

Saint Stephen Catholic Parish

August 6, 2017



The Transfiguration of the Lord

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday--Thursday 8:30 AM--4:30 PM
Office closes daily for lunch.

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Walnut Creek, CA 94597

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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	8/5	5:00	Phyllis Pauplis †
SUN	8/6	9:30	Amanda Evelyn Smith †
TUE	8/8	7:30	Int. Br. Dominic Berardelli Dominic Klapperich †
WED	8/9	7:30	Int. Fr. Denis Des Rosiers
THU	8/10	7:30	Int. St. Stephen Parishioners
FRI	8/11	7:30	Fe Abella † and Antonio Abella †
SAT	8/12	5:00	Molly Widner †
SUN	8/13	9:30	Johanna Pauplis †



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 — I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).

PSALM — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

SECOND READING — Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:16-19).

GOSPEL — Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997,

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

TUESDAY: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;

Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;

Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

THURSDAY: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

FRIDAY: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

SUNDAY: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14;

Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

JULY 30, 2017

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$2,752.37	Weekly Offering
Doughnuts	\$ 26.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 837.22	

JULY SUMMARY

TOTAL	\$16,289.97	Weekly Offering
GOAL:	\$18,000.00	
<i>Overage or (Shortfall)</i>	(\$ 1,710.03)	

OTHER

Doughnuts	\$ 481.00
Maintenance	\$ 54.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 373.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 867.22
Wine Glasses	\$ 30.00

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

**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%

"So, you could not stay awake with Me for even an hour?" Be on guard & pray that you may not undergo the test. Mt 26:40

There are different ways to "watch one hour" with the Lord. One of the most powerful and fruitful ways is to spend an hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. This is called a Holy Hour because it is an hour spent in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Christ, Himself, the One who alone is Holy. There are also different ways to make a Holy Hour: you can pray, alone or with others, before Jesus in the Tabernacle; or you can pray in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament, privately or at a public service led by a priest or deacon.

What's Cooking at St. Stephen's?



Due to the lack of recipes submitted, the cook book will be put on the back burner, so to speak, until further notice.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
MASSES @ 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM**

Please keep Fr. Denis Des Rosiers in your prayers for a quick recovery from knee replacement surgery. If you'd like to send him your well wishes, you may at the following address: 1 Kelton Court, #10K, Oakland, CA 94611

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday 8/6	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PH Hospitality
Monday 8/7	St. Cajetan, pray for us.
Tuesday 8/8 8:00 AM	St. Dominic, pray for us. PH Realtors In Motion
Wednesday 8/9	St. Teresa Benedicta, pray for us.
Thursday 8/10	St. Lawrence, pray for us.
Friday 8/11	St. Clare, pray for us. RC Parish Office Closed
Saturday 8/12 3:30 PM	St. Jane Frances de Chantel, pray for us. CH Reconciliation
Sunday 8/13	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PH Hospitality

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

St. Dominic



"I am not capable of doing big things,
but I want to do everything,
even the smallest things,
for the greater glory of God."

Sing your song. Alas, for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.—Oliver Wendell Holmes

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

"Those who do these things shall never be moved." - Psalm 15:5

If someone told you how to be more effective in your work for a more just and peaceful world, would you do it? If someone gave you a roadmap to the very center of the heart of God, would you follow it?

Our scriptures are filled with hard sayings—some that are hard to understand, others that are harder still to do. But Psalm 15 is pretty straightforward in its description of what makes for a good life, an unshakeable peace, and a home in God's heart: A passion for justice, a commitment to truth-telling, a concern for the welfare of others that shapes everything from what we say to how willingly we share, a resistance to evil, a proper humility before God, and integrity in all our dealings. Find an interpretation of Psalm 15 that works for you and put it someplace where it will set your weary heart to singing. *We shall not, we shall not be moved.*

Prayer: Holy God, I want to be one of those people who make the world better just by being here. I want to be more like you.

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

St. Stephen Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers for the family; and, the repose of the soul of



Clifford Halverson
who entered eternal life.



MINISTERS AUGUST 12/13, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	P. Reno	R. Minister
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	J. Holmes*	P. Dempsey*
	S. Karges	D. Minister
	J. George	J. Jury
		P. Walton
		A. Lolohea
		A. Roux
ALTAR SERVERS:	J. Kurpinsky	L. Morin



MINISTERS AUGUST 15, 2017

MASS:	7:30 AM	7 PM
LECTORS:	P. Dempsey	A. Lolohea
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	J. Brady*	A. Lolohea*
		D. Minister
		S. Kuca
ALTAR SERVERS:	P. Dempsey	F. McCormick
COUNTERS:		
MON 8/7	D. Mammola	P. Walton
MON 8/14	C. Ellis	M. Lenahan

MASS TIMES ACROSS THE US: WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG

EYEWITNESSES

Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew's Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:17, 19). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**All peoples, nations,
and languages serve
him**

