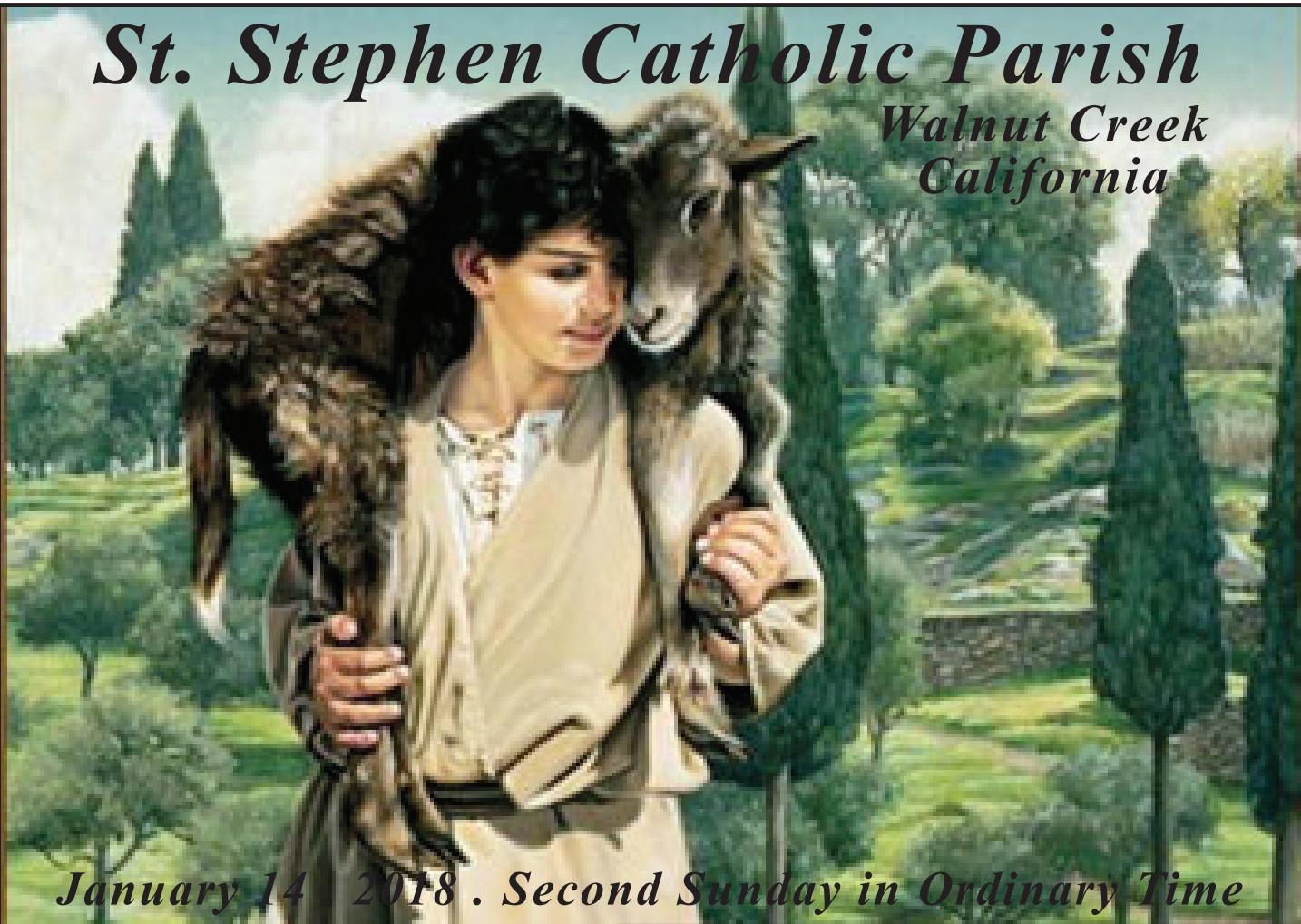


St. Stephen Catholic Parish

*Walnut Creek
California*



January 14, 2018 . Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday--Thursday 8:30 AM--4:30 PM
Office closes daily for lunch. Office closed on Friday.

