

# *Saint Stephen Catholic Parish*

*Walnut Creek, California*

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

*March 26, 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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## **PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR:**

FR. MARK C. AMARAL

## **PARISH STAFF:**

DEACON BILL BOTHE  
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Pastoral Associate,  
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MARY COOK  
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NANCY GIZDICH  
Parish Bookkeeper

MARIA CALDERAZZO  
Director of Music Ministry

PETER RENO  
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 3/25 5:00 Doug Prouty †  
 SUN 3/26 9:30 Lillian Pavlovich †  
 TUE 3/28 7:30 Int. St. Stephen Parishioners  
 WED 3/29 7:30 Kenneth Vuletich †  
 THU 3/30 7:30 Gloria Salafia †  
 FRI 3/31 7:30 Gene Rogers †  
 SAT 4/1 5:00 Jesus Susing & Lodare Hutchins †  
 SUN 4/2 9:30 Johanna Pauplis †



For Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office

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

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

**Gospel** — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

**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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2,4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;  
 Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3,9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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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

## Good Friday

APRIL 14

@ 12 noon STATIONS of the CROSS

@ 3 PM THE PASSION of the LORD  
 with VENERATION of the CROSS

## Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

APRIL 15 @ 7 PM

## Easter Sunday

APRIL 16 @ 9:30 AM

## MINISTERS APR 1-2, 2017

| MASS:                         | 5 PM          | 9:30 AM                   |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| <b>LECTORS:</b>               | J. Kurpinsky  | A. Lolohea                |
| <b>C.L.O.W.:</b>              |               | C. Lang                   |
| <b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b> | F. McCormick* | Veamatahau*<br>Veamatahau |
| <b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>         | R. Kuca       | L. Morin                  |
| <b>COUNTERS:</b>              |               |                           |
| <b>MON 3/27</b>               | D. Mammola    | C. Ellis                  |
| <b>MON 4/3</b>                | P. Dempsey    | K. Coyne                  |



## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

In Jacob's dream in *Genesis 28: 16* he sees a stairway to heaven with angels. He named the place *Bethel* "the place of God." The ancient Celts called such spots "thin places," where the distance between heaven and earth collapses. They can be holy spots such as the Isle of Iona or the *Cathedral de Notre Dame*, but more often than not they are ordinary places, such as *Bethel*, or a dusty road on the way to Damascus. You can search for thin places, but, as with Jacob, it is more likely that they will find you. Such unexpected encounters with the Holy seem to happen in times of crisis: Jacob running away from home, Saul on his way to persecute the church. Is it the place itself that allows these glimpses of God or is it some state of mind and heart? Either way there are times when the ordinarily reliable distinction between heaven and earth gets erased. Even if we see no burning bush or ladder to heaven, nor hear the voice of Jesus, we are no less certain that we have come upon a thin place, and can say, as Jacob did, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" **My Lenten prayer:** Keep us alive and alert, O God, in all places and times that we may not miss the moments of your visitation. Amen —*Annette Roux*

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

|  |                                    |
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| <b>Sunday, 3/26</b>  | <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>       |
| 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>                       |                                    |
| <b>Monday, 3/27</b>  | <b>St. Rupert, pray for us.</b>    |
| <b>Tuesday, 3/28</b>   | <b>St. Alexander, pray for us.</b> |
| 8:00 AM  | PH Realtors In Motion              |
| 12:00 PM   | PH Card & Game Party               |
| <b>Wednesday, 3/29</b>   | <b>St. Gladys, pray for us.</b>    |
| 6:15 PM  | PH Soup Supper                     |
| 7:00 PM  | PH Lenten Presentation—Fr. Mark    |
| <b>Thursday, 3/30</b>  | <b>St. Fergus, pray for us.</b>    |
| 1:00 PM  | R5 Bible Study                     |
| 7:00 PM  | CH Choir Rehearsal                 |
| <b>Friday, 3/31</b>  | <b>St. Benjamin, pray for us.</b>  |
|  | RC Parish Office Closed            |
| <b>CH = Church . PH = Parish Hall . RC = Rectory . R# = Room</b> |                                    |

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't. —Blaise Pascal

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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| <b>MARCH 19, 2017</b>  | <b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b> |
| Sunday Offering  | \$2,954.50           |
| Ash Wednesday  | \$ 10.00             |
| Doughnuts  | \$ 61.00             |
| Flowers  | \$ 384.00            |
| <i>Thank you! Your continued support is greatly appreciated.</i> |                      |
| REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST          |                      |







