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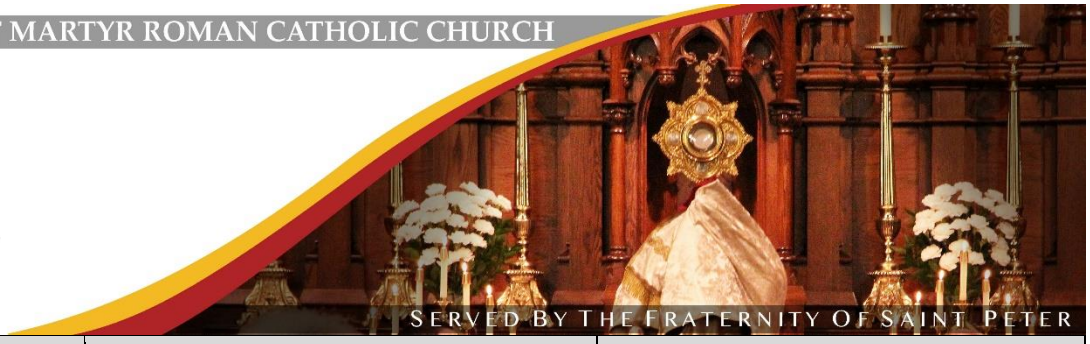

SACRAMENTS

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

13 Sept	**Sun**	**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, *II*
	7 am	Preservation of FSSP & Latin Mass
	8:30 am	+ Calixta Paranaque
	10 am	Sebastian family
	11:30 am	+ Rick Perez
	1 pm	*Pro populo*
	6 pm	+ Fernando Costales
14 Sept	**Mon**	**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, *II*
	7 am	+ Robert Sovil
	12 pm	+ Ursula Uclaray
	6 pm	+ Janet Marquez
15 Sept	**Tues**	**Seven Sorrows of the BVM**, *II*
	7 am	Fr. Raju Gudimalla
	12 pm	Fr. Curtis
	6 pm	+ Maria Lien Vu
16 Sept	**Wed**	**Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian**, *III*
	7 am	Mary Schneider
	12 pm	+ Cipriana Costales
	6 pm	Jasmin Grammatico
17 Sept	**Thurs**	**Stigmata of St. Francis**, *IV*
	7 am	Angelo & Yuri Hinojos
	12 pm	Susan Myers
	6 pm	+ San Arturo Gutierrez
18 Sept	**Fri**	**St. Joseph of Cupertino**, *III*
	7 am	+ Aida & Destine Abelgas
	12 pm	+ Jose Mari & Kathleen Marie Ocampo
	6 pm	+ Ricardo Ocampo, Sr. & family
19 Sept	**Sat**	**St. Januarius**, *III*
	7 am	+ Leandro Uclaray
	8:30 am	+ Wane Cardelli
	12 pm	Gary & Lena Flores

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**
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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

KNIGHTS PENITENT

The Order of Penitent Knights of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Most Sorrowful Mother of God (*Knights Penitent*) is an organization of Catholic men at St. Stephen the First Martyr. They are comprised of men from all walks of life, who feel called to a greater level of sacrifice, service, and prayer in service of Holy Mother Church and the salvation of souls.

They are bound together by three aims: first, to atone and make reparation for our sins and those of the whole world; second, to pray, meditate, and engage in good works for the conversion of sinners; and third, to seek advancement of the interior life through the purgative, illuminative, and unitive ways.

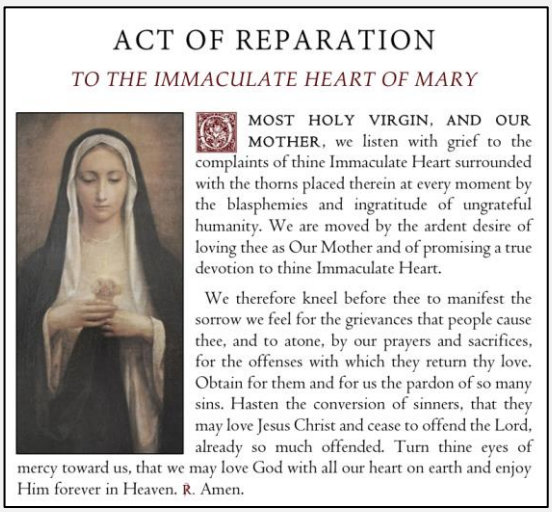
They acknowledge that in our modern age, Our Lord is calling men to unite their will to his own, to embrace sacrifice and suffering, and to defend the Catholic Faith with resolute belief and supernatural hope.

Inquiries may be directed to Alex Townsend (415-328-8759) or Mike Solton (916-832-2859). The Knights Penitent are initiating new members next Sunday, September 20, after the High Mass.

NEW DEVOTIONAL CARDS & INTRODUCTION OF FIRST SATURDAY PRAYERS

I am in the process of editing, reformatting, and re-publishing the devotional materials used by the parish. The first of these – prayers after Mass for First Friday and First Saturday – should arrive early next week. I have used a laminated solution this time, to make sure the cards stay in good working condition for as long as possible. If this proves to be a good solution, I will begin ordering the other cards and booklets (including for *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*, which we have been short on for some time).

On the occasion of these orders, I am introducing a short prayer of reparation after Masses on First Saturdays. This prayer will provide a parallel to the act of reparation made to the Sacred Heart on First Fridays.



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

Please note the Pancake Breakfast was moved from Nov 28 to Oct 24.

Sept 13	Fatima Procession (*after the High Mass*)
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
Oct 24	Knights Penitent: Pancake Breakfast
Oct 31	All Hallow's Eve Party (*evening*)
Nov 14	Women's Day of Recollection
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

Second Collection for the **Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund**.

Fatima Procession after the High Mass.

Confirmation Classes continue today at 2:45 pm, in Classrooms 2 & 3.

Registrations for the Altar Guild are available in the bookstore. *Please note current members do not need to re-register.*

This Week

Altar Guild meets on Sat, Sept 19.

Veritas Young Adult Group meets on Sat, Sept 19.

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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