

The code for the bathroom doors remains the same.

There are still a few outstanding elements that will be completed over the upcoming days:

1. The concrete polishers will return on Monday to fill in gouges in the concrete that appeared afterwards and to color-match the repairs. They will also put a final clear coat over the concrete.
2. The wall-mounted soap dispensers are on back-order and will be installed once they arrive.
3. The emergency exit sign is on back-order; a temporary one is in place currently.
4. The security camera will be re-installed. (*Note that this camera is useful principally to identify if and when a man enters the female restroom; it is *not* to keep track of when people in general are using the restrooms, nor does it have vision into the restrooms themselves.*)
5. Restroom signs that match the rest of the campus are on order and will replace the temporary ones in place.
6. The mop basin will be slightly re-configured to better protect from any moisture entering the walls.

During construction, contractors addressed many, *many* other issues around the campus. It would be too difficult to list them all here.

I am deeply grateful to the several parishioners that were involved in this project; however, they wish to remain anonymous.

Other projects are forthcoming! The track light dimmers for the church should arrive any day. The nursing room cabinets are in the process of fabrication. The restoration of the sidewalk on 44th Street will begin in a few weeks. Plans are moving forward to beautify the picnic area, to remodel the bookstore and office. Finally, plans for the church expansion are moving forward again.

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr 25	Day of Recollection for First Communicants
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)
Jul 19	Mission Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday

Fr. Adams, FSSP will take the 8:30 & 11:30 am Masses.

This Week

Women's Painting Gathering. A mini-workshop offered by Rachel Pineda, in which participants will paint an image of the Sacred Heart. Meets Wed, Apr 22, from 9 am until noon. $20 suggested donation.

Youth Group meets on Fri, Apr 24 at 7 pm.

First Holy Communion students will have a mandatory Day of Recollection on Sat, Apr 25.

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