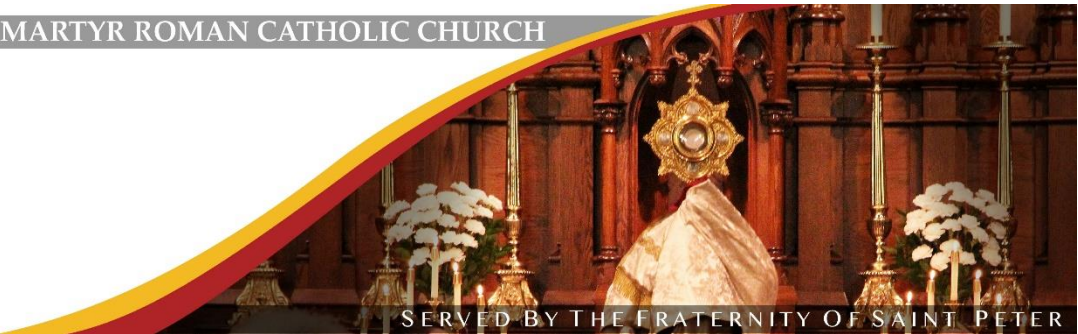


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SACRAMENTS	PARISH INFORMATION	DEVOTIONS
<p><b>MASS SCHEDULE</b></p> <p><b>Sun</b> 7 am, 8:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm (<i>Sung</i>), 6 pm</p> <p><b>Mon - Fri</b> 7 am, 12 pm, 6 pm</p> <p><b>Sat</b> 7 am, 8:30 am, 12 pm</p> <p><b>Holy Day</b> Check bulletin.</p> <p><b>CONFESSIONS</b></p> <p>We have confessions <b>every weekday</b>, starting one half hour before the beginning of Mass. There are also limited times on Sunday for confessions.</p> <p><b>Sun</b> 6:30 am &amp; 5:30 pm</p> <p><b>Mon - Fri</b> 6:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm</p> <p><b>Sat</b> 6:30 am, 8 am, 11:30 am</p> <p><b>BAPTISMS &amp; WEDDINGS</b></p> <p>Contact the Parish Office. Baptisms should be within the first two weeks after birth; marriages generally require six months of preparation.</p> <p><b>SICK CALLS</b></p> <p>Call the Parish Office to schedule a home visit for the Sacraments.</p> <p><i>If someone is dying</i>, outside of office hours, dial <b>916-455-5114</b>, then press <b>1</b>. You will be transferred immediately to the priest-on-call.</p>	<p><b>PARISH OFFICE</b></p> <p><b>Email</b> stephenproto@yahoo.com</p> <p><b>Website</b> firstmartyr.com</p> <p><b>Phone</b> 916-455-5114</p> <p><b>Address</b> 5461 44<sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, CA 95820</p> <p><b>Bookstore</b> 916-223-3112</p> <p><b>PRIESTS</b></p> <p>Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP <i>Pastor</i> frcurtis@fssp.com</p> <p>Fr. David Franco, FSSP <i>Par. Vicar</i> fr.franco.sacramento@proton.me</p> <p>Fr. Evan Schwab, FSSP <i>Par. Vicar</i> father.schwab@gmail.com</p> <p>Fr. Evaristus Eshiwou <i>In Residence</i></p> <p><b>STAFF</b></p> <p>Tish Gallagher <i>Parish Secretary</i> stephenproto@yahoo.com</p> <p>Keven Smith <i>Choirmaster</i> ksmith_writer@yahoo.com</p> <p>Kelly Mantsch <i>Parish Bookkeeper</i> ststephenbusinessoffice@gmail.com</p> <p>Bookstore &amp; Office <i>Beth Afsari, Kate Townsend, Ana Warner, &amp; Barb Cristi</i></p> <p>Maintenance <i>Stella Zapata, Ray Vierra, &amp; Isabel Araiza</i></p> <p>Francis Dugyon <i>Sacristan</i></p>	<p><b>THE DIVINE OFFICE</b></p> <p><b>Tu - Fr</b> 8:50 am, <i>Terce</i> 11:20 am, <i>Sext</i> 5 pm, <i>Vespers</i></p> <p><b>Sat</b> 11:20 am, <i>Sext</i> 5 pm, <i>Vespers &amp; Compline</i></p> <p><b>EXPOSITION &amp; BENEDICTION</b></p> <p><b>Thurs</b> 1 pm - 6 pm</p> <p><b>THE HOLY ROSARY</b></p> <p><b>Sun</b> 6:30 am &amp; 7 pm</p> <p><b>Last Sat</b> After the 8:30 am (<i>15 decades</i>)</p> <p><b>OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP</b></p> <p><b>Tues</b> After the 6 pm</p> <p><b>PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH</b></p> <p><b>Wed</b> After all Masses</p> <p><b>PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS</b></p> <p><b>Sun</b> After the 1 pm</p> <p><b>Thurs</b> After all Masses</p> <p><b>SAINT MONICA SODALITY</b></p> <p><b>1st Th</b> After the 6 pm Mass</p> <p><b>THE SACRED HEART</b></p> <p><b>1st Fri</b> After all Masses</p> <p><b>FATIMA PROCESSION</b> The 13<sup>th</sup> of the month, May to Oct.</p>
<p><b>THE FSSP</b></p>		<p><b>DONATIONS</b></p>
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**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

