

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1

Second Sunday of Lent March 17, 2019

Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	
<p>Mon, Mar 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Office Open 7 pm, Lector's Practice <p>Tues, Mar 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 am-2 pm, Office Open Noon, Card & Game Party <p>Wed, Mar 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am, Scripture Study, Rm 6 11 am-3 pm, Office Open 6:00 pm, Potluck Soup Supper 7:00 pm, Fr. Paulson on his book "Bread Blessed & Broken" <p>Thurs, Mar 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am, Enrichment, Rm 6 11 am-3 pm, Office Open 7 pm, Choir Rehearsal <p>Fri, Mar 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noon, Stations of the Cross 	<p>Sat 3/16 5:00 pm - Peter Vallarino † Sun 3/17 9:30 am - Mary Arnold † Tues 3/19 7:30 am - All Josephs in Tavormina Family Thu 3/21 7:30 am - Tom Saguin-Vuletich, Birthday Blessings Sat 3/23 5:00 pm - Beth Holmes † Sun 3/24 9:30 am - Jennifer Johnsen †</p>	
	<p>Ministers Schedule: Mar. 23 - 24</p>	
	<p>Mass</p>	<p>Sat. 5 pm Sun. 9:30 am</p>
	<p>LECTOR</p>	<p>R. Kuca P. Reno</p>
	<p>C.L.O.W.</p>	<p> L. Reno</p>
	<p>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</p>	<p>S. Karges M. Lenahan</p>
	<p>ALTAR SERVERS</p>	<p>M. Milani M. Reno</p>
	<p>SACRISTAN</p>	<p>M. Milani J. Jury</p>
<p>Schedule of Masses</p>	<p>COUNTERS: Mar 18 P. Walton, C. Ellis</p>	
<p>Mon - Fri: 7:30 am Chapel, Room 1</p>	<p>COUNTERS: Mar 25 R. Gigoux, M. Peare</p>	
<p>Saturday: 5 pm</p>	<p>(Sister Parish) Christ the King Catholic Church 199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill 925-682-2486</p>	
<p>Sunday: 9:30 am</p>		
<p>Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 pm</p>		



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**First Reading:
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

This passage recounts the making of a covenant between God and Abraham. Ancient Near-Eastern people often established a covenant by cutting animals in half and setting the halves opposite each other. The participants walked barefoot in the blood flowing between the halves, thereby establishing a blood relationship. But this covenant involved God, who will pass between them in a more dramatic way.

**Second Reading:
Philippians 3:17-4:1**

The ancient city of Philippi was located in what is today northeastern Greece. Paul's community of converts at Philippi was especially dear to him. In this section of his letter to them, Paul is upset—but not with them. He has heard that false teachers have come to the community, teaching that Jewish food laws and the rite of circumcision applied even to Christians.

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ST. STEPHEN 2019 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesdays, March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10

- 6:00 PM Potluck Soup Supper
- 9:30 AM, Rm 6 Scripture Study of upcoming Sunday Readings
- 7:00 PM Lenten Speaker - Fr. Paulson: Bread, Blessed and Broken for the World – (1 part each week)

Note: April 10 meal at 6 pm is Seder Meal (symbolic)

Fridays, March 22, March 29, April 5, April 12

- Noon Stations of the Cross

Monday, April 1

- 5:00 PM St. Stephen Lenten Reconciliation Service



**ST. STEPHEN 2019 HOLY
WEEK SCHEDULE**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION,
April 14**

Saturday, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, 9:30 AM Mass with Palm
Procession

HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY, April 18

- 7:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper; Transfer of the Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament in hall until 10:00 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 19 (ALL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
TAKE PLACE AT CHRIST THE KING)**

- Noon Taize Prayer around the Cross
- 1:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- 1:40 PM Preaching on the Passion of Jesus
- 2:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, April 20

- 7:30 PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21

- 9:30 AM Easter Services
- 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for coffee and donuts in the hall this Sunday.

BRIDGE & GAME PARTY

Please come and join us at St. Stephen Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 19th 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 Lang at 939-2430 if you have any questions.

Bingo Fundraiser - The Filipino Society of Christ the King (FSCTK) will sponsor a Bingo Fundraiser on **Saturday, March 23 in the CTK Parish Hall** from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Game tickets are \$25 for 12 plays. We are also selling raffle tickets at \$10 each for a chance to win great prizes. Proceeds will go to the CTK Building Fund. Call Abe at 925-381-5898 or Efrain at 698-6530 for more info.

Men's Retreat on April 12-14! **"Welcome Back Cotter"**. Fr. Vince will be our retreat master at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville. Contact peteo-brien7@gmail.com for more information.

Time is running out to register for the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Let a cozy weekend for just the two of you keep you warm on these rainy nights. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is June 28-30 in Danville. Visit our website at oaklandwwme.org for more information.

LENTEN REMINDERS

This Wednesday, March 20, will be our **second Lenten Soup Supper** of the season. Potluck is at 6:00 PM followed by a presentation at 7:00 PM. This week and the next two weeks, **Fr. Paulson will be presenting** parts of his new book "Bread Blessed and Broken for the World, A Pastor's Reflections on the Celebration of Mass". The final Wednesday, April 10, we will have a Seder Meal in place of the Soup Supper.

Also on Wednesday at 9:30 am in Room 6, will be our **Lenten Scripture Study** lead by Cecelia Cody. She will be doing a study of the upcoming Sunday readings. The regular Scripture Study resumes on April 17 with Jeannette starting a study of Isaiah.

Stations of the Cross are at Noon in the Church.

Weekday Mass continues to be at 7:30 am in the Chapel.

Our parish **Lenten Reconciliation Service** will be on Monday, April 1, at 5 pm.

The complete Lenten Schedule is listed on the Pastor Page of the bulletin as well as posted on our bulletin board and our website.

LifeShift Retreat on Work and the Christian Journey. An opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, work, and/or retirement possibilities. Participants will clarify life/work goals and address the fears of transition. San Damiano Retreat April 5-7. Presenters: Jim Briggs and Tom Bachhuber. 925-837-9141 to register.

Important information regarding your contributions — Please be sure that you **write the amount** of your check or cash that you place in your envelope on the **outside** of the envelope. Counters may not remember to check that the amount is listed and once they are finished and have deposited the money, there is no way for us to go back and determine the amount. In cases like this, the amount does not get noted toward your totals for tax purposes.

Also, if you mail your check to us – remember we have a **new address: 1101 Keaveny Ct.** We do not use the Madonna Ln address anymore and the forwarding is about to expire. If you have your bank send a check directly to us, make sure you contact them with the correct address.

Interfaith In Rossmoor—Big Questions Forum: The Interfaith Council sponsors the second Big Questions Forum of 2019, on Thursday, March 21 from 1:45 to 4:15 pm in the Fairway Room, 1010 Stanley Dollar Drive, Rossmoor. The questions are: **Who? What? Where is God?** Speakers are **Dr. Ahmed** representing Islam and **Fr. Paulson** representing Catholicism. Speakers and participants will address such questions as: How does your tradition describe God? If there is communication with God, how does this take place? How does God participate in the lives of believers? After each 20 minute presentation speakers will take questions. For more information, contact Susie at 925-451-0668 or parishioner, Chris Bertrand at 925-963-3991 for Rossmoor gate access and further information.

Parish Stewardship March 10/11	
Regular Collection	\$4652.45
Maintenance	\$ 265.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 739.00
Thank you!	