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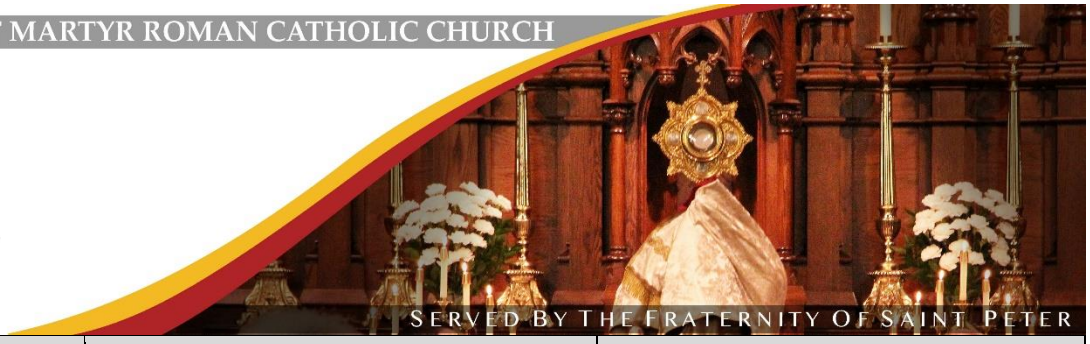

SACRAMENTS

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

26 Jul	**Sun**	**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**, *II*
	7 am	+ Maria Elena Herrera
	8:30 am	Kieko Kamiunten
	10 am	Priests of the FSSP
	11:30 am	Lily Watts
	1 pm	*Pro populo*
	6 pm	Jennifer Martinez Bonilla & family
27 Jul	**Mon**	**St. Pantaleon**, *IV*
	7 am	Abigail Cecilio
	12 pm	Nancy Butchy
	6 pm	Mayo family
28 Jul	**Tues**	**Ss. Nazarius, Celsus, & Innocent**, *III*
	7 am	D. Bacani family
	12 pm	Purgatory
	6 pm	Ana Keyworth
29 Jul	**Wed**	**St. Martha**, *III*
	7 am	+ Teresa An Pham
	12 pm	Fr. Mark Avila
	6 pm	Fr. Dan Reehil
30 Jul	**Thurs**	**St. Abdon and Sennen**, *IV*
	7 am	Peter Cullen
	12 pm	N. Bacani family
	6 pm	Gardenzio Stallone
31 Jul	**Fri**	**St. Ignatius Loyola**, *IV*
	7 am	Confraternity of St. Peter
	12 pm	Fr. Larry Richards
	6 pm	Maria Asuncion Macias
1 Aug	**Sat**	**St. Peter in Chains**, *III*
	7 am	Kristofer Yambrovich
	8:30 am	Jesus G. Mendoza
	12 pm	+ Katherine Hinojos

PRAYER LIST

Paul Cogley, Irene Guzman, Julius Cozzatti, Judy Schuchmann, 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

Michael DeSantis, 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

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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

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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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Church Flowers ..... **Hannah Fauci**
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Wednesday 916-395-7408

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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

PIG ROAST THIS SATURDAY!

Our annual parish festival, now on the first Saturday of every August (this year, August 1), is held in honor of our holy patron, St. Stephen the First Martyr. The festival coincides with the Feast of the Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen, which commemorates one of the most remarkable events in the early centuries of the Church. The discovery of the relics of our holy patron was a great source of encouragement to the early Church that was suffering the collapse of the Roman Empire under internal pressures and Gothic incursions (many thought the world was ending). His relics were solemnly presented all over the Christian world, and everywhere many miracles – even the dead brought back to life – were experienced by the faithful. St. Augustine shares a number of great miracles personally known to him, and then concludes that if he were to attempt to catalogue all of the miracles attributed to the relics, he should never be able to stop writing. Other Fathers of the Church also relate to us miracles attributed to the relics.

The parish festival includes an on-site roast of several pigs (hence the name), dinner, and a couple hours of square and line dancing. The schedule is: Solemn Votive Mass of the Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen at 3 pm, dinner at 5 pm, followed by dancing in the field under a giant tent. There will be a parish fundraising rummage sale in classroom 3 and generally we have a chili cook-off, as well. It is a great evening to meet new people in the parish, especially if you are volunteering in some capacity! I hope to see you all there.

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 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

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.

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 returns from retreat on Tues, Jul 28.

Funeral Mass for Michael DeSantis on Wed, Jul 29, at noon. A viewing and Rosary will precede the Mass; burial will follow. Please keep Michael and his family in your prayers.

Rev. Mr. Matthew Lesinski will be leaving us on Fri, Jul 31. He leaves with our gratitude and our prayers.

First Friday & First Saturday fall this week.

Pig Roast Parish Festival. Sat, Aug 1. Solemn Mass 3 pm.

Looking Ahead

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

Registrations for the Young Lady Societies (i.e. Little Flowers, Rosa Mystica, & the Sodality of the BVM) start next Sun, Aug 2. They will be due on Sun, Aug 16.

Registrations for the Confirmation catechism will start next Sun, Aug 2. They will be due on Sun, Aug 30. Classes will begin on Sun, Sept 6, at 2:45 pm, in Classrooms 2 & 3.

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