<b>15 Feb</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Quinquagesima Sunday, II</b>
	7 am	Perez family
	8:30 am	+ Lucy Hernandez
	10 am	+ Dean Banks
	11:30 am	Alex & Kate Townsend
	1 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	Thomas Pigatti
<b>16 Feb</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
	7 am	+ Richard Horst
	12 pm	Ricardo Orozco Luevano
	6 pm	Confraternity of FSSP
<b>17 Feb</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Feria, IV</b>
	7 am	+ Lucy Sola
	12 pm	+ Jim Keenan
	6 pm	Cindy Steffinich
<b>18 Feb</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday, I</b>
	7 am	Nancy Butchy
	8:30 am	Patrick Pigatti
	12 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
	6 pm	Tom & Katie Scarry
<b>19 Feb</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Feria, III</b>
	7 am	+ Jonan Sneeringer
	12 pm	Kelly Mantsch
	6 pm	+ Holy Souls
<b>20 Feb</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Feria, III</b>
	7 am	+ Jim Gallagher
	12 pm	Cecilia Boyer
	6 pm	FSSP
<b>21 Feb</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Feria, III</b>
	7 am	AnneMarie Reslock
	8:30 am	Heloise Laparra
	12 pm	Eric Grammatico

**PRAYER LIST**

Julius Cozzatti, Judy Schuchmann, Michael & Kathleen DeSantis, Ana Rosa Phomsopha, Mother Regina, Donna Hopkins, Chuck Teixeira, 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, Don Varley, 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**

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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<i>Boys 6 – 18</i> .....	CPT@tsgtroop750.org
<b>Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> .....	<b>Amy Rutschow</b> <i>Girls 14 – 18, First Saturday</i> ..... 916-340-5782
<b>Rosa Mystica</b> .....	<b>Hannah Fauci</b> <i>Girls 9 – 13, First Saturday</i> ..... 323-590-8003
<b>Little Flowers</b> .....	<b>Katie Scarry</b> <i>Girls 5 – 8, First Saturday</i> ..... 530-945-6947
<b>Youth Group</b> .....	<b>Liz Hernandez</b> <i>Ages 14 – 18, Second &amp; Fourth Friday</i> ..... 916-396-4062
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<b>Veritas (Young Adult Group)</b> .....	<b>Kyle Watson</b> <i>Ages 18 – 39, Third Tuesday</i> ..... veritasnorcal@gmail.com
<b>Adult Catechism</b> .....	<b>Fr. Joshua Curtis, FSSP</b> <i>Adults, Second &amp; Fourth Thursday</i> ..... frcurtis@fssp.com
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<b>Collection Count Crew</b> .....	<b>Kelly Manstch</b> <i>Monday</i> ..... Parish Office 916-451-5114
<b>Brown Bag Lunch Program</b> .....	<b>Maureen Olguin</b> <i>Sunday</i> ..... jmolguin5960@att.net
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<b>Senior's Lunch (55+)</b> .....	<b>Janice Marston</b> <i>Third Thursday</i> ..... 916-459-9056
<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b> .....	<b>Nicole</b> <i>Sunday</i> ..... 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)**

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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

LENT

*The Law of the Church for Lent*

1. **Abstinence.** All persons, 14 years and older, are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

2. **Fasting.** Everyone from ages 18 to 59 is obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is generally understood to mean that one full meal may be eaten. Two other small meals (collations) may be eaten, but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted.

