

St. Stephen Catholic Parish

Walnut Creek . California . February 11 . 2018
Sixth 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

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PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR:

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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 2/10 5:00 Kay Remotto †
 SUN 2/11 9:30 Dominic Klapperich †
 TUE 2/13 7:30 Rev. Richard Culver †
 WED 2/14 7:30 Int. St. Stephen Parishioners
 7:00 Roy Engstrom †
 THU 2/15 7:30 Rev. Michael Norkett †
 FRI 2/16 7:30 Int. Mary Arnold
 SAT 2/17 5:00 Int. physical and spiritual healing
 SUN 2/18 9:30 Siuta Moala †



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



OPERATION RICE BOWL

This Lent our faith community will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet after Masses beginning on Ash Wednesday and join in this simple, yet powerful Lenten practice. CRS' Rice Bowl invites us to pray with our families and communities, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, learn about our others around the world, and give sacrificial contributions to help those in need. Visit orb.crs.org for home resources. Please return your Rice Bowls to the collection baskets at Easter. Thank you for your generosity.



Workshop on END-OF-LIFE ISSUES

Join us to feel confident living out your Catholic Faith when faced with major healthcare decisions

WED, FEB 21 @ 1—2:30 PM
 Immaculate Heart of Mary

THU, FEB 22 @ 7—9 PM
 St. John Vianney

SAT FEB 24 @ 10 AM-12 PM
 St. Lawrence O'Toole, Oak

SAT MAR 10 @ 10 AM-12 PM
 St. Joseph Basilica, Alameda

ATTORNEYS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FREE CONSULTATION

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY 28, 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS
 Sunday Offering \$3,646.00 Weekly Offering
 Hospitality \$ 31.00

FEBRUARY 4, 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS
 Sunday Offering \$3,046.00 Weekly Offering
 Hospitality \$ 50.00
 Maintenance \$ 86.00

JAN JANUARY SUMMARY
TOTAL \$13,375.50
GOAL: \$17,000.00
Overage or (Shortfall) (\$ 3,624.50)

OTHER
 Hospitality \$ 142.09
 Holy Days \$ 120.00
 Maintenance \$ 237.00
 Seminary \$ 846.00
 St. Vincent de Paul \$ 44.00

Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.
 REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST



The 2018 Bishop's Appeal is a direct appeal to the people of the Diocese, to ask you to make a pledge or a gift to supplement the ministry budget. A detailed breakdown of the diocesan budget can be found on the home page of the diocesan website: www.oakdiocese.org. Without the financial support of our diocesan family through the Bishops' Appeal, thousands throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties, and beyond, could not be served. The Bishop's Appeal is an opportunity for each and every Catholic household to help further the mission of the Church. It is a chance for all parishes and missions of our diocese to join together in support of vital ministries.



**Diocese of
 Oakland
 For more
 information:**

www.oakdiocese.org/giving

2018 Bishop's Appeal SSP Goal Summary:

Parish Goal: \$15,500.00
 Funds Raised: \$.00
 Remained: \$.00
% of Goal Raised: 0%



Women's Retreat ~ Feb 23-25, 2018 Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park

Theme: The Generations: Finding Grace in the Gaps
 Join us for a retreat that explores the concepts of generational differences today while delving into the lives of some biblical folks who experienced similar challenges.
 Reserve a room by February 5 with Sr. Dominic Marie
 925-246-1122 or sisterdominic.marie@gmail.com




FEBRUARY 14—MARCH 25
 Through prayer & fasting, peaceful vigils
 & community outreach you can help life!
40daysforlife.com/walnutcreek

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE


Sunday 2/11		6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:45 AM	R5	Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6	Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30 AM	PH	Deacon Study Day
		No Hospitality
Monday 2/12		St. Buonfiglio, pray for us.
Tuesday 2/13		St. Catherine de Ricci, pray for us.
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
8:00 AM	PH	Contra Costa Realtors in Motion
Wednesday 2/14		St. Valentine, pray for us.
		ASH WEDNESDAY 
7:30 AM	CH	MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
7:00 PM	CH	MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
Thursday 2/15		St. Walfrid, 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 2/16		St. Daniel, pray for us.
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group 
12:00 PM	CH	STATIONS OF THE CROSS Parish Office Closed
Saturday 2/17		St. Alexis Falconieri, pray for us.
3:30 PM	CH	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 2/18		First Sunday of Lent
8:45 AM	R5	Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6	Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00 AM	PH	VIRTUS Safe Environment Training

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

MINISTERS FEB 14, 2018

MASS:	7:30 AM	7 PM
LECTORS:	P. Dempsey	S. Derby
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	J. Brady* 	F. McCormick*
ALTAR SERVERS:	W. Lang	A. Roux

MINISTERS FEB 17/18, 2018

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	B. Rusca	L. Morin
C.L.O.W:		A. Lolohea
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	D. Derby*	P. Dempsey*
ALTAR SERVERS:	J. Kurpinsky	Takafua (2)
COUNTERS:		
MON 2/12	J. Stark	C. Ellis
TUE 2/20	K. Coyne	P. Dempsey



Join us in the parish hall on Wednesdays, Feb 21, 28, Mar 7, 14, & 21 @ 6 pm for Lenten Prayer followed by a Simple Soup Supper @ 7 pm. More details to come. (Yes, the prayer will precede soup.)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

"Then God said to Moses, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'" - Exodus 3:5

You can't find holy ground with your GPS! You won't even find it at famous holy places, though you might. Ordinary places become holy ground only because we meet God there. Our congregation calls our worship space the "sanctuary," which means "a container for the holy." But are there other holy places? Holy ground is usually found in a crisis: Jacob running away from Esau, Moses hiding out, Paul rushing to Damascus to persecute the church. Without the presence of God, Jacob's pillow is just another rock, Horeb just another hill, the way to Damascus just another road. But anywhere can be holy ground if we meet God there. The Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote: "The world is charged with the grandeur of God . . ." and it is true, but too often we miss it because we are preoccupied with the cares of the world. And when we do recognize holy ground, we often want to camp out there, like Peter after the Transfiguration. But God doesn't meet us just so we can have an experience; there is always a call and a job to do.

Prayer: Bring us to your holy ground, O God, and then send us to live out your will and way, in Jesus name.

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

PSALM — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

SECOND READING — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

GOSPEL — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Masses with Distribution of Ashes

7:30 AM and 7:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15