

Saint Stephen Catholic Parish

Walnut Creek

California



Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 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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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 5/6	5:00	Int. Terence DeSouza—Graduation Congratulations	
SUN 5/7	9:30	Kenneth Vuletich †	
TUE 5/9	7:30	Paula Tancredy †	
WED 5/10	7:30	†	
THU 5/11	7:30	Int. Rosemary Cook—Birthday Blessing	
FRI 5/12	7:30	Int. St. Stephen Parishioners	
SAT 5/13	5:00	Rose Puchalski †	
SUN 5/14	9:30	Bob Walton †	

For Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

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

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).


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PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

MINISTERS MAY 13/14, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	G. Pauplis	C. Lang
C.L.O.W.:		J. Chapman
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	S. Karges* F. McCormick J. George	L. Morin* A. Roux M. Mammola Veamatahau Veamatahau D. Minister
		
ALTAR SERVERS:	R. Kuca	A. Welti
COUNTERS:		
MON 5/8	C. Ellis	M. Lenahan
MON 5/15	M. Peare	D. Mammola

The goal of religion is not to get us into heaven, but to get heaven into us.

All are Invited to Witness the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons Matthew Murray and Oscar Rojas Friday, May 26, 2017 @ 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of Christ the Light



WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville on **July 14-16** or **Sep 20-Oct 1**. Space is limited. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information call **Mike & Jeanne @ 672-2016** or **Joe & Sue @ 680-7767** or oaklandwwme.org

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

"Since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you..." - Luke 1:3

We all love story-telling. Especially group story-telling, when one person in the group begins a story and each person in the group continues the story based on the narrative of the previous story teller.

In order to be a vibrant participant in group story-telling, one must listen closely to what the previous story teller has said and then incorporate one's own creative twists into the story line. This keeps the story alive and gives the one who continues the story afterwards something interesting to work with. Many Bible historians believe that Luke was a Gentile convert to Christianity. Upon becoming a Christian, Luke inherited the great story of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But Luke understood that as long as he and his contemporaries were seeking to relate the gospel story to the relevancy of their own lives, the story was not complete. So Luke considered it quite appropriate to continue telling the story in his own words, based on his own experience and viewed through the lenses of his own life. The story has now been given to you and me. It is ours to tell. If it is to stay relevant, it must be infused with a real sense of our own passion, experience and expression. It's our turn.

Prayer: God, thank you for the story I've been given. Now help me to make it my own. Amen.

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, 5/7	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:30 AM	R4&6 Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6 C.L.O.W.
11:00 AM	R6 Confirmation
Monday, 5/8	St. Peter of Tarantaise, pray for us.
Tuesday, 5/9	St. Pachomius, pray for us.
8:00 AM	PH Realtors In Motion
7:00 PM	R6 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Wednesday, 5/10	St. Damien of Molokai, pray for us.
8:00 AM	PH Assistance League
Thursday, 5/11	St. Ignatius of Laconi, pray for us.
12:30 PM	R5 Bible Study
7:00 PM	PH Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 5/12	St. Dionysius, pray for us.
	RC Parish Office Closed
Saturday, 5/13	Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.
3:30 PM	CH Reconciliation
Sunday, 5/14	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	MOTHER'S DAY!
8:30 AM	R4&6 Faith Formation
9:30 AM	R6 C.L.O.W.

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



Once again, it's time for St. Stephen Parish annual outreach **Spring Showers** our collection of baby items. Your donations are always warmly received by the new mothers we help through Hillcrest Covenant Church. Please bring your contributions for infants sizes from newborn to 24 months and place in the playpen in the rear of the church through May 14. Questions? Call Renette MacIntyre at 925-937-9243.

TODAY IS THE **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Let us pray together: Lord, Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and women. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen

THE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Twenty-third Psalm, today's responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads "Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage" (Psalm 23:4) connects this week's scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

APRIL 30, 2017	CONTRIBUTIONS
Sunday Offering	\$3,250.00
Maintenance	\$ 10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,146.00
	Weekly Offering

APRIL	APRIL SUMMARY
	Regular /Easter
	\$26,114.77
	TOTAL
	\$26,114.77
	APR GOAL:
	\$28,000.00
	<i>Overage or (Shortfall) (\$ 1,885.23)</i>

OTHER	
Holy Thursday/Good Friday	\$1,307.68
CRS Rice Bowls	\$1,301.24
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 180.00
Doughnuts	\$ 172.30
Flowers	\$ 20.00
Maintenance	\$ 312.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,171.00

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.

 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: \$ 9,015.00 Still to Raise: \$ 6,778.48 % of Goal Raised: 57.08%
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Stephen Movie Night
Wed, May 17 @ 7 pm in Parish Hall
 with popcorn and root beer floats!
Come watch "Hidden Figures"

Three brilliant African-American women at NASA serve as the brains behind the launch of astronaut John Glenn.

*St. Stephen Parish Welcomes
 our newest parishioner*
BELLA DOLLY GHIGLIERI
who received the
Sacrament of Baptism this weekend



May Calendar Corrections: Thursday, May 25 is not a holy day of obligation. The ASCENSION of the Lord is perpetually moved in our Diocese to be celebrated on **SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017** and not on Thursday as stated on the calendar. Please make that correction to your calendar. Also, the Stewardship Committee is meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 7 pm and not on May 9. Please note this change as well. Thank you.