**ST. STEPHEN  
WELCOMES  
NEW PARISHIONERS  
MICHAEL & HOLLEE MAFFEO**

### LENTEN SERIES ~ WEDNESDAYS

Soup @ 6:15 pm and Speaker @ 7 PM in the Hall

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

| SUN   | MON  | TUE   | WED   | THU   | FRI  | SAT   |
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| <b>APRIL 2017</b>   | <i>Paschal Triduum is taken from the Latin for "three days" and extends from the evening of Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday.</i>                       |   |   |   | Easter is named from an ancient spring festival & is the "Great Sunday."   | <b>2</b><br>3:30 pm<br>Reconciliation-CH<br><i>St. Hugh of Grenoble</i>   |
| <b>2 5th Sunday of Lent</b><br>9am Faith Formation<br>10am C.L.O.W.- R6<br>11 am Confirmation<br>R5   | <b>3</b><br><i>Counters:</i><br><i>P. Dempsey</i><br><i>K. Coyne</i><br><br><i>St. Irene</i>   | <b>4</b><br>8 am Realtors in Motion-PH<br>7pm Pastoral Council-R1<br><i>St. Isidore</i>   | <b>5</b><br>6pm Soup Supper<br>7 pm Taize Prayer Around the Cross<br><i>St. Vincent Ferrer</i>                        | <b>6</b><br>9:30 am Enrichment Mtg-R5<br>12:30pm Bible Study<br>7pm Choir Rehearsal<br><i>St. Celestine I</i> | <b>7</b><br>12 pm Stations of Cross<br>Parish Office Closed<br><br><i>St. John Baptist de la Salle</i>   | <b>8</b><br>3:30 pm<br>Reconciliation-CH<br><i>St. Januarius</i>  |
| <b>9 Palm Sunday</b><br>9am Faith Formation<br>10am C.L.O.W.- R6<br>   | <b>10</b><br><i>Counters:</i><br><i>M. Lenahan</i><br><i>P. Walton</i><br>6pm Environment Meeting-R1<br><i>St. Terence</i>                                 | <b>11</b><br>8 am Realtors in Motion-PH<br>7 pm SVdP-R6<br><br><i>St. Stanislaus</i>  | <b>12</b><br>7pm Choir Rehearsal<br><br><i>St. Damian</i>   | <b>13 Holy Thursday</b><br>12:30pm Bible Study<br>7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper<br><br><i>St. Maximus</i>     | <b>14 Good Friday</b><br>12 pm Stations of Cross<br>3 pm Good Friday Service<br><i>Holy Land Collection</i><br>Parish Office Closed<br><i>St. Peter Gonzales</i> | <b>15 Holy Saturday</b><br>NO Reconciliation<br>7pm Vigil Mass<br><br><i>St.</i>  |
| <b>16 Easter Sunday</b><br>NO Faith Formation<br>NO C.L.O.W.- R6<br>NO Confirmation<br>NO RCIA<br><br>HAPPY EASTER | <b>17 Easter Monday</b><br><br>Parish Office Closed<br><i>St. Elias</i> | <b>18</b><br>8 am Realtors in Motion-PH<br>12 pm Card & Game Party-PH<br><i>Counters:</i><br><i>D.Mammola/M. Peare</i><br><i>K.Coyne/C. Ellis</i><br>7pm Stewardship Meeting-R1 | <b>19</b><br><br><i>St. Gerold</i> | <b>20</b><br>9:30 am Enrichment Mtg-R5<br>6:30 pm Tongan Mass<br>7pm Choir Rehearsal<br><i>St. Marian</i>     | <b>21</b><br><i>Pray for each other</i><br>7 pm Tongan Mass-CH<br>8 pm Tongan Reception<br>Parish Office Closed<br><i>St. Anselm</i>                             | <b>22</b><br>1 pm Tongan Renewal-CH<br>3:30 pm<br>Reconciliation-CH<br><br><i>St. Alexander</i>   |
| <b>23 2nd Sunday of Easter</b><br>9am Faith Formation<br>10am C.L.O.W.- R6<br>11 am Confirmation<br>3 pm Tongan Mass  | <b>24</b><br><i>Counters:</i><br><i>M. Lenahan</i><br><i>J. Stark</i><br><br><i>St. Fidelis</i>  | <b>25</b><br>8 am Realtors in Motion-PH<br><br><i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>  | <b>26</b><br><i>Perform a random act of kindness for someone</i><br><br><i>St. Cletus</i>                             | <b>27</b><br>7pm Choir Rehearsal<br><br><i>St. Theodore</i>   | <b>28</b><br>thank a priest<br>Parish Office Closed<br><br><i>St. Peter Chanel</i>   | <b>29</b><br>8 am Marriage Prep<br>Retreat-PH<br>3:30 pm<br>Reconciliation-CH<br><i>St. Vincent de Paul Collection</i><br><i>St. Catherine of Siena</i> |
| <b>30 3rd Sunday of Easter</b><br>8 am Marriage Prep<br>Retreat-PH<br>9am Faith Formation<br>10am C.L.O.W.- R6<br>4 pm Retreat Mass<br><i>St. Vincent de Paul Collection</i>                          | <br><b>STEPHEN</b>  | <b>LEGEND:</b><br>PH = Parish Hall<br>CH = Church<br>RC = Rectory<br>R# = Room #  | <i>Please remember the sick of our parish in your prayers</i>   |   |   | <b>ALL DATES &amp; TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>  |