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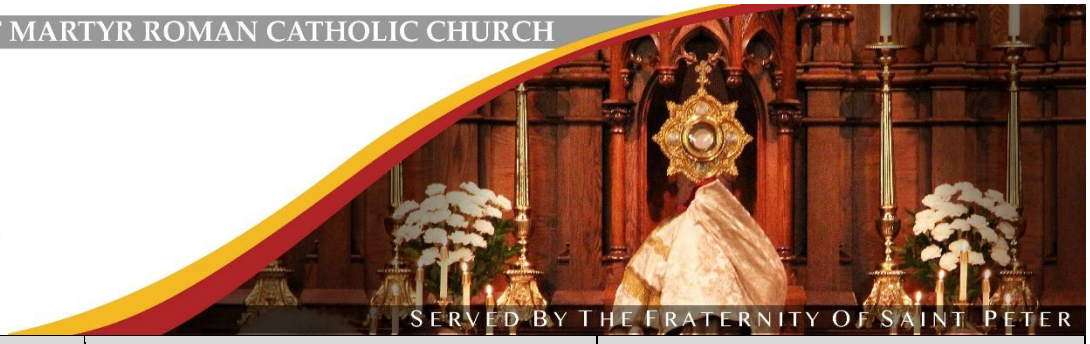

SACRAMENTS

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

2 Aug	**Sun**	**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**, *II*
	7 am	+ Janet Franco
	8:30 am	Todd Hodges
	10 am	Robin Navarro
	11:30 am	Ryan Hintz
	1 pm	*Pro populo*
	6 pm	Phu Nguyen
3 Aug	**Mon**	**Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen**, *I*
	7 am	Fr. Franco
	12 pm	Anna Liza Pham
	6 pm	+ Phan Thi Ngoc Minh
4 Aug	**Tues**	**St. Dominic**, *III*
	7 am	+ Eileen Andrews
	12 pm	+ Deceased friends & relatives
	6 pm	Alexander Wrinkle & Arise Koike
5 Aug	**Wed**	**Ded. of St. Mary Major**, *III*
	7 am	+ Joseph Tan Le
	12 pm	+ Jovencio R. Cabangon
	6 pm	Fr. Schwab
6 Aug	**Thurs**	**Transfiguration of Our Lord**, *II*
	7 am	+ Ed Mercado
	12 pm	Regina Reynoso
	6 pm	St. Monica Sodality
7 Aug	**Fri**	**St. Cajetan**, *III*
	7 am	Fr. Curtis
	12 pm	Aidan Andrews
	6 pm	Fr. Franco
8 Aug	**Sat**	**St. John Mary Vianney**, *III*
	7 am	Phillip & Danyelle Hinojos
	8:30 am	Julissa Rivera
	12 pm	Bridgette Scarry

PRAYER LIST

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

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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Veritas (Young Adult Group) ..... **Leslie Bernal**
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Adult Catechism ..... **Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP**
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Church Flowers ..... **Hannah Fauci**
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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

CONFESSIONS

A couple of weeks ago, we made a small adjustment – *ad experimentum* – to the scheduling of the priests for confessions. On weekdays at the 7 am Mass, and at all confessions on Sundays, the current praxis remains unchanged. However, on weekdays *at all Masses other than the 7 am Mass*, instead of the celebrant hearing confessions before Mass and being relieved by a second confessor during Mass, we are having the second confessor simply arrive thirty minutes before Mass, and continue to hear confessions until Mass until the line of penitents is finished, always remaining, however, until after Mass has begun. A typical Thursday would look like this:

6:30 am	Fr. Curtis hears confessions
7 am	Fr. Curtis says Mass
11:30 am	Fr. Franco hears confessions (*also during Mass*)
12 pm	Fr. Lopez says Mass
5:30 pm	Fr. Lopez hears confessions (*also during Mass*)
6 pm	Fr. Franco says Mass

The advantages of this system are severalfold:

1. The celebrant will usually be afforded more opportunity to pray before his Mass.
2. The priests will make fewer, though longer, trips to the confessional.
3. The priests will be more at liberty occasionally to do an evening house blessing (and both of the vicars have expressed interest in doing so).
4. Penitents will not experience a delay between the celebrant leaving the confessional and the relieving confessor arriving.
5. Penitents confessing shortly before Mass will not feel rushed (because the priest does not need to leave in order to begin Mass on time).

When I first arrived here, we had fewer weekday Masses and the number of penitents was generally much lower. I am hoping that this small adjustment will contribute to the overall sustainability of priestly ministry here at the parish. However, if unforeseen difficulties arise we may go back to the older praxis. We should be in a position to make a good evaluation after a few months.

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Donations can still be made for the annual appeal. More information available at: **https://scd.org/aca**.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Second Collection for the Building Fund.

Rummage Sale. Half off remaining items! Classroom 2.

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

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

This Week

Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen. Mon, Aug 3. Although we had an external solemnity for this Mass before the Pig Roast, this Monday is our actual patronal feastday. It is first class. I highly recommend assisting at Mass this day as a sign of gratitude to our holy patron, St. Stephen.

Tenth Annual Chant Camp 2026. We invite children ages 8 - 18 to join us Mon, Aug 3 – Wed, Aug 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

First Friday falls this week.

Looking Ahead

FSSP Plenary Meeting. We will have several priests away Aug 24 - 28, due to a plenary meeting in New York. There may be adjustments to the Mass schedule. More details forthcoming.

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