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### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Entrance is located at SW corner of Rectory

### **WEBSITES**

Parish: [www.steugenes.com](http://www.steugenes.com)  
School: [www.steugenesch.org](http://www.steugenesch.org)

### **REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH**

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

### **MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS**

Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



### **MASS TIMES**

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. & Sp. 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

### **CONFESSIONS**

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

### **PERPETUAL ADORATION**

**Perpetual Adoration** is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call 539-2772.

**Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament** is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass.

### **DEVOTIONS**

**Recitation of the Rosary** is Monday – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

### **CATHEDRAL SHOPS**

**Cathedral Thrift Shop** is open Tues & Wed 9:30 – 2:30  
**Cathedral Books & Gifts** Hours: Wed-Fri 9:30-4:30  
& Sun 9:30-1:30 - Phone: 542-0250

# THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – DECEMBER 31, 2017

Today's Hymn numbers follow bulletin announcements

## PARISH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 31

Coffee Social – PLC – 8:00 am – 12:00 noon  
Latin Mass – Cathedral – 1:30 pm

### MONDAY JANUARY 1

Parish Office Closed  
Masses -5:30 pm (Latin), 7:00 pm. (Spanish)

### TUESDAY JANUARY 2

Latin Mass – Cathedral-5:30 pm -

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3

Legion of Mary – PLC – 6:00 pm  
Queen of the Angels -Becker Ctr (Youth Room). – 6:15 pm

### THURSDAY JANUARY 4

Golden Opportunities Meeting – PLC – 8:30 am  
Prayer Vigil – Cathedral – 7:00 pm

### FRIDAY JANUARY 5

Friday Morning Bible Study – PLC – 9:30 am  
Militia Immaculata Meeting – PLC 5:00 pm

### SATURDAY JANUARY 6

Militia Immaculata – PLC 9:00 am  
Confession – Cathedral – 3:30 – 4:30 pm  
Spanish Mass – Cathedral – 6:30 pm

## YEAR-END TAX STATEMENTS

### ~2017 CHARITABLE DONATIONS~

Saint Eugene's greatly appreciates your donations to the parish operations fund. Those of you who make charitable donations and deduct them from your income taxes need to make sure that any checks you write to Saint Eugene's dated in December arrive in our office by Jan. 2nd. We will be making our bank deposit on that day. Any Dec. donations received as of that date will be included on the 2017 year-end tax statements that are sent to registered parishioners upon request who use offertory envelopes, online bank payments for plate collections and who donate by credit card. Donations received after Jan. 2nd will be posted to 2018.

## THANK YOU

### ~FROM THE PASTOR~

A heartfelt 'thank you' to all of the volunteers who gave their time and worked so hard to decorate the Cathedral for Christmas. It gives great glory and honor to God! Also, I would like to thank all of those who sent Christmas cards and gifts to me and to my fellow priests and the staff. The generosity of this parish is humbling. God bless you all!

## Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

### ADMINISTRATION

#### For the Week of: 12/3/17

Sunday Donations Received:	\$ 12,547
Collection Revenue Received for: <i>None</i>	\$ 0

#### For the Week of: 12/10/17

Sunday Donations Received:	\$ 11,697
Collection Revenue Received for: <i>Retirement Fund for Religious</i>	\$ 8,411

### ~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

During the month of January 7 *Secrets of the Eucharist* is 20% off. St. Pope John Paul II referred to the Eucharist as "the greatest treasure of the Church". Many devoted Catholics have a limited understanding of this powerful sacrament. This book changes that and may transform your life. During the first week of January we are having an **After-Christmas Clearance Sale** with great discounts (up to 40% off some items). The shop resumes regular hours in January: Wed-Fri from 9:30 am-4:30 pm, & Sun 9:30 am-1:30 pm. It is closed Sat/Mon/Tues. Call us at 542-0250.

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

### ~NFP CLASS~

All married and engaged couples are invited on Saturday, January 27, 2018, to the natural family planning class taking place in Santa Rosa. These English speaking classes are from 7-9 p.m. For more information, you may call (707) 542-3635 or visit The Couple to Couple League website at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

## FUNDRAISER

### ~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~

Join the Knights of Columbus for their Epiphany Breakfast next Sunday, January 7, from 8-12:00 noon in the Msgr. Becker Center. The cost will be \$8.00 a plate. Kids under 12 eat free! Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, OJ & hot chocolate! Please join us!