Parish Office, Rectory and Mailing Address: 525 Madonna Lane
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Church Location: 1101 Keaveny Ct, Walnut Creek

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Director of Music Ministry

PETER RENO
Pastoral Council Chair

ASSISTING CLERGY:

FR. HELMUT RICHTER



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM
Weekdays*: 7:30 AM



*Note: Monday is a Communion Service
Holy Days: As Announced. Usually 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30 PM

BAPTISMS: Registration is mandatory two months prior to Baptism. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a mandatory preparation class before Baptism.

MARRIAGES: A minimum of six (6) months advance notice is required. The parish must be contacted before any specific arrangement are made or dates are set.

FUNERALS: We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services / Queen of Heaven Cemetery at 925-932-0900. A representative from CFCS will contact the parish office to make your arrangements.

REGISTRATION: New parishioners may contact the office or ask an usher for a registration form. Welcome.

MISSION STATEMENT: To Live and to Love in Christ

WELCOME visitors and friends. We open our hearts and offer our hands to you in Christian fellowship worshipping with our community. We invite you to join our parish membership.



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 1/13	5:00	Margaret Stark †
SUN 1/14	9:30	Virginia Cook †
TUE 1/16	7:30	Robert Cardelli †
WED 1/17	7:30	Int. St. Stephen Parishioners
THU 1/18	7:30	Rose Tavormina †
FRI 1/19	7:30	Baby Josephine Vierra †
SAT 1/20	5:00	Nancy Wilburn †
SUN 1/21	9:30	Marie Evans †



For Mass intentions, please contact the
Parish Office @ 925-939-3826

Intentions are wonderful gifts for anniversaries,
birthdays, and just for thinking of you.

9 Days for Life ~ Thu through Fri, Jan 18-26

This "digital pilgrimage" Novena begins on Jan 18. Nine days of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information and suggested action. For more info: 9daysforlife.com



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Beginning Sunday, January 28

Visit St. Francis of Assisi School
Oak Grove Road, Concord
Open House from 11am to 1 pm

*The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet,
that though they attract our heart, they do not
shackle our freedoms. —St. Francis de Sales*

MINISTERS JAN 27/28, 2018

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	C. Pluta	J. Gotelli
C.L.O.W.:		Lang/Jacobs
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	S. Kuca*	M. Lenahan*
ALTAR SERVERS:	M. Milani	Takafua (2)
COUNTERS:		
TUE 1/16	C. Ellis	M. Lenahan
MON 1/22	D. Mammola	P. Walton



Walk
for
Life
WEST COAST



14th Annual WALK FOR LIFE !

SAT, JAN. 27, 2018

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

9:30am Mass with Bishop Barber

@ St. Mary's Cathedral

10:45am-12:15pm Civic Ctr Plaza

Silent No More Awareness Campaign

11:00am-12:30pm Civic Ctr Plaza

Information Faire

12:30pm-1:30pm Civic Ctr Plaza

Walk for Life Main Event Rally & Walk

More info to follow & www.WalkforLifeWC.com

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — Speak, for your servant is listening
(1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

PSALM — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will
(Psalm 40).

SECOND READING — Do you not know that your
body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?
(1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

GOSPEL — Andrew found his brother Simon and
brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mk 2:18-22

TUE: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

WED: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Mk 3:1-6

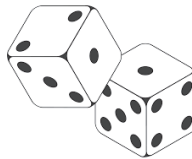
THU: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

FRI: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

SAT: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7;
Mk 3:20-21

SUN: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14

CARD & GAME PARTY



Please join us at St. Stephen Parish
Hall on **Tuesday, January 16** at noon
for an afternoon of games (bridge,
dominoes, Rummikub, etc.). This is a

chance to socialize with your fellow parishioners. All
are welcome. Please bring a sandwich for your
lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Call
Walter at 925-939-2430 if you have any questions.



