

Saint Stephen Catholic Parish

Walnut Creek, California ~ April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



He is risen. Alleluia!

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
Pastoral Associate,
Facilities

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Pastoral Associate,
Faith Formation

MARY COOK
Office Manager/Secretary

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	4/15	7:00	Valerie Masson Gomez †	
SUN	4/16	9:30	Doug Prouty †	
TUE	4/18	7:30	For a special requested intention	
WED	4/19	7:30	Joe DeSouza † and Carolina DeSouza †	
THU	4/20	7:30	Ione Minister †	
FRI	4/21	7:30	Int. St. Stephen Parishioners	
SAT	4/22	7:00	Angela Cashell †	
SUN	4/23	9:30	Frank and Rose Puchalski †	

For Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

FROM THE PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR



Dear All:

On behalf of the staff and volunteers of St. Stephen Parish I want to welcome you to our corner of Walnut Creek and to our Easter celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

If you are visiting with family and friends or if you live in the area and would consider joining us in the celebration of our risen Lord, registration forms are available at the entrances of the church. We welcome you to St. Stephen with Christian fellowship worshipping with our community. Thank you for both your monetary and prayer contributions this season and throughout the year. Many thanks to all those who made our celebration special—St. Stephen music ministry, environment, and liturgical ministers. It is in working together that we are one body of Christ.

Joyous Easter!

Fr. Mark Amaral

It is with great pleasure that St. Stephen Parish

Joyfully Welcomes

JANA LOWE and ALLISON LOWE

Into Full Communion of the

Roman Catholic Church on this Easter Vigil

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Jesus' passion, death and resurrection are the most important events in all of history. Everything before those days was leading up to these events. Everything following those days is the opportunity to live the graces of the resurrection the grace of having the risen Jesus in our lives. The life of Jesus and the meaning of His passion, death and resurrection has been impacting people ever since, lives touched and impacted by those who did see Jesus and enjoyed the graces of the risen Jesus in their lives. Jesus continues in the Church. This is expressed beautifully in the letter to the Ephesians where the Church is described as the Body of Christ and Christ is the head and the whole body is joined to him (Eph. 4:15-16). After Jesus' resurrection, the place to find the risen Lord is in the Church, especially in the Sacraments. "Jesus continues in the Church" is not just a clever phrase, but is true because we have the opportunity to experience Him ourselves. And, when we experience Jesus present within us, continuing in His Church, everything changes.

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, 4/16		EASTER SUNDAY
8:30 AM	R4&6	NO Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6	NO C.L.O.W.
Monday, 4/17		St. Elias, pray for us.
	RC	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, 4/18		St. Apollonius, pray for us.
8:00 AM	PH	Realtors In Motion
12:00 PM	PH	Card & Game party
7:00 PM	R1	Stewardship Meeting
Wednesday, 4/19		St. Gerold, pray for us.
6:00 PM	PH	Movie Night:
Thursday, 4/20		St. Marian, pray for us.
9:30 AM	R5	Enrichment Meeting
7:00 PM	PH	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	CH	Tongan Mass
Friday, 4/21		St. Anslem, pray for us.
	RC	Parish Office Closed
Saturday, 4/22		St. Alexander, pray for us.
1:00 PM	CH	Tongan Renewal
3:30 PM	CH	Reconciliation
Sunday, 4/23		MERCY SUNDAY
8:30 AM	R4&6	Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6	C.L.O.W.
11:00 AM	R6	Confirmation Class
3:00 PM	CH	Tongan Mass

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

Cantare Con Vivo performs "I Don't Feel No Ways Tired"
Sun, Apr 30 @ 4 pm—Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church
 Tickets contact Melody at docmelody@comcast.net
 or visit www.cantareconvivo.org



OUR CUPBOARD IS BARE!

Thank you to all parishioners for the support and donations you have given us over the years. You have been very gracious with your response to our requests.

We are blessed to be able to help those who are in need and thankful for your generosity. During recent months, client calls have depleted our pantry. Please help us restock with non-perishable, unopened, and un-expired items such as canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables/fruit, hot and cold cereals, grains, pasta, and dried beans/peas. The need is ongoing.



Divine Mercy Prayer Group
 forming at St. Stephen Parish
 If you are interested in this ministry,
 for further details please contact
Anabela at love_4_reno@yahoo.com
 Members will be commissioned at the
 3 PM Mass on Sunday, April 23

Please pray for the sick of our Parish


MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Stephen Movie Nights on Wednesdays!
Come watch "Florence Foster Jenkins"
 with Meryl Streep & Hugh Grant
Wednesday, April 19 @ 6 pm
 in the Parish Hall



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

APRIL 2, 2017 CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$3,567.10	Weekly Offering 
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 130.00	
Doughnuts	\$ 42.00	
Easter	\$ 100.00	
Good Friday	\$ 10.00	
Holy Thursday	\$ 25.00	
Maintenance	\$ 81.00	

The amounts for April 9 collection are not posted here 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 contribution to the 2017 Bishop's Appeal.

Contributions toward **Easter flowers** were donated in memory and in honor of the following and many unnamed individuals. Mr. & Mrs. W. Ahern, Shirley Banker, Filomena & Teresa, Neal Galvin, Claudio Javier, Felina Javier, Larry & Phyllis Karges, Kuca Family, McGraw & Heintz Families, Mr. & Mrs. E. Stahl Pasqualina & Nicodemus Mammola, Nagel Family, Frank & Helen Norris, O'Leahy Family, Porovich Family, Doug Prouty, Puchalski Family, J.H. Vuletich. Thank you.



All God's People
 - United in Faith -
 2017 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Diocese of Oakland

**For more
 information:**

www.oakdiocese.org/giving

2017 Bishop's Appeal SSP Goal Summary:


Parish Goal:	\$15,793.48
Funds Raised:	\$ 7,395.00
Still to Raise:	\$ 8,398.48
% of Goal Raised:	46.82%

BRIDGE & GAME PARTY



Please come and join us at St. Stephen Parish Hall on Tuesday, April 18 @ 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. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Call Walter Lang at 939-2430 if you have any questions.

MINISTERS APR 23, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	B. Rusca	R. Minister
C.L.O.W.:		J. Chapman
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	S. Kuca* F. McCormick D. Derby	D. Minister* A. Lolohea J. Patel T. Holani H. Spahr A. Roux
		
ALTAR SERVERS:	M. Milani	Takafua Takafua
COUNTERS:		
TUE 4/18	M. Peare K. Coyne M. Lenahan	D. Mammola C. Ellis J. Stark
MON 4/24		