

Saint Stephen Catholic Parish

Walnut Creek, California

Third Sunday of Lent—March 19, 2017



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday--Thursday 8:30 AM--4:30 PM

Office closes daily for lunch and at noon on Wednesdays

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Faith Formation

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Parish Bookkeeper

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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

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	3/18	5:00	Ronan Coughlan †
SUN	3/19	9:30	Int. all Josephs in the Tavormina Family
TUE	3/21	7:30	Ione Minister †
WED	3/22	7:30	Michael Chen †
THU	3/23	7:30	Luis Haefke †
FRI	3/24	7:30	Int. St. Stephen Parishioners
SAT	3/25	5:00	Doug Prouty †
SUN	3/26	9:30	Lillian Pavlovich †



For Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office

Mass times across the US at <http://masstimes.org>

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. —Romans 5:8

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:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

LENT 2017

LET OUR ADORATION NEVER CEASE!

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 12 noon in the Church
March 24, 31, April 7



EXPERIENCE FORGIVENESS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, March 25,
& April 8 at @ 3:30 PM



BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Simple Soup Suppers

Wednesdays at 6:15 PM in the Hall
March 22, 29 & April 5



LENTEN SERIES

Wednesdays at 7 PM in the Hall

Mar 22: "Parable of Blind Man from John's Gospel"
Fr. Mark Amaral

Mar 29: "From Hunger to Hope" Guest Speaker,
Thomas Awiapo, Catholic Relief Services'
Global Solidarity Liaison telling his story
of survival and success

Apr 5: "Taize Around the Cross" Maria Calderazzo

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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday-Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 @ 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 @ 9:30 AM

Holy Thursday

APRIL 13 @ 7 PM

MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER
PRESENTATION of the HOLY OILS
WASHING of FEET & PROCESSION
EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
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Good Friday

APRIL 14

@ 12 noon STATIONS of the CROSS
@ 3 PM THE PASSION of the LORD
with VENERATION of the CROSS
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Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

APRIL 15 @ 7 PM
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Easter Sunday

APRIL 16 @ 9:30 AM



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, 3/19	Third Sunday of Lent	
	St. Joseph, pray for us.	
8:30 AM	R4&6	Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6	Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00 AM	R6	RCIA
Monday, 3/20	St. Cuthbert, pray for us.	
Tuesday, 3/21	St. Philemon, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	PH	Realtors In Motion
12:00 PM	PH	Card & Game Party
Wednesday, 3/22	St. Lea, pray for us.	
6:15 PM	PH	Soup Supper
7:00 PM	PH	Lenten Presentation—Fr. Mark
Thursday, 3/23	St. Toribio, pray for us.	
1:00 PM	R5	Bible Study
7:00 PM	CH	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 3/24	Sts. Mark & Timothy, pray for us.	
	RC	Parish Office Closed
12:00 PM	CH	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 3/25	The Annunciation of the Lord	
3:30 PM	CH	Reconciliation
	<i>Catholic Relief Services Collection</i>	
Sunday, 3/26	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
8:30 AM	R4&6	Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6	Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00 AM	R6	Confirmation
11:00 AM	R5	RCIA
	<i>Catholic Relief Services Collection</i>	

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

Priesthood Discernment Gathering with Bishop Barber
 Fri, Apr 7 @ 5:30—8:30 pm Cathedral of Christ the Light
 Open to young men 18-30 years old —Please RSVP by Apr 3
 Diocesan Office of Vocations 510-267-8345

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

*"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love God."
 —1 Corinthians 2:9*

Nostalgia is a particular temptation these days for those who care about the church and see the church changing in ways that can look a lot like diminishment. We hear others, or even find ourselves thinking, "The church is not what it once was. The best days are behind us." Or so nostalgia whispers in our ear. Nostalgia can be our response to what I call "*the narrative of decline*." According to this narrative, the church is not what it once was. *The narrative of decline* invites blame: Who got us into this situation? By contrast, we can ask, "What is God up to in our time?" That's a very different question. It invites our imaginations. It calls us to be faithful. As Catholic Christians we are assured that the "good old days," no matter how good, are nothing compared to what God has in store for us. Paul quotes Isaiah to remind the Corinthians, and perhaps also to remind himself: "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." So look back, yes. But lean forward. God is up to something new in our time. It is up to us to discern what that is.

My Lenten prayer: God, help us to look back in ways that that help us move forward into the future you have prepared for us. Amen
 —Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

MARCH 5, 2017

Sunday Offering	\$4,755.50
Ash Wednesday	\$ 668.75
Doughnuts	\$ 47.00
Maintenance	\$ 73.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 30.00

CONTRIBUTIONS

Weekly Offering



MARCH 12, 2017

Sunday Offering	\$3,447.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 20.00
CRS Rice Bowl	\$ 100.00
Doughnuts	\$ 24.14
Flowers	\$ 20.00
Maintenance	\$ 43.00

CONTRIBUTIONS

Weekly Offering



Thank you! Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST

Have you considered making a pledge to the appeal?

- ● BRIDGE & GAME PARTY: Please join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 21st at noon for an afternoon of games (bridge, dominoes, Rummikub, etc.). This is a chance to socialize with your fellow parishioners. All are welcome. Bring your lunch. Beverages & snacks will be provided. Call Walter Lang at 925-939-2430 if you have questions.

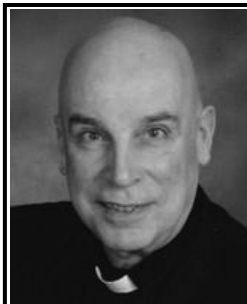
MINISTERS MAR 25/26, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	B. Rusca	M. Ah Yee
C.L.O.W.:		L. Reno
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	J. Kurpinsky*	Veamatahau*
		Veamatahau
ALTAR SERVERS:	M. Milani	B. Pons
		A. Welti
COUNTERS:		
MON 3/20	P. Dempsey	P. Walton
MON 3/27	D. Mammola	C. Ellis



MONASTIC IMMERSION WEEKEND INSIDE the LIFE of a MONK RETREAT

The monks of New Clairvaux Abbey in Vina, CA invite single Catholic men ages 18-35 to immerse themselves in the tradition from **MAR 31 to APR 2**. Participants can join the monks for Mass and Liturgy of the Hour in the Abbey Church, share a meal and experience the beauty and tranquility. Info and registration are available at www.newclairvaux.org or Br. Christopher at godseeking@newclairvaux.org or call 530-839-2161. Meals & lodging are provided in the monastery guesthouse.



St. Stephen Parish expresses its deepest sympathy to the family and offers prayers for the repose of the soul of
Rev. Peter J. Loffredo
 who entered into eternal life on March 2, 2017