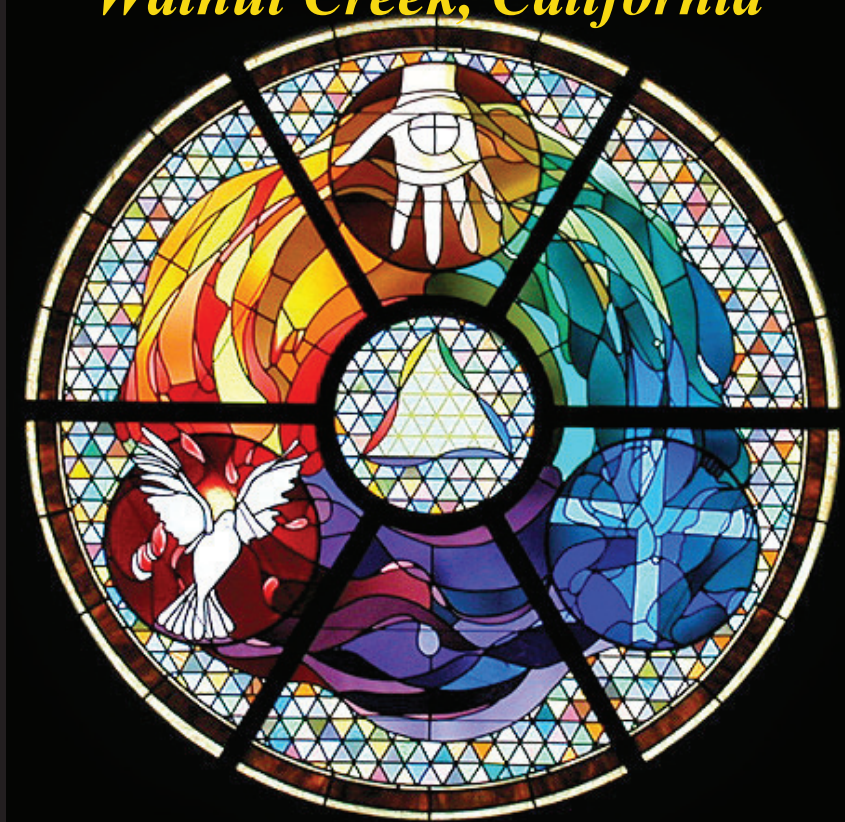


Saint Stephen Catholic Parish

Walnut Creek, California



The Most Holy Trinity~ June 11, 2017

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday--Thursday 8:30 AM--4:30 PM
Office closes daily for lunch and at noon on Wednesdays

Parish Office, Rectory
and Mailing Address: 525 Madonna Lane
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Church Location: 1101 Keaveny Ct, Walnut Creek

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PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR:

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MARIA CALDERAZZO
Director of Music Ministry

ANNETTE ROUX
Pastoral Associate
Faith Formation

NANCY GIZDICH
Parish Bookkeeper

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 6/10 5:00 Int. Fr. Mark Amaral on the 13th Anniversary of his Ordination!

SUN 6/11 9:30 Doug Prouty †

TUE 6/13 7:30 Nancy Sheldon †

WED 6/14 7:30 Int. Tom Cook—Birthday Blessings and Valerie Masson Gomez †

THU 6/15 7:30 †

FRI 6/16 7:30 Int. St. Stephen Parishioners

SAT 6/17 5:00 Frank Puchalski †

SUN 6/18 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 — The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

PSALM — Glory and praise for ever! (Daniel 3).

SECOND READING — Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

GOSPEL — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12

TUESDAY: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26

FRIDAY: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18; Mt 5:27-32

SATURDAY: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37

SUNDAY: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

THE INEXPRESSIBLE MYSTERY

The God of the universe is mysterious. Science has not been able to solve the mystery of how the universe came into being or explain exactly what continues to give it creative energy and masterful design. No religion asserts that it has found words to name fully the ineffable mystery of God, for no matter what name we use, God always transcends our limited ability to understand. God is a mystery to be believed, not known. And yet, we Christians believe that our name for God best expresses that inexpressible mystery: God is the Most Holy Trinity of three persons united in a communion of love, pouring forth that creative, saving, sanctifying love into the world. Today's scriptures celebrate the mystery of the Trinity and give us clues for living that mystery in our lives.

