

Saint Stephen Catholic Parish *Walnut Creek, California ~ June 25, 2017*

from the rooftops



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Parish Bookkeeper

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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	6/24	5:00	Int. Lynn Amaral — Birthday Blessing
SUN	6/25	9:30	Joy Hall †
TUE	6/27	7:30	†
WED	6/28	7:30	†
THU	6/29	7:30	Virginia Cook †
FRI	6/30	7:30	Leoncia Malijan †
SAT	7/1	5:00	Int. St. Stephen Parishioners
SUN	7/2	9:30	Doug Prouty †



For Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office @ 925-939-3826 for unique and special gifts for birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, Communion, and Confirmations. Consider these options!

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

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

PSALM — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

SECOND READING — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

GOSPEL — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

TUESDAY: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

WEDNESDAY: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Mt 7:15-20

THURSDAY: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20;
Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

FRIDAY: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

SATURDAY: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

SUNDAY: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19;
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

FEAR NOT

How do people find hope in the face of suffering and death? That is the question addressed by today's scriptures. We hear of the suffering of Jeremiah and the psalmist. We hear of the death that "reigned from Adam to Moses" (Romans 5:14). We hear of the fears of the Twelve as Jesus sends them out into the world to preach and heal.

Through all this tribulation one message rings out loud and clear—"Do not be afraid!" The God who saved Jeremiah and the psalmist and Jesus is fully present to save us through the gracious gift of Jesus Christ. We have nothing and no one to fear. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



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

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Generation to generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. Psalm 145

Although we treasure our faith in God, that faith isn't always easy for us. But one thing we do know about faith is that you don't come by it alone. And by faith I don't mean just belief in a set of doctrines, but deep trust that God is real and good and loving. When I say that faith is something you don't come by alone I am referring to the many people who help us along the way of our faith journey. As our verse for today reminds us, faith is a multi-generational project. Each generation tells the next generation the great story of God's vast love. In that regard, our faith is not only something we have, but also something we get from others. I think back to the many people who helped me to have faith. Often it was not what they told me so much as who they were, a certain authenticity about them and the way they acted. I don't know if I ever consciously thought, "I want to be like that person" but that is the way it worked. So authentic faith is contagious, something you "catch" from others. From generation to generation faithful witnesses live it out and pass it on.

Prayer: Let us exalt you, O God that the next generation may learn of your wondrous works and your mighty acts and catch the gift of faith. Amen.

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate



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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, 6/25	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM PH	Marriage Prep Retreat
4:00 PM PH	Marriage Prep Retreat Mass
Monday, 6/26	St. Anthelm, pray for us.
Tuesday, 6/27	St. Cyril of Alexandria, pray for us.
8:00 AM PH	Realtors In Motion
Wednesday, 6/28	St. Irenaeus, pray for us.
10:00 AM RC	Staff Meeting
Thursday, 6/29	Sts. Peter & Paul, pray for us.
7:30 AM PH	Keller Williams Bold
Friday, 6/30	First Martyrs of See of Rome, pray for us.
8:30 AM RC	Parish Office Closed
6:00 PM PH	Catechist Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, 7/1	St. Junipero Serra, pray for us.
3:30 PM CH	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday, 7/2	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



"What we play is Life."—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

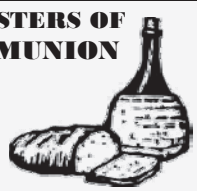
100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the centennial year ending on November 26. In addition to going to Confession, Communion, interiorly detaching from sin, praying for the intentions of the Holy Father, one must pray before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima.





Bishop Barber has designated St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Berkeley as the Pilgrim Shrine for our Diocese. There's a series of celebrations in honor of Our Lady scheduled including a special monthly Mass, and with Bishop Barber on October 13. For more information visit stjosephtheworkerchurch@yahoo.com

MINISTERS JULY 1/2, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	J. Holmes	P. Reno
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION 	S. Kuca*	P. Dempsey*
	S. Karges	J. Jury
	J. Kurpinsky	J. Patel
		P. Walton
		A. Roux
		D. Minister
ALTAR SERVERS:	F. McCormick	M. Reno
COUNTERS:		
MON 6/26	K. Coyne	J. Stark
WED 7/5	P. Dempsey	K. Coyne

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

JUNE 11, 2017		CONTRIBUTIONS
Sunday Offering	\$2,630.15	
Doughnuts	\$ 20.00	
Maintenance	\$ 152.00	
JUNE 18, 2017		CONTRIBUTIONS
Sunday Offering	\$3,311.50	
Doughnuts	\$ 9.00	
Maintenance	\$ 40.00	

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. Anne's Library Annual Book Sale
Saturdays, July 8 and 15
10:00 AM to 6:30 PM

Held in St. Anne's Parish Center
1600 Rossmoor Pkwy, Walnut Creek

A large selection of books, jigsaw puzzles,
DVDs, CDs and more!

For more information, please contact
Odile Crandall
St. Anne's Church Library @ 932-2324



Dear St. Stephen Parishioners,

Thank you for the beautiful baby clothes, handmade afghan and baby bouncy seat you all collected through your "April Showers" program and donated to the Hillcrest Layette program.

The items have already been packed in layette bags, ready to go out to new mothers, and the bouncy seat was already taken to a client who had just had a baby girl!

The Hillcrest Layette program continues to provide new mothers and babies in need only through the support of our partner churches and organizations like yours. Blessings to all,

The Hillcrest Layette Team

Dear St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness & snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we pray, by the power of God, thrust Satan into hell & all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. AMEN

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