Relax, let go and grow your love for one
another by participating in a Worldwide
Marriage Encounter weekend held
at *San Damiano Retreat Center* in Dan-
ville on Friday to Sunday, May 18-20.

Space is limited! Early registration is recommended.
For more info contact Mike & Jeanne @ 672-2016 or
Joe & Sue @ 680-7767 or visit: oaklandwwme.org

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday 1/14		2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:45 AM	R5	Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6	Children's Liturgy of the Word <i>Seminary Collection</i>
Monday 1/15		St. Nina Parish Office Closed—MLK Holiday
Tuesday 1/16		St. Furseay pray for us.
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
8:00 AM	PH	Contra Costa Realtors in Motion
12:00 PM	PH	Card & Game Party
Wednesday 1/17		St. Anthony, pray for us.
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
10:00 AM	R5	Bible Study
Thursday 1/18		St. Valusian, pray for us.
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
9:30 AM	R5	Enrichment Meeting
10:00 AM	RC	Staff Meeting
7:00 PM	CH	Choir Rehearsal
Friday 1/19		St. Fillan, pray for us. Parish Office Closed
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
Saturday 1/20		St. Sebastian, pray for us.
10:00 AM	PH	Deacon Board Meeting
3:30 PM	CH	Reconciliation
Sunday 1/21		3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:45 AM	R5	Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6	Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00 AM	R5	Confirmation Prep Class

CH = Church . PH = Parish Hall . RC = Rectory . R# = Room

Traveling for the holidays, view Mass times across the country at <http://masstimes.org>

Please Pray for the Sick and Lonely of the Parish

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

This week I would like to acknowledge and express appreciation to our Faith Formation Catechists who teach Sacramental Prep and Post-Communion classes. Before preparing to receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, children must first come to know and love Him at an age appropriate level. This is accomplished through a 2-year preparation program culminating with children receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist. Through age-appropriate materials, children gain a greater knowledge of the Sacraments and what it means to receive them. They learn the importance of prayer and forgiveness. After receiving First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist, children continue to learn about the Catholic Church and gain a deeper understanding of Catholic principles. Continuing education is particularly important in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to Anabella Lolohea who has devoted herself tirelessly to the Ministry of Sacramental preparation. Thank you to Denise Schichnes who has worked with post-Communion children for many years, giving them a firm foundation in their Catholic Faith. She has since moved on to help in our Youth Confirmation Program. Replacing her this year is Therese Peffer who also is in our Choir and teaches Youth Confirmation.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and inspire them.

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Have you or someone you know considered a life vocation? Are you being called to religious life? The Diocese of Oakland Office of Vocations may be able to provide the information you need to help you discern.
www.oakdiocese.org/vocations/contact-us

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

JAN 7, 2018

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$2,685.00	Weekly Offering
Hospitality	\$ 35.59	
Maintenance	\$ 90.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 44.00	

Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST

University Catholic Conference of California 2018

Thursday through Sunday, February 16 to 19

UC Berkeley Newman Hall—Holy Spirit Parish

Weekend for college students by college students

Register by Jan 31 . \$105 . Fee increases in Feb .

Speakers: Bishop Barber, Paul Kim, Sr. Behthany Madonna,

Andrew Brown, Tim Staples, Klarissa Chichioco

Register at uccc2018.com

"So, you could not stay awake with Me for even an hour?" Be on guard & pray that you may not undergo the test. Mt 26:40

There are different ways to "watch one hour" with the Lord. One of the most powerful and fruitful ways is to spend an hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. This is called a Holy Hour because it is an hour spent in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Christ, Himself, the One who alone is Holy. There are also different ways to make a Holy Hour: you can pray, alone or with others, before Jesus in the Tabernacle; or you can pray in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament, privately or at a public service led by a priest or deacon.