### ~MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD~

Monday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. The obligation to attend Mass on this day is dispensed, because it falls on a Monday. In addition to our regular morning Masses, however, we will have a Latin Mass at 5:30 pm for those who would like to attend.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 30</b>
8:00 am	Amada Soriano Masellones, deceased
4:30 pm	Meghan McCurry, living
6:30 pm	Julio Cesar Peraza, deceased
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 31</b>
7:30 am	In Thanksgiving
9:00 am	Anton and Olive Heinzelman and Family, living and deceased
10:30 am	People of the Diocese
12:00 pm	Miriam Lopez Gonzalez, deceased
1:30 pm	Vincent, living, and Stephanie Buettner, deceased
5:30 pm	Michael Tran, living
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 1</b>
6:45 am	Jovencio Sanchez, deceased
8:00 am	Geraldine White, deceased
5:30 pm	In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of the Uricoechea Family
7:00 pm (Sp)	Chris and Elena Eich and Family, living
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 2</b>
6:45 am	Andy and Volodya Skrypka, living
8:00 am	Andy and Volodya Skrypka, living
5:30 pm	David Dombrowski, and Son, living
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 3</b>
6:45 am	Betty and Bob Virgin, deceased
8:00 am	Tom Dempsey, deceased
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 4</b>
6:45 am	Vincent and Mary Iannuzzi, deceased
8:00 am	Virginia and Albert Putko, deceased
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 5</b>
6:45 am	Bryan, Ursula, and Janis Virgin, deceased
8:00 am	For the Wagner Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 6</b>
8:00 am	In Honor of and in reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus and for the Russell and Rinaldi families, living and deceased
4:30 pm	ICF Members living and deceased
6:30 pm	Javier and Ana, living

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Elaine Dolcini, Edward G. Urriaga, Maureen Mardanyas, Alice Gordon, Cristina Mamuyac, Jeffrey Andrews, Thomas Timko, Jim Keegan, Irene Medina, Catherine Hubbard, Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Lynne Staley, Marie Tran, Pam Hall, Amelia Lansangan, Marv Kidweiler, Kathryn Acquistapace, Gail Brown, Bob Del Santo, Patrick Grace, Luigi Fabiano, Leo and Bernie Del Santo, Daniel Velasquez, Emeline Jane Smith, Nina Marie Cantacessi, Lisa Adams, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, John Patrick, Valerie McGuire, Eileen Carol, Francisco Sanabria.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Helmke	John J. Bayt, Sr. Family
James E. Lambert Family	Virgilio Mota
Monica & Harvey Mag-sambol	Joseph & Christopher Katosh
Howard & Katherine Wills	Herbert & Margaret Smith
Guido Lorenzini	Amelia Hamann & Family

## SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

### ~MILITIA IMMACULATA~

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Militia Immaculata, founded by the priest and martyr of Auschwitz, St. Maximilian Kolbe. People today are extraordinarily busy and distracted, making it far too easy to make a sincere, total consecration to the Virgin Mary, and then forget about it in the confusion of our busy lives. Come to our 30 minute informational meeting on Friday, Jan 5th, at 5:00 pm, in the PLC. We will then have a much more detailed meeting on Saturday, Jan. 6th, in the PLC from 9-12:00 noon.

## RESPECT LIFE

### ~WALK FOR LIFE~

The 14th annual Pacific Coast Walk for Life will take place in San Francisco on Saturday, Jan. 27th, 2018. The St. Eugene's Knights of Columbus, Council 4930 has organized a bus for the event. The bus will leave St. Eugene's parking lot at 8:00 am. Mass will be offered before the walk at St. Mary's Cathedral. At 1:30pm, the Walk down Market Street begins. Afterwards, participants will walk the few block's to our awaiting bus which will return everyone to St. Eugene's in the late afternoon. The cost is \$27 per person. To reserve a seat on the bus, send a \$27 check made out to "Knights of Columbus" with your contact information (must include e-mail address) to: Knights of Columbus, 3485D Airway Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Payment must be received no later than Wed., 1/10/18. Call Mike at 579-8982.

