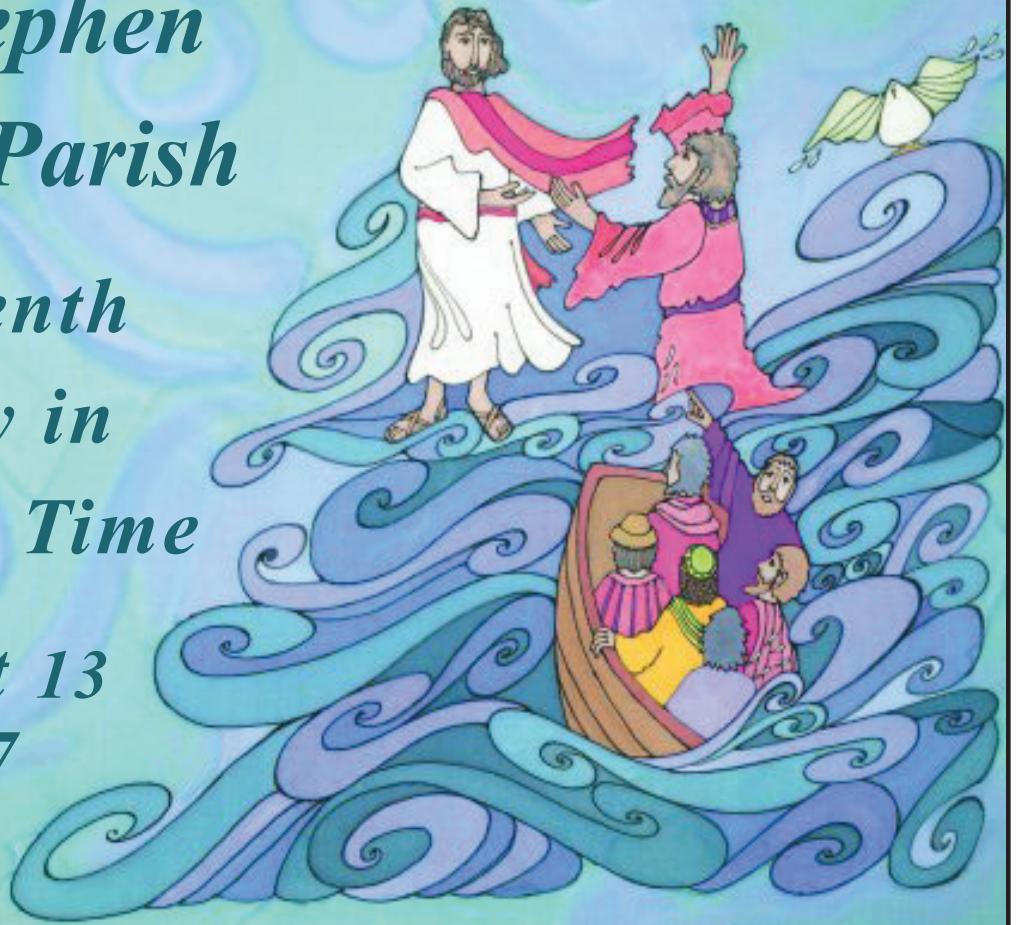


Saint Stephen Catholic Parish

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13
2017



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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

Church Location: 1101 Keaveny Ct, Walnut Creek

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DEACON BILL BOTHE
Pastoral Associate

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Faith Formation

MARY COOK
Office Manager

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 8/12	5:00	Molly Widner †
SUN 8/13	9:30	Johanna Pauplis †
TUE 8/15	7:30	Doug Prouty †
	7:00	Int. Mary Cook
WED 8/16	7:30	Int. Merrill Muhs
THU 8/17	7:30	Int. St. Stephen Parishioners
FRI 8/18	7:30	Margaret Stark †
SAT 8/19	5:00	Int. Terence & Divya DeSousa Blessings on their Marriage
SUN 8/20	9:30	Bolton E. Minister †



For Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office

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

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — Elijah waits on the mountain for the LORD to pass by (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

PSALM — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

SECOND READING — From the Israelites, with their law and the prophets, comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

GOSPEL — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Dt10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt17:22-27

TUESDAY: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

WEDNESDAY: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17;
Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6;
Mt 18:21 — 19:1

FRIDAY: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;
Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Mt 19:13-15

SUNDAY: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15
29-32; Mt 15:21-28 Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

AUGUST 6, 2017

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$4,259.00	Weekly Offering
Assumption of Mary	\$ 10.00	
Doughnuts	\$ 51.00	
Maintenance	\$ 69.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 80.00	

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.

