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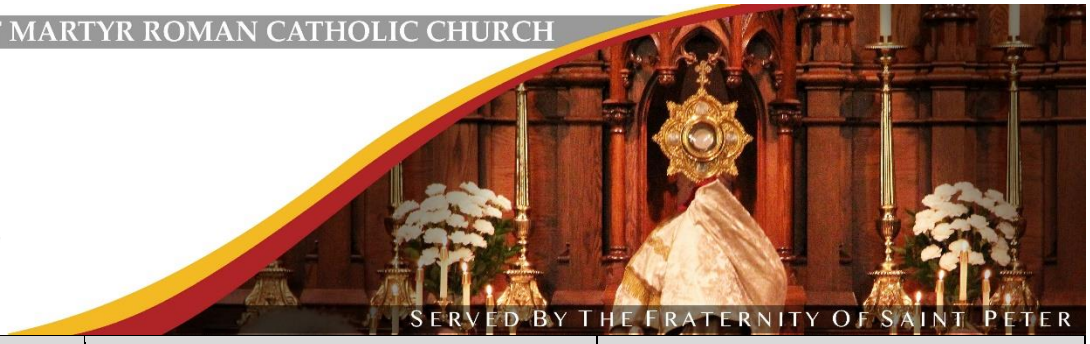

SACRAMENTS

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**.

PARISH INFORMATION

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WEBSITE

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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

23 Aug	**Sun**	**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, *II*
	7 am	+ Maria Esperanza Ceja de Gutierrez
	8:30 am	Phillip & Denise Hinojos
	10 am	+ Barbara Ann Pery
	11:30 am	All FSSP members
	1 pm	*Pro populo*
	6 pm	Nancy Butchy
24 Aug	**Mon**	**St. Bartholomew**, *II*
	7 am	+ Joseph Binh Vu
	12 pm	All FSSP priests
	6 pm	Tish Gallagher
25 Aug	**Tues**	**St. Louis IX**, *III*
	7 am	Jacqueline Cristi
	12 pm	All Seven Sisters & Fasting Brothers
	6 pm	+ Elsie Jones
26 Aug	**Wed**	**St. Zephyrinus**, *IV*
	7 am	Thanksgiving
	12 pm	+ Concepcion Oclavar
	6 pm	+ Holy Souls
27 Aug	**Thurs**	**St. Joseph Calasanctius**, *III*
	7 am	David Rosas & Natalia Santana
	12 pm	Stephen Paul McDonald
	6 pm	Florence Davenport
28 Aug	**Fri**	**St. Augustine**, *III*
	7 am	Ray Alatorre & family
	12 pm	Noah Cristi
	6 pm	Salvador Alatorre & family
29 Aug	**Sat**	**Beheading of St. John the Baptist**, *II*
	7 am	+ Seferina Trujillo
	8:30 am	+ Daisy Balmeo
	12 pm	Mary Ann Narag

PRAYER LIST

Francisco Pineda, 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

CCM Co-op ..... **Blanca Pimentel**
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Veritas (Young Adult Group) ..... **Leslie Bernal**
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Adult Catechism ..... **Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP**
Adults, Second & Fourth Thursday ..... frcurtis@fssp.com

Chesterton Society ..... **Spencer Roundtree**
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Men's Theology Group ..... **William Giovannetti**
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Knights Penitent ..... **Alex Townsend**
Adult men, regional meetings 415-328-8759

Ushers ..... **Roger Soto**
Adult men, Sundays & Holy Days 209-610-1163

Security ..... **Federico Serrano**
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Altar Linen & Flowers Society ..... **Tomoko McDonough**
Adult women, Fourth Saturday ..... mcdonoughmommy6@gmail

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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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); Br. Ethan Munsill (OP)**

Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is Arestless until it finds its rest in thee.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

NORTH AMERICAN PROVINCE PLENARY MEETING

This week, from Monday to Friday, Fr. Franco and Fr. Lopez will be away from the parish attending a plenary meeting in New York. The Mass and confession schedule will remain unchanged, but I do ask parishioners to bear in mind that we will be very understaffed.

ALTAR GUILD

We currently have 111 young men involved in the Altar Guild. If you have a son interested in the Guild, you can acquire a registration from the bookstore, or contact Mike Solton (916-832-2859) directly.

The Altar Guild Minor is available for boys under the age of ten, who have received their First Holy Communion.

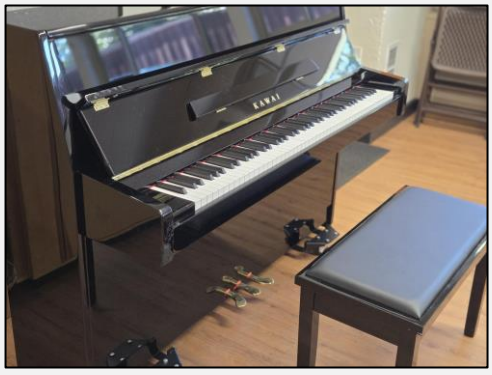
The Altar Guild Major is available for boys ages ten to eighteen.

During the academic year, members of both Guilds are obliged to meet on the third Saturday of every month, starting with the 8:30 am Mass, with training after Mass, followed by lunch and recreation. In addition, members are assigned to teams that are given responsibility for High Masses on a rotating basis; members are also highly encouraged to volunteer to serve regularly at weekly Low Masses (e.g., every Tuesday at the 7 am).

Fr. David Franco, FSSP, will serve as the principal chaplain to the Guild this year.

NEW PIANO

We have acquired a lightly used, high quality Kawai piano which will be kept in the choir room.



CRISTEROS CONFERENCE

On Saturday, August 29 (Spanish at 9:30 am; English at 10:45 am), Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi will give a one hour conference on the Cristero War. Fr. Ravasi is an Argentine Catholic priest, historian, author, and international speaker. He holds doctorates in Philosophy and History, specializing in the Cristero War; his doctoral dissertation in History focused specifically on the Cristiada. He is the author of "La Contrarrevolución Cristera" and founder of the Catholic apostolate *Que No Te La Cuenten*. He will have his book available for purchase.

ADULT CATECHISM

Our class has started, but we can easily get people caught up if they are interested. Full schedule and registration are available at **https://firstmartyr.com/become-catholic**.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 24-28	NAP Plenary Meeting
Aug 29	Fr. Ravasi: Cristeros Conference
Aug 30	Confirmation registrations due
Sept 5	Young Ladies Societies begin
Sept 6	Confirmation classes begin
Sept 13	Fatima Procession (after the 1 pm)
Sept 11	Youth Group begins
Sept 19	Altar Guild begins
Sept 20	Classical music conference by L. Fedoryka
Oct 10	Chesterton Event
Oct 18	First Holy Communion registration begins
July 11-15	2027 Parish Retreat. Fr. Joseph Tucscon, OFM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday

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

We will be down two priests this week (Fr. Franco & Fr. Lopez).

Adult Catechism. Thurs, Aug 27, at 7 pm in the parish hall.

Cristeros Conference. Sat, Aug 29. Spanish at 9:30 am; English at 10:45 am. Fr. Ravasi is an expert historian.

Rosary for Priests. Sat, Aug 29, after the 8:30 am Mass. Please join us in praying fifteen decades of the Holy Rosary for the sanctification of priests.

Looking Ahead

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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