

Saint Stephen Catholic Parish

Walnut Creek California

Pentecost Sunday ~ June 4, 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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Walnut Creek, CA 94597

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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 6/3	5:00	Sandy Fischer †
SUN 6/4	9:30	Marie Sobieda Gutierrez †
TUE 6/6	7:30	In thanksgiving for a special intention.
WED 6/7	7:30	Int. Steve Amaral—Birthday Blessings
THU 6/8	7:30	†
FRI 6/9	7:30	Int. St. Stephen Parishioners
SAT 6/10	5:00	Int. Fr. Mark Amaral on the 13th Anniversary of his Ordination!
SUN 6/11	9:30	Doug Prouty †



For Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

PSALM — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

SECOND READING — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

GOSPEL — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:	Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6; Mk 12:1-12
TUESDAY:	Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17
WEDNESDAY:	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc9; Mk 12:18-27
THURSDAY:	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34
FRIDAY:	Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37
SATURDAY:	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44
SUNDAY:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

Last week we heard that, following the Ascension, the disciples, Mary, and other followers of the Lord retreated to the upper room in prayer. This week we hear that, while praying in that room, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Jesus' post-Resurrection promise, recounted in today's Gospel, is fulfilled: the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus' followers. Saint Paul tells us that all of us, in some way, are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts that can be used to spread the Good News. Today is one of the Church's greatest festivals. Let us carry the refrain of the responsorial psalm with us throughout the coming week: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" (Psalm 104:30).

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The Seminarians of the Diocese of Oakland Present Quo Vadis ~ July 9 to 12 Where Are You Going?

Young men ages 13 to 18 are invited to attend this three day camp to assist in discerning their vocation as they grow in relationship with Christ. Activities include fun, games, music, Mass, prayer and talks. Space is Limited: \$50 registration.

**Diocese of Oakland Youth Retreat Center
1977 Reliez Valley Road, Lafayette**

For info call Cielo Branco 510-267-8356 or email C Branco @oakdiocese.org



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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

"A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went." - Matthew 21:28

Repentance has long been an important theme, but many are put off by the idea since it seems to demand one big life-changing event. A friend of mine had a poster on his wall that said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" In small print at the bottom it said, "If you have already repented, please disregard this notice." But we should never disregard that notice since repenting is something we must do again and again and again throughout our lives. The Greek word we translate as "repent" simply means to change direction. The son in today's parable repented of his first answer. He changed his mind and did what his father asked him. He started out in the wrong direction, but finally turned to the right one. Christian life is a continual process of course correction. Our instincts are often wrong, our decisions often bad, and we easily get off course. We hurt others; we hurt ourselves. But the good news is that God loves us enough to want us to get back on track. Like a GPS of the soul, God's love keeps beckoning us to come home, and in our several turnings find our way back to God.


Prayer: O God, keep us ever turning and returning toward you. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the one who called himself "the Way." —Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, 6/4	PENTECOST SUNDAY
10:30 AM PH	Hospitality Faith Formation & C.L.O.W. resumes SUN, SEP 24.
Monday, 6/5	St. Boniface, pray for us.
8:30 AM RC	Parish Office Closed—Holiday
Tuesday, 6/6	St. Norbert, pray for us.
8:00 AM PH	Realtors In Motion
Wednesday, 6/7	St. Willibald, pray for us.
Thursday, 6/8	St. William of York, pray for us.
7:00 PM CH	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 6/9	St. Ephrem, pray for us.
11:00 AM CH	Funeral—Joy Hall
12:00 PM PH	Funeral Reception
Saturday, 6/10	St. Getulius, pray for us.
3:30 PM CH	Sacrament of Reconciliation <i>Religious Retirement Collection</i>
Sunday, 6/11	MOST HOLY TRINITY FATHER'S DAY
	<i>Religious Retirement Collection</i>

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

MINISTERS JUNE 10/11, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	S. Derby	A. Roux
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION 	J. George*	J. Patel*
	S. Karges	T. Holani
	M. Milani	D. Minister
		M. Mammola
ALTAR SERVERS:	F. McCormick	Takafua Takafua
COUNTERS:		
MON 6/5	C. Ellis	D. Mammola
MON 6/12	K. Coyne	J. Stark



*"What we play is Life."
—Louis Armstrong
You are Invited!*

*Sips, Snacks & Some Jazz
Sun, Jul 16, 3:30 pm—6 pm
\$25 per person
San Damiano, Danville
Reservations: 925-837-9141*

Magnificat SOTI Invites You to a Prayer Breakfast

Sat, Jun 24 @ 9:30 am Crowne Plaza, Concord

Speaker: Fr. Jim Sullivan ~ All are Welcome!


Tickets: \$33/\$40 after Jun 17

**Visit www.magnificatsoti.org for More Info or Call
Jennifer @ 503-709-8449 for Reservations**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

MAY 28, 2017

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$2,440.00	Weekly Offering 
Communications/Social Concerns	\$ 351.00	
Doughnuts	\$ 39.00	
Maintenance	\$ 7.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 20.00	



MAY SUMMARY

TOTAL \$13,754.75

MAY GOAL: \$18,000.00

Overage or (Shortfall) (\$ 4,245.25)

OTHER

Catholic Charities	\$ 951.00
Communications/Social Concerns	\$ 351.00
Doughnuts	\$ 110.50
Easter	\$ 50.00
Maintenance	\$ 243.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 175.00

Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST

Consider a donation to the 2017 Bishop's Appeal.



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2017 BISHOP'S APPEAL

**Diocese of
Oakland**

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information:**

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**2017 Bishop's Appeal
SSP Goal Summary:**

Parish Goal: \$15,793.48

Funds Raised: \$ 9,170.00

Still to Raise: \$ 6,623.48

% of Goal Raised: 58.06%

Denise Clark is Presenting

"How Many Times Can You Be Healed?"

St. Augustine, 400 Alcatraz Avenue, Oakland

Thursday, June 8 @ 6:30 pm

Ms. Clark will share her story of multiple healings.

Questions? Call 925-719-2348



The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are enumerated in Isaiah 11:2-3. They are present in their fullness in Jesus Christ but are found in all Christians who are in a state of grace. We receive them when we are infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God within us—as, for example, when we receive a sacrament worthily. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (para. 1831) notes, "They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them." Infused with His gifts, we respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as if by instinct, the way Christ Himself would. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.