

# St. Stephen Catholic Church

Walnut Creek, California . March 25, 2018  
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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## PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR:

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ANNETTE ROUX  
Pastoral Associate

NANCY GIZDICH  
Bookkeeper

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.



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### MARCH 18, 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for Sunday, March 18 are not yet listed since they were not yet collected when this bulletin went to print.

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*

## MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 3/24	5:00	Lillian Pavlovich †
SUN 3/25	9:30	Nicodemo & Pasqualina Mammola †
TUE 3/27	7:30	Msgr. Laurence Hennessy †
WED 3/28	7:30	Fr. Thomas Hogan †
THU 3/29	7:30	Sidney Corman †
	7:00	Gloria Salafia †
SAT 3/31	5:00	Leonard Pauplis †
SUN 4/1	9:30	Rose and Frank Puchalski †



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

## 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].*

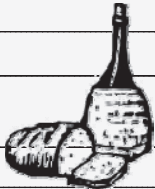
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	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
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday:</b>	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
<b>Sunday:</b>	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]

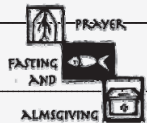
## HOLY THURSDAY, MAR 29, 2018

<b>MASS:</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
<b>LECTORS:</b>	R. Kuca
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	F. McCormick*
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	A. Roux
<b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>	Takafua (2)



## GOOD FRIDAY, MAR 30, 2018

<b>SERVICE:</b>	<b>3 PM</b>
<b>LECTORS:</b>	A. Roux M. Milani
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	A. Roux



## HOLY SATURDAY & EASTER MARCH 31 & APRIL 1, 2018

<b>MASS:</b>	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	
<b>LECTORS</b>	L. Morin B. Rusca	C. Pluta P. Reno	M. Ah Yee
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION *</b>	M. Milani* A. Roux L. Morin	M. Mammola* D. Minister J. Patel	
*Reception of Communion under both species returns at Easter.			
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	A. Roux		
<b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>	Takafua (2) M. Reno	R. Kuca	

<b>COUNTERS:</b>		
<b>MON 3/26</b>	P. Walton	C. Ellis
<b>TUE 4/3</b>	C. Ellis D. Mammola	M. Peare K. Coyne

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

*"I want to know Christ and the power for His resurrection."  
 Philippians 3:10*

The Passion Narrative we read today on Palm Sunday says that Jesus was stripped of his clothes. We don't know if he looked them in the eye when they undid his belt. What we do know is this: it was the worst possible death for a Jew. Not because the flesh is sinful, but because the body is holy — made in the image of God. Yet, each morning we clothe ourselves with expensive garments, schedules, meetings and plans. We cover our anxieties with accessories, our fears with fashion. We arm ourselves with expectations for ourselves and others. Today, begin to open yourself to the reality of who you really are. Say no to the impossible expectations we place on ourselves and others. Dare to confront the way we physically and emotionally bear the marks of time. Because then and only then, will we become more like Christ — made vulnerable, open to the wounds of the world; and yes, also the wonders. Do this, and you will see yourself again for the first time — the image of God made flesh, redeemed. Reborn.

*Prayer: God, strip me of my insecurities and my needs and clothe me instead with the knowledge that this stranger in the mirror is really me. And therefore, really You! Help me to embrace that person today, instead of covering up. AMEN*

Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

# WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Sunday 3/25</b>	<b>Palm Sunday—Passion of the Lord</b>
8:45 AM R5	Faith Formation
9:30 AM CH	<b>PALM SUNDAY LITURGY</b>
9:30 AM R6	Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00 AM R5	Confirmation Prep Class
<b>Monday 3/26</b>	<b>St. Theodore, pray for us.</b>
<b>Tuesday 3/27</b>	<b>St. Ruport, pray for us.</b>
8:00 AM CH	Rosary Group
8:00 AM PH	Contra Costa Realtors in Motion
<b>Wednesday 3/28</b>	<b>St. Alexander, pray for us.</b>
8:00 AM CH	Rosary Group
<b>Holy Thursday 3/29</b>	<b>St. Gladys, pray for us.</b>
8:00 AM CH	Rosary Group
7:00 PM CH	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Good Friday 3/30</b>	<b>St. Fergus, pray for us.</b> 
1:30 PM CH	Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM CH	Good Friday Prayer Service
	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
<b>Holy Saturday 3/31</b>	<b>St. Benjamin, pray for us.</b>
3:30 PM CH	<b>NO</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00 PM CH	Easter Vigil
<b>CH = Church . PH = Parish Hall . RC = Rectory . R# = Room</b>	