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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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

"So then, putting away falsehood, let all us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members one of another . . . Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear." - Ephesians 4: 17 - 5: 1

Lots of attention these days, rightly so, to things that pollute the air, the water, the soil. Paul knew, and reminds us, that there is such a thing as verbal pollution. Moreover, its consequences are serious. Careless words, distortions and lies, fracture trust and destroy life. Truth is elusive and hard to come by. Figuring out what is true, listening for truth, speaking truth; it's hard work. It requires something of us. Often today we settle for some odd substitute, something Stephen Colbert called "truthiness." *"Truthiness* is something that sounds true, something that we (or someone) wish were true but is not. It only sounds like truth. How can we distinguish truth from its many facsimiles? Truth is elusive. Truth is relational. Truth is not two-sided; it's many sided. Truth doesn't always test well. Truth invites you back for another look." Paul is not asking us to say only "nice words." He is calling us to something harder and better; to listen for, struggle to find, and work to speak truth.

Prayer: Lord, where I might settle today for half-truths and easy words, help me struggle for the deep, many-sided truth that draws me back for another look. Amen.

On August 3, 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed a congressional order making June 14th of each year National Flag Day. Pledge allegiance.



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ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC PARISH**

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, 6/11	MOST HOLY TRINITY		
Monday, 6/12	St. John of Sahagun, pray for us.		
Tuesday, 6/13	St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us.		
8:00 AM	PH	Realtors In Motion	
7:00 PM	R6	St. Vincent de Paul	
Wednesday, 6/14	St. Methodius, pray for us.		
FLAG DAY			
Thursday, 6/15	St. Germaine, pray for us.		
7:30 AM	PH	Keller Williams Bold	
9:30 AM	R5	Enrichment	
7:00 PM	CH	Last Choir Rehearsal	
Friday, 6/16	St. John Francis Regis, pray for us.		
8:30 AM	RC	Parish Office Closed	
Saturday, 6/17	St. Emily de Vialar, pray for us.		
10:00 AM	PH	Private party	
3:30 PM	CH	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sunday, 6/18	MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST FATHER'S DAY		

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



"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

MINISTERS JUNE 17/18, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	J. Holmes	C. Lang
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	J. Kurpinsky*	Veamatahau*
	F. McCormick	Veamatahau
	J. George	D. Minister
		P. Walton
	A. Lolohea	A. Roux
ALTAR SERVERS:	M. Milani	A. Welti
COUNTERS:		
MON 6/12	K. Coyne	J. Stark
TUE 6/20	P. Dempsey	P. Walton



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP TRIDUUM

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
June 14, 15, 16 @ 8 AM and 10 AM
St. Anne's Church in Walnut Creek
MASS ~ HOMILY ~ DEVOTIONS

Envelopes for Special Intentions Available at Entrances
Join us at this annual triduum—three days of prayer—
honoring Our Lady of Perpetual Help

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

JUNE 4, 2017

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$3,994.64	Weekly Offering
Catholic Charities	\$ 40.00	
Communications/Social Concerns	\$ 25.00	
Doughnuts	\$ 46.00	
Maintenance	\$ 125.00	

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.



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:	\$ 9,170.00
Still to Raise:	\$ 6,623.48
% of Goal Raised:	58.06%

**ST. STEPHEN
WELCOMES**

NEW PARISHIONERS

**Arlene Bancroft
Curtis Borman
and Elena Borman**

A QUESTION OF FAITH

It is never a question with any of us of faith or no faith; the question always is, "In what or in whom do I put my faith?" —Anonymous



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

Mission: Christ sent me to preach the gospel and He will look after the results. —Mary Slessor



**CANTARE CON VIVO CHORAL
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE, PRESENTS**

"I've Got you Under My Skin"
Tuesday, June 27 @ 8 PM

at Yoshi's in Oakland

Tickets online at www.yoshis.com

For more info see Melody Jimison
or visit cantareconvivo.org