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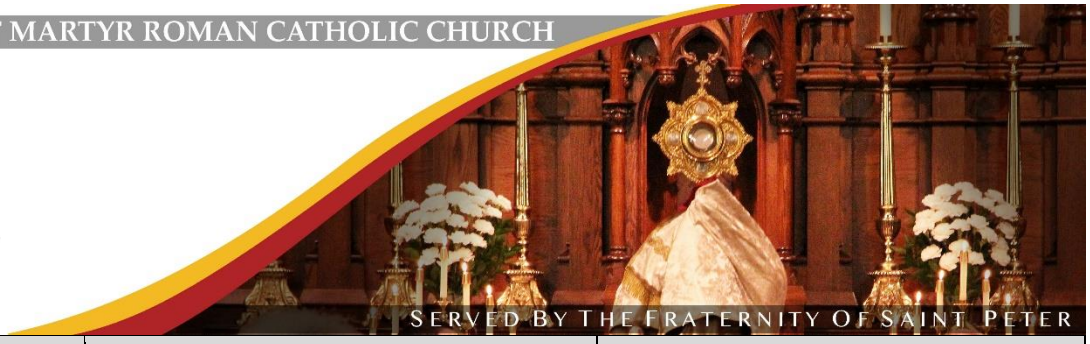

SACRAMENTS

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

17 May	**Sun**	**Sunday after Ascension**, *II*
	7 am	+ Julia Contreras Martinez
	8:30 am	Guadalupe Morales
	10 am	Julie Jeong
	11:30 am	Fr. Schwab
	1 pm	*Pro populo*
	6 pm	Laura Orozco
18 May	**Mon**	**St. Venantius**, *III*
	7 am	Pat Butchy
	12 pm	+ Chinn Jeong
	6 pm	Juan Morales Vasquez
19 May	**Tues**	**St. Peter Celestine**, *III*
	7 am	Herlinda Lopez Garcia
	12 pm	Santa Guadalupe Morero
	6 pm	Ochoa family
20 May	**Wed**	**St. Bernardino of Sienna**, *III*
	7 am	Mr. & Mr. Madrigal
	12 pm	James Durand
	6 pm	+ Arcadia
21 May	**Thurs**	**Feria**, *IV*
	7 am	+ Celso
	12 pm	Ricard Bedoy family
	6 pm	William X. Bragg
22 May	**Fri**	**Feria**, *IV*
	7 am	+ Jullian Odavar
	12 pm	Sarah Gomez
	6 pm	Madeliene Reslock
23 May	**Sat**	**Vigil of Pentecost**, *I*
	7 am	+ Jim Gallagher
	8:30 am	Michael Castillo
	12 pm	Lucas Baccay

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

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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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Senior's Lunch (55+) ..... **Janice Marston**
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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

OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM CO-OP

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Co-Op is now accepting registrations and class enrollments for the 2026–2027 academic year! We invite you to scan this QR code to view our classes and to register:

TRACK LIGHTS RESTORED!

This past week we were able to install the new track lights. The project had been unexpectedly delayed because the dimmer modules for the lights are made to order, which took about two months.

The new lights make use of a new, driverless LED technology. As it is usually the driver that fails in such lights, they should remain in service for at least twenty years.

When we took down the old lights, we also adjusted the locations of the tracks themselves, to give greater flexibility to light placement and also to make it easier to service the lights, if necessary. The two most apparent consequences of this are: more direct light to various places in the sanctuary, particularly the altar, and more even lighting throughout the choir loft.

The first Mass with the new lights in place.

OTHER PROJECTS

- The repairs to the fence on the east side of the field should be completed this Saturday.
- The Nursing Room cabinets and television have been installed.
- Painting on some areas will resume this week.
- Security hardware has been added to the top of the columns and walls on the perimeter fence.
- Many other electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and other issues have been addressed or repaired.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 13	Fatima Procession
May 16-17	Booth for hand-crafted items from Holy Land
May 30	First Holy Communion, noon Mass
May 31	Registration for Camps due
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
Jul 20 - 23	Parish Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday

Second Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

Piece of Peace Ministries is hosting a booth in the courtyard today, offering beautiful olive wood handicrafts from Bethlehem and Jerusalem, handmade by Catholic artisans, in the parish courtyard after all Masses. Your support helps these families sustain their presence in the Holy Land.

Registrations are available for Camps Sacred Heart & Immaculate Heart in the parish bookstore and office.

This Week

Fr. Ike's visit to the parish continues until Tues, May 19.

The **Seniors' Lunch (55+)** meets on Thurs, May 21, after the noon Mass. Bring your own lunch to Classroom 1.

Vigil of Pentecost. Solemn Mass at noon on Sat, May 23. Six lessons, the consecration of baptismal water, and the Litany of the Saints.

Oiling our field fence. I'm looking for teenage boys to help oil the restored fence of the field on Sat, May 23. We can't spray it because of the shrubs, so it will need be to brushed on. Please let me know if your son(s) are interested. We'll start in the morning and I'll buy nice pizzas for lunch. I have a handful of boys interested but we could really use as many as possible.

Looking Ahead

Parish retreat. Fr. Isaiah Kawczynski, a Norbertine Father from St. Michael's Abbey, will be the retreat master for our upcoming summer retreat. Dates: Mon, Jul 20 - Thurs, Jul 23. Location: Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center in Citrus Heights. Cost: $750 per person. For more details, contact Patrick Risse at (916) 407-7930.

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