

*St. Stephen Catholic Church  
Walnut Creek, California*



*Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, June 10, 2018*



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

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

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**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

Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.  
—St. Anthony of Padua

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**FIRST READING** — After Adam and Eve eat of the forbidden fruit, the LORD God puts enmity between the serpent and the woman (Genesis 3:9-15).

**PSALM** — With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**SECOND READING** — We have an eternal dwelling from God, not made with hands (2 Corinthians 4:13 — 5:1).

**GOSPEL** — “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother” (Mark 3:20-35).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:1-12  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16  
**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26  
**Friday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37  
**Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

**LET OUR ADORATION NEVER CEASE!**

“The Church and the world have a great need for the Eucharist. Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of love. Let us take the time to celebrate and contemplate the fullness of our faith.”--St. Pope John Paul II

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

*“May the Lord grant all your requests.” - Psalm 20:5*

There is a certain discipline that guides us through our struggles in life. Disciplines of study mark the student in pursuit of a degree. Disciplines of romance and affection guide us in matters of the heart. Disciplines of performance direct the athlete in pursuit of a championship. But what happens when we achieve our goals and accomplish our aims? What happens when our days of struggle give way to days of triumph? The truth is that we often handle our struggles much better than we handle our successes. We know how to respect the quest for knowledge while we're in school, but can we accumulate degrees and still be cognizant of how much we don't know? We know how to make it from place to place without luxury cars, but can we cruise in the utmost comfort and still remember to walk humbly before our God? We know how to struggle to get to the top, but can we arrive at the summit and still look beyond the hills to the Lord from whence came our help? We are promised that God will bring us to a place in life where our fiercest detractors will not be able to harm us. But when we arrive at that place, we must be very careful. Because in that place, we will have no one to blame for our failures but ourselves!

*Prayer: Lord, lead me to that summit but help me to walk humbly with you when I get there. Amen*  
—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Sunday 6/10</b>	<b>10th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
8:00 AM	PH	Marriage Prep Retreat
4:00 PM	CH	Marriage Prep Mass
<b>Monday 6/11</b>	<b>St. Barnabas, pray for us.</b>	
8:30 AM	RC	Counters
<b>Tuesday 6/12</b>	<b>St. John of Sahagun, pray for us.</b>	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
8:00 AM	PH	Contra Costa Realtors in Motion
7:00 PM	R1	Stewardship Meeting
<b>Wednesday 6/13</b>	<b>St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us.</b>	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
10:00 AM	R5	Scripture Study
<b>Thursday 6/14</b>	<b>St. Methodius, pray for us. Flag Day</b>	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
7:00 PM	CH	Choir Rehearsal (last for summer)
<b>Friday 6/15</b>	<b>St. Germaine, pray for us.</b>	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
6:00 PM	PH	<b>FAREWELL FR. MARK PARTY!</b> <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
<b>Saturday 6/16</b>	<b>St. John Francis Regis, pray for us.</b>	
12:00 PM	PH	Private Party
3:30 PM	CH	Reconciliation
<b>Sunday 6/17</b>	<b>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Father's Day!</b>	
9:30 AM	PH	Fr. Mark's last Sunday Mass at SSP

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

**Wish Fr. Mark Farewell  
on Fri, Jun 15 @ 6 pm  
Parish Hall—Dinner Party  
Last Mass @ St. Stephen  
on Sun. Jun 17 @ 9:30 am**



**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** is a special place to renew and redeem hearts broken by the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion, and Sudden Infant Death (SIDS). The retreats are for women and men who are grieving pain and loss and seek healing. The weekend offers a supportive, non-judgmental environment to transform the pain of the past into love and hope. The next retreat is June 29-July 1. Spaces are limited.



Contact Kim @ 209-465-5433  
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CATECHETICAL CONGRESS OAKLAND DIOCESE  
SAT, AUG 11, 8:15 AM TO 4 PM  
BISHOP O'DOWD HIGH SCHOOL, OAKLAND  
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$35 ENDS JUL 15  
LATE REGISTRATION: \$40

QUESTIONS: [PCOLLYER@OAKDIOCESE.ORG](mailto:PCOLLYER@OAKDIOCESE.ORG)  
SPEAKERS INCLUDE THE VP OF LIFE TEEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COURAGE INTERNATIONAL, DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE FOR MIAMI ARCHDIOCESE, BISHOP BARBER & LOCAL EXPERTS  
REGISTER: [WWW.OAKDIOCESE.ORG/CONGRESS](http://WWW.OAKDIOCESE.ORG/CONGRESS)

**Please keep summer travelers in your prayers.**

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

<b>JUNE 3, 2018</b>	<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>
Sunday Collection	\$4,567.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Hospitality	\$ 52.00

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*



**Diocese of  
Oakland  
For more  
information:**

[www.oakdiocese.org/giving](http://www.oakdiocese.org/giving)

### 2018 Bishop's Appeal SSP Goal Summary:

Parish Goal:	\$15,500.00
Funds Raised:	\$12,885.00
Remaining:	\$ 2,615.00
<b>% of Goal Raised:</b>	<b>*83.13%</b>



Flag Day  
June 14

**AMERICAN FLAG** . This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. —Woodrow Wilson

## MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 6/9	5:00	Ted Smith †
SUN 6/10	9:30	Dolores Mendenhall †
TUE 6/12	7:30	Laurel Moore †
WED 6/13	7:30	Nancy Sheldon †
THU 6/14	7:30	Int. Tom Cook—Birthday Blessings and Valerie Gomez †
FRI 6/15	7:30	Msgr. Aloysius Zitko †
SAT 6/16	5:00	Carol Connolly †



**For Mass intentions, call the 925-939-3826**

Read Bishop Barber's blog online at [www.oakdiocese.org](http://www.oakdiocese.org)

## MINISTERS SAT/SUN JUN 16/17

<b>MASS:</b>	<b>5 PM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>LECTORS</b>	J. Kurpinsky	J. Gotelli
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	F. McCormick * S. Karges S. Kuca	P. Walton * M. Mammola P. Dempsey
<b>SACRISTAN</b>		J. Jury
<b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>	M. Milani	A. Roux
<b>COUNTERS:</b>		
<b>MON 6/11</b>	J. Stark	M. Peare
<b>MON 6/18</b>	M. Lenahan	D. Mammola



**Ministers Subject to Change by Pastoral Associate**