## IN MEMORIAM

### †BERTHA HARRINGTON†

Please remember Bertha Harrington who passed away on 12 -9-17, and her family and friends in your prayers and Masses. A funeral Mass was held on 12-18-17. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her." *May she rest in peace.*

### †MARGARET M. BOWDEN†

Please remember Margaret Bowden who passed away on 12 -16-17, and her family and friends in your prayers and Masses. A funeral Mass was held on 12-28-17. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her." *May she rest in peace.*

# SUNDAY MASS HYMNS

## HYMNS AT 4:30 P.M. & 10:30 A.M.

ENTRANCE HYMN: #177 Missal

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: #153 Missal

COMMUNION HYMN: #220 Missal

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 169

## HYMNS AT 12:00 PM

ENTRANCE HYMN: TBA

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: TBA

COMMUNION HYMN: TBA

RECESSIONAL HYMN: TBA

## MY CATHOLIC FAITH

### ***THE HOLY FAMILY***

#### **~FROM THE PASTOR~**

I want to focus today on marriage and family, since today is the Feast Day of the Holy Family. We will see some good advice, particularly for young Catholic men contemplating marriage. Secondly, I would like to take a look at the concept of "forgiveness", for as we see in our second reading, Colossians, chapter 3, "if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."

#### **~ADVICE FOR YOUNG MEN~**

"Marriage is wonderful, but it brings with it a lot of responsibilities and duties. Scripture and the teaching of the Church are quite clear— the husband is the head of the home, and he bears the primary responsibility before God for its happiness and holiness. In imitation of Jesus, the husband is the prophet, priest, and king of the domestic church. Because marriage is serious business, entering it with the mentality of an adolescent, with no forethought whatsoever, is a recipe for disaster. It is alright to be immature when you get married, but it is not alright to stay that way. You should be pursuing maturity and holiness with passion long before you begin to think about marriage.

#### **~PREPARE YOURSELF~**

So as a Catholic man considering marriage, how should you prepare yourself? What steps can you take to get ready for this joyful responsibility? Here are the top 5 ways you can prepare yourself for a holy and happy marriage. 1. **Pursue virtue** - Every Catholic man, young or old, married or unmarried, should be actively pursuing virtue. But if you are thinking seriously about marriage, it should be priority number one. Marriage brings with it tremendous responsibilities, and habits of holiness are necessary to face these challenges

manfully. 2. **Be wise financially** - It is so easy to be stupid with money. Credit card companies market to college students, and personal loans are easily obtained. Cars or the latest electronic gadgets are marketed by monthly payments rather than full price (think 60" TV for \$99 a month), making the temptation to instant gratification almost too much to bear. And that's not even factoring in the crushing weight of student loans that most young people face. Saving? Most young men think that's something you start doing in your 50s. Prepare now by being wise financially. Tell yourself no. Maybe you can afford a new iPhone, but do you really need it? Put the money you would spend in the bank. 3. **Learn and practice the Faith** - As a husband and father, you will be the spiritual head of your family. Sadly, many men are content to leave the spiritual guidance to their wives. They abdicate their role as priest of the home and check out in matters of faith. This is not an option for the Catholic gentleman. You must prepare yourself to lead your family spiritually. Purchase a Catechism and study it. Read the lives of the saints and the spiritual classics, even if only for 5 minutes a day. Pray the rosary. Go to confession frequently. Strive to become a saint and leave mediocrity and luke-warmness behind. In short, make the faith a priority, even if it hasn't been to this point. 4. **Be pure** - Temptations to sexual impurity abound in the modern world. Pornography is just a click away, scantily clad women adorn countless advertisements, and sexual content saturates movies and television. In addition, the hookup culture on college campuses and marital infidelity are rampant. But no matter how many temptations there are, there is no excuse for sexual impurity. Indulging in sexual sins can and will destroy your soul and your marriage. Strive manfully against these temptations, and instead, fill your mind with all that is holy. As St. Paul says, "flee fornication.."



