

# St. Stephen Catholic Parish

Walnut Creek . California

January 21 . 2018

Third 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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## PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR:

FR. MARK C. AMARAL

## PARISH STAFF:

DEACON BILL BOTHE  
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Pastoral Associate

MARY COOK  
Office Manager

NANCY GIZDICH  
Bookkeeper

MARIA CALDERAZZO  
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 CFCSS 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 1/20	5:00	Nancy Wilburn †
SUN 1/21	9:30	Marie Evans †
TUE 1/23	7:30	Ernest J. Fio †
WED 1/24	7:30	Myles Cheshier †
THU 1/25	7:30	Margaret Stark †
FRI 1/26	7:30	Int. Marv Amaral—Birthday Blessings Int. Marv & Lynn Amaral—Anniversary
SAT 1/27	5:00	Norma Thompson †
SUN 1/28	9:30	Juana Najera Boothe †



For Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office @ 925-939-3826  
Intentions are wonderful gifts for anniversaries, birthdays, and just for thinking of you.



**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS**  
@ Cathedral of Christ the Light  
Sat. Feb. 10 @ 11 AM  
Those who are ill will be invited to receive the Sacrament of Anointing

## EVERYBODY NEEDS TO FORGIVE SOMEBODY

SAVE THE DATE  
SAT. FEB 10.  
MARDI GRAS!



## MINISTERS JAN 27/28, 2018

<b>MASS:</b>	<b>5 PM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>LECTORS:</b>	C. Pluta	J. Gotelli
<b>C.L.O.W.:</b>		Lang/Jacobs
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	S. Kuca*	M. Lenahan*
<b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>	M. Milani	Takafua (2)
<b>COUNTERS:</b>		
<b>MON 1/22</b>	D. Mammola	P. Walton
<b>MON 1/29</b>	M. Peare	K. Coyne



**14th Annual WALK FOR LIFE !**

**SAT, JAN. 27, 2018**

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**9:30am Mass with Bishop Barber & Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone & others**

**@ 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](http://www.WalkforLifeWC.com)**



Thank you for all the 2018 calendars! They were distributed to and appreciated by the residents of area nursing homes. No more are needed at this time.

**Please do not leave them in the church.** When you receive assorted greeting cards from the various organizations that you can not use, please bring them to the parish office. Mary Cook will distribute them as well to area residents who cannot get out to the stores. **Please do not leave them in the church either.** Thank you very much.

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Our two-year Youth Confirmation program is an important element in preparing our teens and youth for life as Catholic adults. Classes teach Catholic beliefs, worship, prayer and morality. Service projects teach youth to help others less fortunate. Youth are taught that Confirmation increases and deepens the grace of baptism, imprinting an indelible character on the soul. Conferral of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation incorporates them more firmly in Christ, strengthening their bond with the Church and associating them more closely with the Church's mission to help them bear witness to the Christian faith in words and deeds. They learn what it is to be a disciple in the Catholic Christian community.

Instructing youth on the Rite of Confirmation and its basic symbols, the role of the Holy Spirit, His gifts and fruits are: Mike Lenahan, Mike Milani, David Minister, Therese Peffer and Denise Schichnes. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to instruct our youth. St. Stephen Parish thanks them for giving of their time and talents.

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

## Please Pray for the Sick and the Lonely of the Parish

### 7-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP

@ Queen of Heaven Cemetery Chapel, Lafayette  
Sponsored by Christ the King Parish Grief Ministry  
Sessions are Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 PM  
beginning on February 13 through March 27

For those experiencing the pain that comes with the death of a love one. We gather to remember, share, and to learn tools that can help you begin to live with your grieving heart.

Register by Tuesday, February 6 with Kate Neal at 510-267-8339 or Email: [katen@cfcoakland.org](mailto:katen@cfcoakland.org)

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Sunday 1/21</b>		<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:45 AM	R5	Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6	Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00 AM	R5	Confirmation Prep Class
<b>Monday 1/22</b>		<b>St. Vincent of Digne, pray for us.</b> <b>Day of Prayer for Unborn Children</b>
<b>Tuesday 1/23</b>		<b>St. Barnard, pray for us.</b>
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
8:00 AM	PH	Contra Costa Realtors in Motion
<b>Wednesday 1/24</b>		<b>St. Francis de Sales, pray for us.</b>
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
10:00 AM	R5	Bible Study
<b>Thursday 1/25</b>		<b>St. Paul, pray for us.</b> <b>Conversion of St. Paul</b>
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
7:00 PM	CH	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday 1/26</b>		<b>Sts. Timothy &amp; Titus, pray for us.</b> <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
<b>Saturday 1/27</b>		<b>St. Angela Merici, pray for us.</b> <b>WALK FOR LIFE—WEST COAST</b> Reconciliation
3:30 PM	CH	
<b>Sunday 1/28</b>		<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:45 AM	R5	Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6	Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Join the Scripture Study Group who meets on Wednesdays,  
January 24, February 7, 21 & 28 @ 10 AM in Room 5

## TODAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING** — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).  
**PSALM** — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).  
**SECOND READING** — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).  
**GOSPEL** — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;  
Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings  
for the Day of Prayer

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;  
Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;  
Mk 16:15-18


**Friday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11;  
Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;  
Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;  
Mk 1:21-28

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### JANUARY 14, 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$3,320.00	
Christmas	\$ 120.00	
Hospitality	\$ 43.50	
Maintenance	\$ 37.00	
Seminary	\$ 776.00	

Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST  
Diocesan plans are underway for the 2018 Bishop's Appeal.



Many thanks to St. Stephen Stewardship Committee who helped to decorate and un-decorate our worship space this holiday season; especially Mardell Ah Yee, Chris Lang, and Polly Walton.

Many hands make light work. Thanks.

### 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](http://uccc2018.com)



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](http://www.oakdiocese.org/vocations/contact-us)

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

If you are an envelope user and have not yet received your 2018 collection envelope packet, please pick-up your personalized box in the parish office. Any questions, call Mary @ 939-3826. Thanks.



### Anna Maria Mendieta World Renowned Harpist

in Concert

Sun, Feb. 18 @ 2—4pm

Dominican Sisters of San Jose  
43326 Mission Circle, Fremont

Reception Following ~ \$25 each

RSVP by Feb. 8. Registration required.

For more information: 510-933-6360

[http://bit.ly/2018Anna\\_Harp](http://bit.ly/2018Anna_Harp)