*The more traditional fast*

Please note that, traditionally, those who reasonably could not fast on the appointed days, especially the sick, those engaged in heavy labor for their wages, and pregnant women, were always excused from fasting. The faithful should also take care to moderate fasting in the event of any health considerations that arise from it.

**That being said, we highly encourage the observance of the traditional discipline of Lent, which would mean daily fasting and abstinence from meat from Ash Wednesday until after None (3 pm) on the Vigil of Easter. Fasting, but not abstinence from meat, would traditionally be relaxed on Sundays.**

The return of this discipline seems to be spreading. Recently, I watched a video by the Norbertines encouraging a return to the more traditional observance of Lent. Likewise, the priest suggested a truly *communal* observance of Lent by the family. This is something that the priests observe in the rectory: leading up to Lent we discuss what sacrifices we are going to observe in common. Typically, this includes: fasting outside of Sundays and abstinence from meat for the whole of Lent, but also giving up desserts and alcohol. For families, this might look like: fasting and abstinence for adults, abstaining from snacks for children, and giving up sweets (and – for the adults – alcohol). There might also be a common abstinence from electronics at certain hours (e.g., after dinner). If you want to walk the full conference, it is available here:



IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 2 - 17	Fr. Franco away from the parish
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday
Feb 22	Annual Catholic Appeal

Mar 2-6	Lenten Mission: Fr. Joel Pinto, FSSP
Mar 16-18	Lenten Mission: Fr. Daniel Heenan, FSSP
Mar 22	Baby bottles collected
May 2	Confirmations, 2 pm
May 3	May Crowning
May 9	Italian Dinner
May 30	First Holy Communion, noon Mass
Jun 14-20	2026, Camp Sacred Heart
Jun 20-26	2026, Camp Immaculate Heart
Jul 11	Father/Daughter Dance (contact: Da Silva)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sunday*

**Baby Bottle Drive.** On Sun, Feb 15, the Rosa Mystica Girls' Society will be distributing baby bottles in the courtyard for the purpose of collecting alms throughout the Lenten season (coins, paper money, and checks accepted). This fundraiser supports the mission of the Sacramento Life Center, which is to offer compassion, support and free medical services to women and men in the greater Sacramento area facing unplanned or unsupported pregnancies. For more information, go to <https://saclife.org>. Bottles collected on Mar 22.

**Ash Wednesday** is on Wed, Feb 18. Masses will be at 7, 8:30 am, noon, & 6 pm (sung).

**Stations of the Cross.** After the noon and 6 pm Masses on Fridays in Lent. Begins Fri, Feb 20.

**Lenten Soup Dinners.** Fridays of Lent following the 6 pm Mass and Stations of the Cross. All parishioners are welcome to attend and bring a meatless soup, bread, or water to share on Lenten Fridays. For details, contact Edward Biasi at 707-590-4366 or [ebiasi470@gmail.com](mailto:ebiasi470@gmail.com).

*This Week*

**Fr. Franco** will be away from the parish Feb 2 - 17.

**Seniors Lunch (55+)** meets on Thurs, Feb 19, at 1 pm in Classroom 1. Please bring your own lunch to enjoy the company of fellow parishioners.

**Adult Catechism** meets on Thurs, Feb 19 at 7 pm.

**Veritas Young Adults** meet on Fri, Feb 20 at 7 pm.

**Altar Guild** meets on Sat, Feb 21.

*Looking Ahead*

**Annual Catholic Appeal.** Sun, Feb 22.

**Feast of the Chair of St. Peter.** Mon, Feb 23 (transferred). Plenary indulgence for members of the Confraternity of St. Peter, under the usual conditions.

**Dominican Sisters.** Vocational Evening. Fri, Mar 13, 4:30 - 7:45 pm. Convent at Presentation of the BVM parish. RSVP by Mar 7 at [sacramento@sistersofmary.org](mailto:sacramento@sistersofmary.org).



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