

St. Stephen Catholic Church

Walnut Creek, California



Fifth Sunday of Lent—March 18, 2018

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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Director of Music Ministry

RAY KUCA
Pastoral Council Chair

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 3/17	5:00	Mary P. Mc Clay †	
SUN 3/18	9:30	Siuta Moala †	
TUE 3/20	7:30	Ginnie Parsons †	
WED 3/21	7:30	Int. Tom Saguin-Vuletich Birthday Blessings	
THU 3/22	7:30	Fr. John Williams †	
FRI 3/23	7:30	Msgr. John J. Corcoran †	
SAT 3/34	5:00	Lillian Pavlovich †	
SUN 3/25	9:30	Nicodemo & Pasqualina Mammola †	

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



Chrism is made of olive oil and is scented with a sweet perfume, usually balsam. Chrism is consecrated by the Bishop in the presence of the presbyterium at the Mass of the Chrism, which will take place on Thursday, March 22 @ 6:30 PM at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. All are welcome.

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14.*

PSALM — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or *Psalm 130.*

SECOND READING — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or *Romans 8:8-11.*

GOSPEL — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].*

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BRIDGE & GAME PARTY

Please come join us at St. Stephen Parish Hall on Tue, Mar 20 @ 12 noon for an afternoon of games (bridge, dominoes, Rummikub, etc.) All are welcome. Please bring a sandwich for lunch; beverages and snacks are provided. Call Walter @ 939-2430 with questions.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

MARCH 11, 2018

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$3,353.77	Weekly Offering
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 756.00	
Flowers	\$ 25.00	
Hospitality	\$ 22.25	
Maintenance	\$ 138.00	

Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST
Consider a pledge to the 2018 Diocesan Bishop's Appeal



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Oakland
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information:**

2018 Bishop's Appeal SSP Goal Summary:

Parish Goal:	\$15,500.00
Funds Raised:	\$ 5,610.00
Remained:	\$ 9,890.00
% of Goal Raised:	36.19%

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

Repentance: God has promised pardon to one who repents, but has not promised repentance to one who sins. —St. Anselm

Q: Why is it said that Jesus rose on the third day when the actual time span was less than two days? (Died at 3 pm on Good Friday and rose on Easter Sunday morning.)

A: It is seen as three days, Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday. This works because it did not say 72 hours or three full days. Remember at that time people of Israel believed the next day started when the sun went down. So, He was dead for part of Good Friday, all of Saturday and part of Sunday.

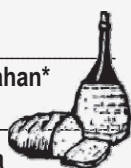
WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday 3/18	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
8:45 AM	R5	Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Monday 3/19	St. Joseph, pray for us.	
Tuesday 3/20	St. Cuthbert, 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
7:00 PM	R1	Stewardship Meeting
Wednesday 3/21	St. Philemon, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
10:00 AM	R5	Bible Study
6:00 PM	PH	Lenten Prayer & Reflection
7:00 PM	PH	Lenten Soup Supper
Thursday 3/22	St. Lea, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
7:00 PM	CH	Choir Rehearsal
Friday 3/23	St. Turibius, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
12:00 PM	CH	Stations of the Cross <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Saturday 3/24	Sts. Mark and Timothy, pray for us.	
3:30 PM	CH	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 PM	CH	PALM SUNDAY LITURGY
Sunday 3/25	Palm Sunday—Passion of the Lord	
8:45 AM	R5	Faith Formation
9:30 AM	CH	PALM SUNDAY LITURGY
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

MINISTERS MAR 24/25, 2018 PALM SUNDAY—OUR LORD'S PASSION

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	J. Kurpinsky M. Milani	J. Gotelli A. Roux
C.L.O.W.:		Lang Jacobs
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	S. Karges*	M. Lenahan*
ALTAR SERVERS:	F. McCormick	Takafua Takafua
COUNTERS:		
MON 3/19	K. Coyne	M. Lenahan
MON 3/26	P. Walton	C. Ellis



There will be NO Reconciliation on Holy Saturday

JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAY
LENTEN REFLECTION & SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER

Mar 21: @ 6 pm Soup Supper followed by
Contemporary Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm

St. Stephen Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers
for the family; and, the repose of the soul of



Dolores Mendenhall
who entered eternal life.



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet You are enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted, and You delivered them.

Psalm 22:2-4

“Language has created the word loneliness to express the pain of being alone.” This comment by Theologian Paul Tillich points out how much our feelings color our experiences. To be lonely is to feel isolated – cut off from others and locked into ourselves. It is to feel loss and sadness and self-pity. But to experience solitude is to be alone with something, such as a book or music – or with God – in meditation or prayer. It is to feel peace and well-being. To turn loneliness into solitude, we need to concentrate on something outside ourselves. That’s why prayer can free us from isolation. It connects us with the beautiful and universal – with God. This Lent, let us turn away from sadness and self-pity and reconnect with God through prayer.

Prayer: Lord, transform my loneliness into comforting solitude with You. Amen

Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love. Your last chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter is on Saturday, March @ 3:30



HOLY WEEK 2018



Palm Sunday
Passion of the Lord
MARCH 24: 5:00 PM
MARCH 25: 9:30 AM



Holy Thursday
MARCH 29
7:30 AM Morning Mass
7:00 PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper



Good Friday
MARCH 30: NO Morning Mass
1:30 PM—Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM—Prayer Service



Holy Saturday
MARCH 31: 7:00 PM
Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday
APRIL 1: 9:30 AM