Be radical in fighting temptations. If TV is causing you to sin, get rid of it. If your computer is causing you to sin, install a strict filter and get an accountability partner. Do whatever you have to do. Save yourself for your wife and enter your marriage with a positive sort of naiveté. While this is scorned by the world, it will be treasured by your wife. **5. Seek wisdom** – One of the hallmarks of youth from time immemorial is a disdain for the wisdom of their elders. For some strange reason, youth seem to think they have all the knowledge they will ever need, and adults don't really understand the world, despite their treasury of experience. Of course, this attitude is the height of stupidity. Proverbs has many strong words for the mockers and fools who scorn their elders, and scripture is crystal clear that elders are to be respected and learned from. By Sam Guzman. For complete article go to: [www.catholicgentleman.net/2014/01/get-married-young-man-part-3-5-ways-to-prepare-yourself/](http://www.catholicgentleman.net/2014/01/get-married-young-man-part-3-5-ways-to-prepare-yourself/)

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### ~SOMETHING WE MUST DO~

**We all have received the mercy of God.** He has forgiven our sins, washed them away – even though we don't deserve it. This is why St. Paul can say in Ephesians 4:31-32, *“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”* We can forgive others because God forgave us, and for the same reason it is our duty to forgive others. We *must* do so, in fact, or God will not forgive us (Matthew 6:15). Does this sound harsh? The *Catechism* explains that God's *“outpouring of mercy cannot penetrate our hearts as long as we have not forgiven those who have trespassed against us. Love ... is indivisible; we cannot love the God we can't see if we do not love the brother or sister we do see.”* (No. 2840)

### ~WHAT DOES IT MEAN?~

If you're like me, it's hard to forgive even knowing this is true. It helps to keep a few things in mind: 1. Forgiveness is not an emotion, It's an act of the will; an act of love. You don't have to *feel* forgiving to forgive. 2. Forgiving does not mean forgetting. That's denial. 3. Forgiving does not mean excusing the wrong or saying it doesn't matter. **Things that**

**don't matter don't need to be forgiven.** Forgiveness says, “I know what you did. It hurt. But I won't hold it against you.” 4. Forgiveness is letting go of your “right” to be right. It means offering up your anger, letting go of your “right” to revenge – and leaving justice to God. Finally, **don't confuse forgiveness with reconciliation.** Reconciliation requires repentance – but forgiveness does not. From the cross, Jesus forgave people who had not repented and maybe never would. We must do the same. If you think forgiveness is hard, you're not alone. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, *“forgiveness is the Christ-like suffering which is the Christian's duty to share.”* If you think forgiveness is hard, you're not alone. From my experience, I offer three practical steps to help you forgive:

### ~THREE PRACTICAL STEPS~

1. **Take your mind off of the person you can't forgive.** Do not allow yourself to grumble, or justify your situation, or feel sorry for yourself, or dream about ways to get even. Kill those thoughts as soon as you see them coming.
2. **Remember that you are a sinner, too.** Recall specific ways you've needed forgiveness. Ask God to help you, if you can't. Go to confession, if that helps. Meditate on the Psalms. Practice being grateful for the mercy God has shown you.
3. **Every time that person comes to mind, say the words “I forgive you” whether you feel it or not.** Make it an act of the will and ask the Holy Spirit to pour God's love into your heart. **Over time, start asking God to bless the person.** Romans 12:14 says “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.” Force yourself to do it. Make it a habit. And watch how that sets your heart free. For entire article go to: <http://biblestudyforcatholics.com/forgiveness/>

### ~St. PHILIP NERI SPEAKS~

If a man finds it very hard to forgive injuries, let him look at a Crucifix, and think that Christ shed all His Blood for him, and not only forgave His enemies, but even prayed His Heavenly Father to forgive them also. Let him remember that when he says the Pater Noster, every day, instead of asking pardon for his sins, he is calling down vengeance on himself.”--St. Philip Neri



**CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S — 31 de Diciembre del 2017**  
**La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José**

**CLASES DE PLANIFICACION FAMILIAR**

Mejorar tu matrimonio!