BRIDGE & GAME PARTY

Please come and join us at St. Stephen Parish Hall on Tuesday, Aug 15 @ noon for an afternoon of games (bridge, dominoes, Rummikub) This is a chance to socialize with fellow parishioners. All are welcome. Please bring a sandwich for your lunch. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Call Dave Minister at 765-0638 if you have any questions. Until then!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
St. Stephen Movie Night
Wed, Aug 30 @ 7 pm in Parish Hall
with popcorn and root beer floats!
Come watch "Gifted"

Frank, a single man raising his child prodigy niece Mary, is drawn into a custody battle with his mother.

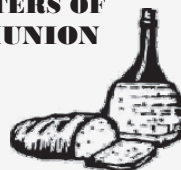
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017 IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MASSES @ 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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

MINISTERS AUGUST 19/20, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	A. Roux	A. Lolohea
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	S. Kuca* F. McCormick J. George	M. Mammola* P. Walton A. Escruceria O. Escruceria Veamatahau Veamatahau
ALTAR SERVERS:	R. Kuca	A. Welti
COUNTERS:		
MON 8/14	C. Ellis	M. Lenahan
MON 8/21	P. Dempsey	J. Stark



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday 8/13 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 PH Hospitality

Monday 8/14 St. Maximillian Kolbe, pray for us.

Tuesday 8/15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:30 AM CH HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS
 8:00 AM PH Realtors In Motion
 7:00 PM CH HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

Wednesday 8/16 St. Stephen of Hungary, pray for us.
 10:00 AM RC Staff Meeting

Thursday 8/17 St. Joan of the Cross, pray for us.

Friday 8/18 St. Louise of Toulouse, pray for us.
 RC Parish Office Closed

Saturday 8/19 St. John Eudes, pray for us.
 8:00 AM PH Diocesan Marriage Prep Retreat
 10:00 am off site Deacon Board Meeting
 3:30 PM CH Reconciliation

Sunday 8/20 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 PH NO Hospitality
 8:00 AM PH Diocesan Marriage Prep Retreat
 4:00 PM PH Diocesan Marriage Prep Mass

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



Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
 Center for Education & Spirituality Present
Walking the Camino de Santiago
Sunday, September 10, 2:00 to 4:00 PM
 Presenters: Sister Mary Susanna Vasquez,
 Sister Francis Clare Fischer, and Karen Kuester-Fischer
 RSVP by August 27 to 510-933-6334

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

"A stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground – then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground." - Genesis 2:6-7

Let's remember that all of us are made by God's hands. Not just Adam, everyone. Imagine a lump of clay. God picks up it, envisions something wonderful and gets to work. He pulls arms and legs out from the middle and uses his little finger to form eye sockets. He gets lost in the project. And when what-will-be-you is almost done he holds it in his hands, admiring his artistry. The clay is drying. There's not much time. God's hold becomes an embrace. His thumb presses against your chest, marking you with the imprint of your maker, even as you're left with an absence at your center. Not a presence, not an inner light, but a concave indent. God pulls his hand away. God lets us be, because he loves us. If God stayed as close as he was in the act of creation, we'd have no independent existence. And you can't have a relationship without differentiation. God had to leave us, so that his love for us could breathe. So we feel God's love. And we ache for his presence. We long for God. Everybody does. Some of us anesthetize the ache. Others deny it exists. Many people try to satisfy it by placing their faith in something tangible. What does it mean to be a Christian in 2017? All we know is that to be a Christian we have to admit this: the ache for God is real. It hurts. And, we cannot satisfy it on my own. *Prayer: Let my longing become prayer, dear Lord. Answer it! Don't leave me alone. Amen.*

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

ST. STEPHEN PARISH CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

REGISTRATION 2017-2018

Please return to Annette Roux or to the Parish Office

FAMILY NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE-HOME: _____

PHONE-CELL: _____

PHONE-WORK: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARENTS' NAMES: _____

FATHER

MOTHER

PARENTS' RELIGION: _____

FATHER

MOTHER

REGISTERED IN PARISH: YES NO

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

PHONE-CELL: _____

PHONE-WORK: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____

FIRST

LAST

CHILD'S CELL: _____

MALE FEMALE DATE OF BIRTH AGE

GRADE SCHOOL CITY

BAPTIZED: YES NO If yes, where was the Sacrament received?

NAME OF CHURCH CITY

PENANCE: YES NO If yes, where was the Sacrament received?

NAME OF CHURCH CITY

**A COPY OF THE CHILD'S BAPTISMAL
CERTIFICATE MUST BE PROVIDED IN
ORDER TO BEGIN CLASSES.**

CERTIFICATE ATTACHED: YES NO

FAITH FORMATION TUITION

\$100 year for one child—\$150 year for two

Payable to St. Stephen. Please return on or before Sep. 14

CHECK # _____ ATTACHED in the amount of \$ _____

Classes begin Sunday, Sep 24 at 8:30 AM in Rooms 4 & 6

Confirmation classes begin Sunday, Sep 24 at 11:00 AM

Additional forms available at www.saintstephenparish.org

or in the rear of the church or Annette 925.939.3826

or email gizzymo3@sbcglobal.net