



# Parable of The Weeds

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

Mt 13:24-33

*Saint Stephen Catholic Parish ~ July 23, 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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## PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR:

FR. MARK C. AMARAL

## PARISH STAFF:

DEACON BILL BOTHE  
Pastoral Associate

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Pastoral Associate  
Faith Formation

MARY COOK  
Office Manager/  
Parish Secretary

NANCY GIZDICH  
Parish Bookkeeper

MARIA CALDERAZZO  
Director of Music Ministry

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	7/22	5:00	Leonard Pauplis †
SUN	7/23	9:30	Int. Christine Barber—Birthday Blessings
TUE	7/25	7:30	Int. Lynn Amaral—Birthday Blessings
WED	7/26	7:30	Int. Rey and Violet DeBorja— Anniversary Blessings
THU	7/27	7:30	Int. St. Stephen Parishioners
FRI	7/28	7:30	Lucila Adler †
SAT	7/29	5:00	Manuel Rodrigues †
SUN	7/30	9:30	Catherine Troka †



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** — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13,16-19).

**PSALM** — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

**SECOND READING** — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

**GOSPEL** — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

**TUESDAY:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

**WEDNESDAY:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28;  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**THURSDAY:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56;  
Mt 13:10-17

**FRIDAY:** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

**SATURDAY:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or  
Lk 10:38-42

**SUNDAY:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,  
127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52  
[44-46]

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**JULY 16, 2017**

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Sunday Offering	\$3,880.10	<b>Weekly Offering</b>
Doughnuts	\$ 18.00	
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00	
Maintenance	\$ 14.00	

Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

**REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST**

*Consider a contribution to the 2017 Bishop's Appeal.*



**Diocese of  
Oakland**

**For more  
information:**

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

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

Parish Goal: \$15,793.48

Funds Raised: \$ 9,645.00

Still to Raise: \$ 6,148.48

**% of Goal Raised: 61.07%**



**Reminder:** Please put the amount of your donation and your parishioner number on the outside of your contribution envelopes and/or your family number on your checks if you are not using envelopes. We also encourage you to arrange with your bank direct contributions for automated donations which checks are sent directly to the parish. This will eliminate your need for using envelopes. Check it out!

**SAVE THIS DATE—WED AUG 16—NEXT MOVIE NIGHT**

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

*"As soon as Jesus was baptized he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." - Matthew 3:16*

Over the heads of her students, a Morehouse University professor holds a crown that she challenges them to grow tall enough to wear. These words have served as a call to summon the best from incoming Morehouse College students for the past several decades. There is something powerful about seeing greatness in someone before that person even realizes how great they are. According to Matthew's gospel, before Jesus performed any miracles... before he offered himself as a ransom for the sins of many... Jesus was affirmed by God. And the power of that affirmation is precisely what guided Jesus' actions. It's one thing to be challenged to become something good. But the more powerful challenge is to realize the good that you are, and be inspired to realize its full capacities. Jesus taught us that realizing God's kingdom is all about recognizing what God has placed within us. There are crowns and crosses over each of our heads and within each of our hearts. The question is: "Will we allow ourselves to grow into the full measure of our being?" Sin is the denial and the neglect of who we are. "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure."

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

**To love someone deeply gives you strength. Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.—Lao Tzu**





## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Sunday, 7/23</b>	<b>16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
PH	Hospitality
<b>Monday, 7/24</b>	<b>St. Declan, pray for us.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 7/25</b>	<b>St. James the Apostle, pray for us.</b>
8:00 AM PH	Realtors In Motion
<b>Wednesday, 7/26</b>	<b>St.s Joachin &amp; Anne, pray for us.</b>
<b>Thursday, 7/27</b>	<b>St. Consantine, pray for us.</b>
7:30 AM PH	Keller Williams Bold
9:30 AM R5	Enrichment Meeting
<b>Friday, 7/28</b>	<b>St. Eustace, pray for us.</b>
RC	Parish Office Closed
<b>Saturday, 7/29</b>	<b>St. Martha, pray for us.</b>
3:30 PM CH	Reconciliation <i>St. Vincent de Paul Collection</i>
<b>Sunday, 7/30</b>	<b>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
PH	Hospitality <i>St. Vincent de Paul Collection</i>

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

# Respect Life

4th Annual Joy of Life Dinner

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 @ 5:30 PM

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, Martinez

Special Guest—Rev. Walter Hoye

\* Live Music \* Auction \*

\* Face Painting \* Balloon Animals \* Raffles \*

\* Proceeds Benefit SCS Respect Life Ministry \*

\$15 = Adults \$10 = Seniors & Youth (13-17)

FREE Children 12 years and younger FREE

FOR TICKETS CALL Debbie Pelizzari @ 370-3874 or  
Linda Easterday 925-372-3845

## What's Cooking at St. Stephen's?



Would you like to share your favorite recipe or two to include in our parish cookbook? The following categories are available for submissions:

- . Appetizers . Soups & Salads .
- . Main Courses . Desserts .

Please email your contribution as a word document to [KeavenyCt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:KeavenyCt@sbcglobal.net) by Aug 4. Include your name, title of the recipe, ingredients, quantities, and instructions/directions. Any questions? Call Mary @ 925.939.3826 or Annette @ 925.788.9468



Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister?

**THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY**

Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat  
for women 18-40 years of age.

Friday—Sunday, September 15—17

Los Altos Hills, Contact: Sr. Lisa Laguna, DC

650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903

[srllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:srllaguna@doc1633.org)

or visit [www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com](http://www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com)

**COME & SEE DAYS** Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 38 are invited to experience a taste of the life of a cloistered Dominican nun. Visit our website at <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/> or contact Sr. Joseph Marie, O.P., our vocation directress, at [vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org), to learn more. Come and See Day: Saturday, October 21, 2017. Space is limited and fills fast!



Are you attending Mass, making donations and not yet a registered parishioner of St. Stephen? Just complete a registration form found in the rear of the church and deliver to the office or deposit in the collection basket or call the parish office. You are most welcome.



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ST. STEPHEN  
WELCOMES  
NEW PARISHIONERS

Diane & Jeff  
Maurer



With Mary Magdalene, we rise!  
Celebrating the Feast of  
St. Mary Magdalene  
Mon, July 31, 7—8:30 pm  
Free Event  
St. Perpetua Church  
Garden of Learning Pavilion  
Hamlin Road, Lafayette  
Brief Presentation  
Music of Strings & Flute  
Refreshments

## Pray the Rosary Daily

### MINISTERS JULY 29/30, 2017

<b>MASS:</b>	<b>5 PM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>LECTORS:</b>	S. Derby	L. Morin
<b>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</b>	D. Derby* R. Kuca J. Kurpinsky	M. Mammola* O. Escruceria A. Escruceria D. Minister Veamatahau Veamatahau



**ALTAR SERVERS:** F. McCormick A. Roux

**COUNTERS:**

<b>MON 7/24</b>	D. Mammola	M. Lenahan
<b>MON 7/31</b>	J. Stark	K. Coyne