Curso de Planificación Natural de la Familia  
Para Parejas Casadas o Comprometidas  
Becker Center, Catedral de St. Eugene, 2323 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa  
Sábados: 17 de Febrero, 17 de Marzo, 21 de Abril  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Hay cuidado para niños y bocadillo  
Para registrar, llama a Maria Sanchez, 542-6984 x0

**BAUTIZO**

Preparación Pre-Bautismal en Español, Para Padres y Padrinos. Cada Primer Jueves de cada mes en el Salón Parroquial (PLC) La próxima será: el 4 de Enero a las 7:00pm.

*No niños.*

Antes de hacer preparativos tienen que hablar a la oficina por lo menos 2 meses antes de la Ceremonia.

**DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PADRE ROA**

**Vida de Santa Lucia**

Para concluir este año lleno de muchas bendiciones, recordemos que todos los 13 de diciembre se celebra la fiesta de Santa Lucia, patrona de los pobres, de los ciegos y de los que tienen problemas de la vista, de los niños enfermos, de los campesinos, electricistas, modistas, sastres, escritores, choferes, fotógrafos y de diferentes ciudades en algunos países como Italia, Venezuela, Perú, etc. Su nombre tiene como significado “la que lleva luz” o “Luz para el mundo”, pidámosle a Santa Lucia Virgen y Mártir que nos muestre la luz del camino para ser fieles discípulos de Cristo y para que nuestros corazones permanezcan puros y sean templos del Espíritu Santo.

Nacida en Siracusa, Sicilia en el año 283, fue educada en la Fe de Cristo, su padre posiblemente se llamó Lucio murió cuando la niña estaba aún muy pequeña, su madre quien quedo viuda de nombre Eutiquia se encargó de cuidarla. Lucia siendo muy joven, hizo un voto de castidad en secreto. Un día acompañó a su mamá quien se encontraba desde hace tiempo enferma, a la tumba de Santa Águeda a rezarle y a pedirle que curara su enfermedad y estando ahí se curó.



Así que Lucia le dio a conocer a su mamá el voto que había hecho y en agradecimiento por su sanación le permitió que siguiera con su generosa inclinación.

Pero ya su madre la había comprometido a casarse con un joven noble pagano, al permitirle la madre de Lucia que consagrara su vida a Dios y donara su fortuna a los pobres, la liberó del compromiso de casarse, el joven al enterarse de esto enfureció tanto que la acuso de ser cristiana.

Fue llevada a prisión, para ese tiempo era emperador Diocleciano y estaba totalmente prohibido profesar esta religión, la presentaron ante el gobernador para ser juzgada, haciéndoles varias preguntas sobre su Fe, tratándola de convencerla que dejara de ser cristiana, obteniendo como respuesta que era en vano que insistan tanto ya que ella jamás se apartaría del amor de Jesucristo. El juez molesto con ella no encontraba el modo de hacerla apostatar, la amenazó con llevarla a un prostíbulo para que fuese violada e irrespetada, ella le respondió “que aunque el cuerpo sea irrespetado, el alma no se mancha si no se consiente ni se acepta el mal”, y por más que intentaron los soldados llevarla no podían moverla. Al enterarse el juez de lo sucedido la sometieron al tormento con aceite hirviendo, a todo este tormento que fue sometida no dejo de alentar a los presentes a perseverar fieles a la religión y a Jesucristo. Dios le dio la gracia de sobreponerse a todas las torturas a la cual fue sometida.

Ya condenada a ser martirizada, profetizo que sería canonizada, que sería patrona de Siracusa y dio a conocer la caída de Diocleciano y Maximiano. Murió en Siracusa (ciudad de Italia), en el año 304, cuando apenas contaba entre los 20 y 21 años de edad. En los relatos griegos y latinos difieren algunos detalles finales, el griego dice que fue ciega, el latino que fue martirizada con una espada que le traspaso la garganta y le sacaron los ojos.

A esta Santa la representan con una bandeja con dos ojos. También la representan con una espada que le atraviesa el cuello, una palma, un libro y una lámpara de aceite.

El Papa San Gregorio en el siglo VI, colocó el nombre de esta Santa a dos conventos de religiosas que él fundó, en razón a las virtudes que poseía Santa Lucia entre las que se destacaban, la inocencia, la fidelidad y la integridad.