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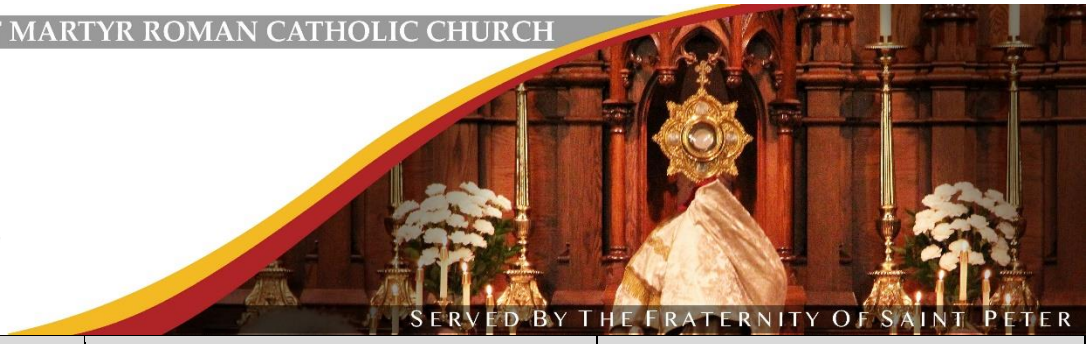

SACRAMENTS

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

30 Aug	**Sun**	**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, *II*
	7 am	Alex & Kathleen Medina
	8:30 am	Dee Guiliani
	10 am	Fulton Daniel Lycan
	11:30 am	+ Cathy Tempesta
	1 pm	*Pro populo*
	6 pm	+ David Sheldon
31 Aug	**Mon**	**St. Raymond Nonnatus**, *III*
	7 am	Fam. Franco Hernandez
	12 pm	Daniel Franco
	6 pm	+ Ma de Jesus Pedroza
1 Sept	**Tues**	**Holy Twelve Brothers**, *IV*
	7 am	+ Gerardo Hernandez
	12 pm	Lee Scaief
	6 pm	Amparo Coria
2 Sept	**Wed**	**St. Stephen of Hungary**, *III*
	7 am	Michael Mantsch
	12 pm	+ Ramon Coria
	6 pm	+ Cesar Oliva
3 Sept	**Thurs**	**St. Pius X**, *III*
	7 am	+ Sue Brock
	12 pm	+ Robert Sovil
	6 pm	St. Monica Sodality
4 Sept	**Fri**	**Feria**, *IV*
	7 am	Ben & Barbara Cristi & family
	12 pm	+ Toshio Kamiunten
	6 pm	Fr. Raju Gudimalla
5 Sept	**Sat**	**St. Lawrence Justinian**, *III*
	7 am	McCord Nguyen
	8:30 am	Loc Nguyen
	12 pm	Son Duong

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**
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Men's Theology Group ..... **William Giovannetti**
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Knights Penitent ..... **Alex Townsend**
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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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Monday ..... *Parish Office* 916-451-5114

Brown Bag Lunch Program ..... **Maureen Olguin**
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Coffee & Donuts ..... **Nicole**
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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); 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

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Report for St. Stephen the First Martyr Parish for the fiscal year of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The report summarizes the profit and loss statement of the parish, compares it to the prior financial year, and provides estimated budget numbers for the 2026 - 2027 fiscal year. Also included are total savings and checking from the balance sheet of the parish.

The report is available in the vestibule. It consists of two sheets of paper stapled together.

I am grateful to my staff and the finance council for their assistance in preparing the report, and to our parishioners who continue to generously provide for the temporal needs of the parish.

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.

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 30	Confirmation registrations due
Sept 5	Young Ladies Societies begin
Sept 6	Confirmation classes begin
Sept 13	Fatima Procession (*after the High Mass*)
Sept 11	Youth Group begins
Sept 19	Altar Guild begins
Sept 20	Classical music conference by L. Fedoryka
Sept 20	Knights Penitent: Initiation
Oct 10	Chesterton Event
Oct 18	First Holy Communion registration begins
Nov 14	Women's Day of Recollection
Nov 28	Knights Penitent: Pancake Breakfast
Dec 5	Rorate Mass (*6:30 am*)
Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival (*12 pm*)
Dec 25	Christmas (*special Mass schedule*)
Jan 2	Christmas Party (*starts w/ 12 pm Mass*)
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 today, Sun, Aug 30*. Classes will begin on Sun, Sept 6, at 2:45 pm, in Classrooms 2 & 3.

Registrations for the Altar Guild are available in the bookstore.

This Week

First Friday & First Saturday fall this week. Sung Mass on Fri, Sept 4 at noon.

The **Little Flowers**, **Rosa Mystica**, and **Sodality of the BVM** meet on Sat, Sept 5.

Looking Ahead

Confirmation classes begin next Sun, Sept 6! 2:45 pm in Classrooms 2 & 3. Parents are reminded that we will need the name of a sponsor and a patron saint in a timely manner.

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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