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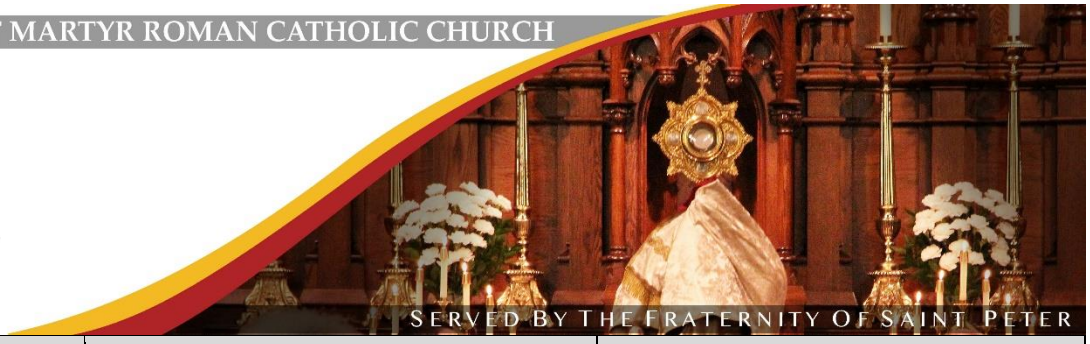

SACRAMENTS

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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WEBSITE

firstmartyr.com

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 Jul	**Sun**	**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**, *II*
	7 am	+ Otto Schmidt
	8:30 am	Simeon Watts
	10 am	+ Toshio Kamiunten
	11:30 am	+ Tom McDonough
	1 pm	*Pro populo*
	6 pm	+ Anthony Correa
20 Jul	**Mon**	**St. Jerome Emiliani**, *III*
	7 am	Maria Bettencourt
	12 pm	+ Tran family
	6 pm	+ Dan Nunez
21 Jul	**Tues**	**St. Lawrence of Brindisi**, *III*
	7 am	Fr. Raju Gudimalla
	12 pm	Therese Watts
	6 pm	Michael & Mary Curry
22 Jul	**Wed**	**St. Mary Magdalene**, *III*
	7 am	All priests at St. Stephen's
	12 pm	Michiko Kamiunten
	6 pm	Confraternity of St. Peter
23 Jul	**Thurs**	**St. Apollinarius**, *III*
	7 am	+ Larry Farinha
	12 pm	Petra Watts
	6 pm	Confraternity of St. Peter
24 Jul	**Fri**	**St. Christina**, *IV*
	7 am	+ Angelita & Corazon Dela Paz
	12 pm	Pat McDonald
	6 pm	+ Anthony Correa
25 Jul	**Sat**	**St. James the Greater**, *II*
	7 am	+ Obinna Franklin Arnobi
	8:30 am	Emma Lea Watts
	12 pm	Gloria & Fernando Santana (25th anniv.)

PRAYER LIST

Paul Cogley, 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, 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

Don Varley, 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 ..... **Megan Gury**
Girls 5 – 8, First Saturday 916-207-0498

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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Adults, Second Tuesday ..... sac.chesterton@gmail.com

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Adult men, Sundays & Holy Days 209-610-1163

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Altar Linen & Flowers Society ..... **Tomoko McDonough**
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Church Flowers ..... **Hannah Fauci**
Friday or Saturday 323-590-8003

Church Cleaning ..... **Eli Gonzalez**
Wednesday 916-395-7408

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Monday ..... *Parish Office* 916-451-5114

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The Gabriel Project ..... **Catarina Hinojos**
On call 415-286-6228

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

SSPX

We have compiled a handful of resources that may be helpful to parishioners with questions regarding the SSPX. They include: *Open Letter to Confused SSPX'ers*; *On the SSPX Excommunications;* and *On Assisting at the Mass of Priests of the Society of Saint Pius X*. Links are available online:

E-MAIL TROUBLE

I was informed by provincial headquarters that there have been significant problems with @fssp.com e-mail addresses, from May 22 to July 9 of this year. Please resend any e-mails from the time period that have not received a response. If you know anyone seeking adult catechism that has not received a response from me, please advise them of the same.

ADULT CATECHISM

Our first class is Thursday, August 13 at 7 pm. Please note that parishioners with all their Sacraments need not apply in order to attend the class. Full schedule and registration are available at **https://firstmartyr.com/become-catholic**. For more details, those interested may e-mail me directly at frcurtis@fssp.com.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jul 19	Mission Sunday
Jul 20 - 23	Parish Retreat
Jul 26	Fr. Franco: Conference on Japanese Martyrs
Aug 1	Pig Roast (Parish Festival)
Aug 2	Confirmation registration begins
Aug 2	Girls' Societies registration begins
Aug 3 - 5	Chant Camp
Aug 13	Adult Catechism begins
Aug 29	Fr. Ravasi: Cristeros Conference
Aug 30	Confirmation registrations due
Sept 6	Confirmation classes begin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday

Mission Sunday. We are joined today by Fr. Odhiambo. A second collection will be held in favor of the missions.

Pig Roast - Tickets. Tickets go on sale in the courtyard beginning Jul 5 through the end of the month.

Pig Roast - Chili Cook-Off. Our annual Chili Cook-Off will be held at the Pig Roast. Stop by the ticket sale table in the courtyard if you have questions or would like to enter.

Pig Roast - Rummage Sale. Drop items off at Classroom 2 starting Jul 1. New, clean, lightly used things, e.g. kitchen-ware, toys, jewelry, small furniture. No computers, TV's, large exercise equipment, hard to move or dispose of items, clothes (*except new*). Expensive or very nice things will be saved for later events. Questions: Barb Christi 916-995-7855; Mary Schaefer 916-850-5555.

This Week

Fr. Curtis leaves for his canonical retreat on Tues, Jul 21. He will return the following week, on Tues, Jul 28.

Fr. Lopez arrives on Wed, Jul 22. His first Mass at the parish is scheduled for 6 pm that evening.

Mr. Alexander Kurkcu will be leaving us on Fri, Jul 24. We are very grateful for his assistance this summer! Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares to enter his fifth year at the seminary.

The **Rosary for Priests** will be offered after the 8:30 am Mass on Sat, Jul 25. Join us in praying fifteen decades of the Rosary for the sanctification of priests.

We remain shorthanded through the end of the month!

Looking Ahead

Japanese Martyrs. Fr. Franco will present the history of the Catholic Church in Japan. We will examine in detail the persecution period which produced many martyrs for the Faith. We will also look at the *Kakure Kirishitan* (Hidden Christians) who secretly passed on the Faith alone before resurfacing centuries later when the priests were allowed to return. Sun, Jul 26, after the High Mass, in the parish hall.

Tenth Annual Chant Camp 2026. We invite children ages 8 - 18 to join us Aug 3 - 5, 2026 for our annual Chant Camp at St. Stephen's. All participants will learn about proper singing technique, how to read Gregorian chant, and the importance of beautiful liturgy. This program is open to parishioners and non-parishioners alike. Materials and snacks will be provided. The camp will finish with a Mass of Our Lady of Snows sung by all participants at 12 pm on Wed, Aug 5. To register, please request a registration form in the bookstore or visit firstmartyr.com/event/chant-camp/.

Dates and times:

Mon, Aug 3: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Tues, Aug 4: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Wed, Aug 5: 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

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