

St. Stephen Catholic Church Walnut Creek, California



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, July 8, 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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PARISH OFFICE STAFF:

ANNETTE ROUX Pastoral Associate
MARY COOK Office Manager

NANCY GIZDICH Bookkeeper
MARIA CALDERAZZO Director of Music Ministry



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 9:30 AM
 Weekdays: 7:30 AM
 Holy Days: 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM



RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel — The people said: "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?"

(Mark 6:1-6).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

Only halfway: You can only go halfway into the darkest forest; then you are coming out the other side. —Chinese proverb

OBSTACLES: The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today's scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are "[h]ard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that "[he] was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 6:6). We too sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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ST. STEPHEN PARISH
 Scripture Study
 Wednesday, July 18
 @ 9:30 AM in Room 5

This is the only meeting in July.

Please disregard dates listed in error in last weekend's calendar

MASS INTENTIONS

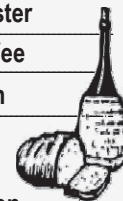
SAT 7/7 5:00 Int. Jane Austin—Birthday Blessings
 SUN 7/8 9:30 Bernita Kennedy †
 MON 7/9 7:30 Fr. Patrick Galvin †
 TUE 7/10 7:30 Giovanni Costa †
 WED 7/11 7:30 Anne De Filippo †
 THU 7/12 7:30 Brad Austin †
 FRI 7/13 7:30 Onelia Giorgerini †
 SAT 7/14 5:00 Ed and Blanche Pippo †
 SUN 7/15 9:30 Joy Hall †



For Mass intentions, call the 925-939-3826

MINISTERS SAT/SUN JUL 14/15

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS	M. Milani	C. Lang
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	P. Walton* S. Kuca R. Kuca	J. Jury* A. Roux D. Minister
SACRISTAN		M. Ah Yee
ALTAR SERVERS:	J. Kurpinsky	L. Morin
COUNTERS:		
MON 7/9	M. Lenahan	C. Ellis
MON 7/16	J. Stark	P. Walton



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday 7/8	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Monday 7/9	St. Veronica Giuliani, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
8:30 AM	RC	Counters
Tuesday 7/10	St. Alexander, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
8:00 AM	PH	Contra Costa Realtors in Motion
7:00 PM	R1	Pastoral Council
Wednesday 7/11	St. Benedict, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
9:30 AM	R5	NO Scripture Study
Thursday 7/12	St. Agnes De, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
2:30 PM	R6	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Friday 7/13	St. Henry, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
		<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Saturday 7/14	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.	
11:00 AM	CH	Baptism
12:00 PM	PH	Baptism Reception
4:00 PM	CH	Reconciliation
Sunday 7/15	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	

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

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." - Psalm 23:4

The "shadow of death" is a colloquial saying in Hebrew meaning "mortal peril." For many people in our world who are in mortal peril "the shadow of death" is literal. We might think of the people of Syria, or refugees in leaky boats, or young men in gangs. Or we might think of people we know who are dying. They live in "the shadow of death." For most of us, though, "the shadow of death" is an abstraction. Even so, we need to remember that in the New Testament death is never merely death at the end of life. It is that, but it is more than that. More often in the New Testament "death" means a power that insinuates itself into our living of these days, robbing us of the fullness of life that God wants for us. If we then live in "the shadow of death" the question arises, "How do we follow Jesus in such a time as this?" Often our real enemy isn't death so much as it is fear. Psalm 23 tells us we can walk through the valley of the shadow of death without fear only because God goes with us.

Prayer: We live in a time of mortal peril, O God. Help us walk through the valley unafraid, with Jesus as our Leader. Amen.

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

ctkAlive!

Summer registration is here! The next weekend series is July 20-21. Engage more fully with Catholic FAITH, explore new approaches to PRAYER, and consider ways to take ACTION. Forms are in the vestibule of CTk or email algarratto@comcast.net for more information.

BE ALIVE & ACTIVE!

The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object. —Thomas Jefferson

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

JUN 29/JUL 1, 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for Saturday/Sunday, June 29/July 1 were not yet collected when this bulletin went to print. The collection will be reported next weekend.

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

2018 Bishop's Appeal SSP Goal Summary:

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

**I declare this world is so beautiful
that I can hardly believe it exists.
— Ralph Waldo Emerson**



Catholic
Charities
of the East Bay

FREE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING IN OAKLAND

Want to know more about human trafficking in the East Bay? Don't have time for a lengthy training series? Feel like you don't have a good grasp on the issue? Want more details in order to develop an informed opinion/stance? Wish you could train but don't have childcare?

Come to a **one-time Day Star Training**. They're happening each Monday night in July & August. Info. Snacks. Childcare.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y7v4spd7>

**Lord, my God, when your
love spilled over into creation
you thought of me.**

WHAT: "Swing for the Clinic" Charity Golf Fundraiser
Hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Contra Costa Co. & Knights of Columbus of St. Joan of Arc Parish

WHEN: Monday, July 23, 2018

WHERE: Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville



HOW: Register at www.svdpc-cc.org

COST: \$195 per person (includes lunch, golf & dinner)
\$ 60 per person (dinner only)

Benefits the RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul which has provided over 10,200 patient visits for the uninsured in Contra Costa County.

For tournament and sponsorship info, please contact Barb Hunt @925-330-6732 or email b.hunt@svdp-cc.org

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

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

