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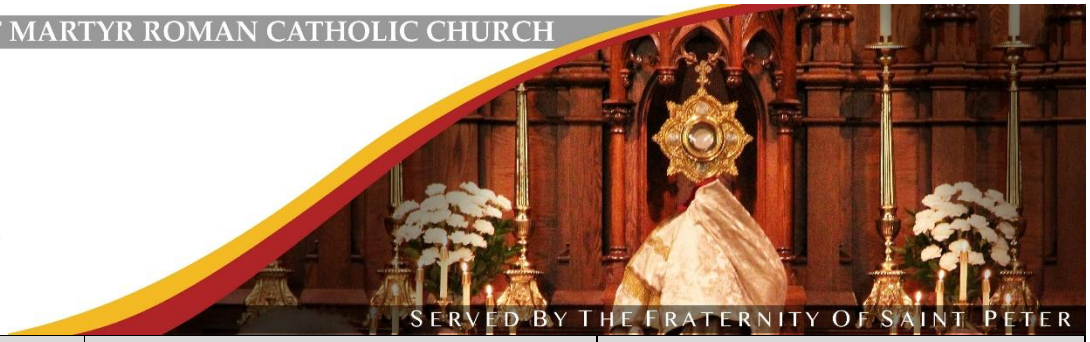

SACRAMENTS

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

9 Aug	**Sun**	**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**, *II*
	7 am	Preservation of the FSSP & Latin Mass
	8:30 am	Irene Guzman
	10 am	Vu & Samantha Nguyen
	11:30 am	+ Anastacia y Liborio Vargas
	1 pm	*Pro populo*
	6 pm	+ Carmen L. Puertollano
10 Aug	**Mon**	**St. Lawrence**, *II*
	7 am	+ Wade Looper
	12 pm	David Rosas
	6 pm	+ Bernadette Hayes
11 Aug	**Tues**	**Ss. Tiburtius & Susanna**, *IV*
	7 am	Brian & Sarah Hodges
	12 pm	+ Thomas James Smith
	6 pm	+ Maria Qui Tran
12 Aug	**Wed**	**St. Clare**, *III*
	7 am	+ Cecilia Hong Pham
	12 pm	+ Frank Yodi
	6 pm	Jose Luis Medina
13 Aug	**Thurs**	**Ss. Hippolytus & Cassian**, *IV*
	7 am	+ Holy Souls
	12 pm	+ Rudy Galvin
	6 pm	Monica Phillips
14 Aug	**Fri**	**Vigil of the Assumption**, *II*
	7 am	+ Maria Ly Tran
	12 pm	+ Cesar & Carmen Libunao
	6 pm	Fr. Mark Avila
15 Aug	**Sat**	**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, *I*
	7 am	Leanna Thaonlis Pham
	8:30 am	Special intentions of relatives & friends
	12 pm	Angelica S. Teodocio

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

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**
Ages 14 – 18, Tuesday & Thursday 916-804-6359

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Adult Catechism ..... **Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP**
Adults, Second & Fourth Thursday ..... frcurtis@fssp.com

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

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Ushers ..... **Roger Soto**
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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Brown Bag Lunch Program ..... **Maureen Olguin**
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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 Arestless until it finds its rest in thee.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

BEST PRACTICES IN REACHING THE PRIESTS

In order to reach one of the priests for anything of a serious nature (e.g. setting up a meeting, seeking counsel, starting marriage preparation, establishing a day and time for the Baptism of a child), it is most effective to send an e-mail to one of us, using the e-mails listed in the bulletin.

Speaking personally, there are about ten different ways to reach me, between the various phone numbers, e-mails, texting apps, and physical mailboxes. It is a challenge to stay on top of all of these services every day. With texting (and Signal) in particular, it sometimes happens that I receive a text and read it, but cannot respond immediately. In short order, the text gets buried under a series of newer messages (I receive on average about two hundred Signal notifications every day), with nothing to flag the fact that it remains unresolved. I do try to navigate back through text logs a couple times a week to try and prevent things from falling through the cracks, but it is not an infallible process. (This is not to say that there is no place for texting: Signal is fine for sending a relatively unimportant message, and it is excellent for coordinating with multiple people.)

Regarding phone calls, the priests are rarely in a position to answer a call immediately. My experience is that this is not unique to the priests, as voicemails often lead to a series of phone tags, where it is difficult to connect. Some of the faithful will always be more comfortable reaching out by phone, and that is fine – there is no foreseeable future in which the parish discontinues its phone service. However, e-mail often proves a more efficient means of making contact, even if it simply serves to facilitate a time for a phone call.

We are working, in conjunction with the website development, towards official parish e-mail accounts (i.e. @firstmartyr.com). When those are implemented and after they have been thoroughly tested, we will let you all know. In the meantime, the e-mails listed in the bulletin remain the best way to contact the priests for important business.

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

Aug 13	Adult Catechism begins
Aug 16	Registrations due for Young Ladies Societies
Aug 22	Chant Workshop
Aug 29	Fr. Ravasi: Cristeros Conference
Aug 30	Confirmation registrations due
Sept 6	Confirmation classes begin
Sept 20	Classical music conference by L. Fedoryka
July 11-15	2027 Parish Retreat. Fr. Joseph Tucscon, OFM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday

Second Collection for the Church in Latin America.

Registrations for the Young Lady Societies are available in the bookstore. ***They will be due on Sun, Aug 16***.

Registrations for the Confirmation catechism are available in the bookstore. *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

The **Chesterton Society** meets on Tues, Aug 11 at 7 pm.

The **Fatima Procession** will be held on Thurs, Aug 13, after the 6 pm Mass.

Adult Catechism begins this Thurs, Aug 13, at 7 pm, in the parish hall. Anyone is free to attend (those who are fully initiated Catholics do not need to register).

The **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is *not* a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Sung Mass at noon (Sat, Aug 15).

Veritas Young Adults will meet on campus on Sat, Aug 15, at 1 pm in Classroom 3. Pizza, a talk, and boardgames.

Looking Ahead

OLSW Co-op Fundraiser. Sun, Aug 16, after the 8:30 am Mass until the late afternoon, in the picnic area. Flautas, nachos, ice cones and other beverages. Your support is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you there!

Parish Chant Workshop. Sat, Aug 22, 9:30 am to noon, in the parish hall. Available to all parishioners. Learn some of the ordinary chants and hymns of our Catholic patrimony. Sung Mass at noon.

Cristeros Conference. Sat, Aug 29. Spanish at 9:30 am; English at 1 pm. Fr. Ravasi is an expert historian.

Classic Music Conference. Sun, Sept 20, after the High Mass, in the parish hall. Join Larissa Kuplack as she unveils the art of listening — where melodies transform into vivid imagery and music becomes a canvas for the imagination. This touring concert series combines live performance with interactive music education, featuring cello and piano performances of works by Bach, Bruch, Fauré, Saint-Saëns, Dvořák, Elgar, and Shostakovich.

2027 FSSP Silent Retreat. Jul 11-15. $1,000 (*higher cost reflects an additional day alongside projected price increase from the retreat center*). Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center, Citrus Heights. The highly recommended Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap., (frjosephtuscan.com). Register before Friday, Jun 25. Call 916-407-7930 for more information.

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