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# HOLY WEEK



**Holy Thursday**  
**MARCH 29**  
 7:30 AM Morning Mass  
 7:00 PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper  
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**Good Friday**   
**MARCH 30: NO Morning Mass**  
 1:30 PM—Stations of the Cross  
 3:00 PM—Prayer Service  
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**Holy Saturday**  
**MARCH 31: 7:00 PM**  
**Easter Vigil**  
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**Easter Sunday**  
**APRIL 1: 9:30 AM**



**OPERATION RICE BOWL** We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) for more information.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1 EASTER SUNDAY</b> 10:30 am Egg Hunt 	<b>2 Easter Monday</b>  <b>Parish Office Closed</b> <i>St. Pedro Calungsod</i>	<b>3</b> 8am Rosary Group 8 am Realtors in Motion Counters: K. Coyne C. Ellis M. Peare D. Mammola <i>St. Irene</i>	<b>4</b> 8am Rosary Group  10 am Scripture Study-R5  <i>St. Isidore</i>	<b>5</b> 8am Rosary Group 9:30 am Enrichment Mtg-R5 2:30 pm SVdP-R6 <b>NO</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>Parish Office Closed</b> <i>St. Vincent Ferrer</i>	<b>6</b> 8am Rosary Group  <b>Parish Office Closed</b> <i>St. Celestine I</i>	<b>7</b>  11am Queen of Heaven Cemetery Mass 3:30 pm Reconciliation - CH <i>St. John Baptist de la Salle</i>
<b>8 Mercy Sunday</b> 8:30 am Faith Formation 9:30 am C.L.O.W-R6 11 am Confirmation	<b>9 Annunciation of the Lord</b> Counters: P. Dempsey M. Lenahan <i>St. Demetrius</i>	<b>10</b> 8am Rosary Group 8 am Realtors in Motion  <i>St. Terence</i>	<b>11</b> 8am Rosary Group 10 am Scripture Study-R5  <i>St. Stanislaus</i>	<b>12</b> 8am Rosary Group  7 pm Choir Rehearsal  <i>St. Damian</i>	<b>13 Friday the 13th</b> 8am Rosary Group  <b>Parish Office Closed</b> <i>St. Martin I</i>	<b>14</b>  3:30 pm Reconciliation-CH  <i>St. Peter Gonzales</i>
<b>15 Third Sunday of Easter</b> 8:30 am Faith Formation 9:30 am C.L.O.W-R6 <b>NO HOSPITALITY</b> 10:30 am Deacon Sunday Gathering-PH	<b>16</b> Counters: J. Stark P. Walton  <i>St. Benedict Joseph Labre</i>	<b>17</b> 8am Rosary Group 8 am Realtors in Motion  12 pm Card & Game Party-PH <i>St. Elias</i>	<b>18</b> 8am Rosary Group  <i>Pray for Each Other</i>  <i>St. Perfectus</i>	<b>19</b> 8am Rosary Group 9:30 am Enrichment Mtg-R5 10 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Choir Rehearsal <i>St. Gerold</i>	<b>20</b> 8am Rosary Group  <b>Parish Office Closed</b>  <i>St. Marian</i>	<b>21</b>  3:30 pm Reconciliation-CH 6 pm Diablo Choral Artists Dinner Dance  <i>St. Anslern</i>
<b>22 Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 8:30 am Faith Formation 9:30 am C.L.O.W-R6	<b>23</b> Counters: C. Ellis P. Dempsey  <i>St. George</i>	<b>24</b> 8am Rosary Group 8 am Realtors in Motion  <i>St. Fidelis</i>	<b>25</b> 8am Rosary Group  <i>Thank your neighbor</i> <i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>	<b>26</b> 8am Rosary Group  7 pm Choir Rehearsal <i>St. Cletus</i>	<b>27</b> 8am Rosary Group  <b>Parish Office Closed</b>  <i>St. Theodore</i>	<b>28</b> 8am Marriage Prep Retreat 3:30 pm Reconciliation-CH <b>SVdP Collection</b> <i>St. Peter Chanel</i>
<b>29 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 8am Marriage Prep Retreat <b>NO HOSPITALITY</b> 8:30 am Faith Formation 9:30 am C.L.O.W-R6 11 am Confirmation <b>SVdP Collection</b>	<b>30</b> Counters: M. Peare M. Lenahan  <i>St. Pius V</i>		ALL DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE	<b>APRIL 2018</b>	<b>LEGEND:</b> PH = Parish Hall CH = Church RC = Rectory R# = Room #	<b>Remember to put the amount of your contribution on your collection envelope! Thanks.</b>