

St. Stephen Catholic Church

Walnut Creek, California

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 9, 2018



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday--Thursday 8:30 AM--4:30 PM
Office closed daily for lunch. Office closed on Friday.

Parish Office
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PARISH CLERGY:

FR. PAULSON MUNDANMANI Parochial Administrator	FR. MARIO RIZZO Parochial Vicar
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PARISH OFFICE STAFF:

ANNETTE ROUX Pastoral Associate	MARY COOK Office Manager
MARIA CALDERAZZO Director of Music Ministry	NANCY GIZDICH Bookkeeper

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18;
Mk 8:27-35



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: 4:30 PM

BAPTISMS: Registration is mandatory two months prior to Baptism. Parents and Godparents are required to attend mandatory preparation before Baptism. Call: 925-682-2486

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 manager to make your arrangements.

REGISTRATION: New parishioners may contact the office and complete a registration form found in church. Welcome

MISSION STATEMENT: To Live and to Love in Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	9/8	5:00	Asilee Telfer †
SUN	9/9	9:30	Doug Prouty †
MON	9/10	7:30	†
TUE	9/11	7:30	Paul Battaglia-World Trade Center †
WED	9/12	7:30	†
THU	9/13	7:30	†
FRI	9/14	7:30	†
SAT	9/15	5:00	Frank Puchalski †
SUN	9/16	9:30	Pasqualina & Nico Mammola †



MINISTERS SAT/SUN SEP 15/16

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS	R. Kuca	R. Gigoux
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	M. Milani* P. Walton J. Kurpinsky	Veamatahau* D. Minister M. Lenahan
SACRISTAN		J. Jury
ALTAR SERVERS:	F. McCormick	L. Morin
COUNTERS:		
TUE 9/11	J. Stark D. Mammola P. Dempsey	C. Ellis M. Lenahan P. Walton
MON 9/17		



**SEE BEYOND
OUTWARD APPEARANCES**

The phrase "Sunday best" has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it's a healthy sign that we're as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man's origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark's Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

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**YOU ARE WELCOME
HEALING MASS
SAT, SEP. 15 @ 10 AM
Saint Stephen Church**

**Join us on Sun, Sep 30 @ 5 pm
in the Parish Hall to celebrate
ANNETTE ROUX'S RETIREMENT**



FROM THE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

"I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

There's so much in this life we can start to feel anxious about, even when we know God's truth and believe that He's in control. It can still be a daily battle in our hearts, in our minds. When we just keep looking all around us, we can easily get defeated. Drained. Impatient. Cynical. We may find ourselves wrestling with worry. Fear might creep in. We lose our focus because we're so distracted on all the things that can never really give us strength and hope anyway. People won't ever be the answer for our every need. Money, possessions, or success can't ever satisfy the void deep inside that only God can fill. This world will never be free of all conflict. The government won't ever fix all of our problems. It can't. Because, no matter what we face in this life, God's still on the throne.

Prayer: Christ, in receiving you, I receive who I am. Help me to be who I am called to be. Amen.

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday 9/9	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
8:00 AM	CH Rosary Group
Monday 9/10	St. Finian, pray for us.
8:00 AM	CH Rosary Group
Tuesday 9/11	St. Daniel, pray for us.
8:00 AM	CH Rosary Group
8:00 AM	PH Contra Costa Realtors in Motion
8:30 AM	RC Counters
7:00 PM	CTK Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday 9/12	St. Aibhe, pray for us.
8:00 AM	CH Rosary Group
9:30 AM	R5 Scripture Study
7:00 PM	CTK Religious Ed Orientation Grades 1-5
Thursday 9/13	St. John Chrysotom, pray for us.
8:00 AM	CH Rosary Group
2:30 PM	R6 St. Vincent de Paul meeting
Friday 9/14	St. Maximillian Kolbe, pray for us.
8:00 AM	CH Rosary Group
	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Saturday 9/15	St. Valerian, pray for us.
8:00 AM	CH Rosary Group
Sunday 9/16	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Catechetical Sunday

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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for Sunday, September 2 will appear in next week's bulletin as they were not yet collected when this bulletin went to print.

Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.
REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST



White Mass—Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers

SAT. SEP 29 @ 10 AM at the Cathedral
All who provide healthcare services, direct & administratively, are encouraged to attend this multicultural celebration. Reception & mental health resources fair will follow.



Blue Mass—Special Mass for Public Servants

SUN. OCT 7 @ 10 AM at the Cathedral
All who provide public services are encouraged to attend this celebration especially first responders & law enforcement.



BECOME A DOCENT AT

THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

Docents are Volunteer Educators who guide groups through the Cathedral. They facilitate dialogue that help visitors experience the history, art, architecture and beauty of the Cathedral; as a volunteer docent, you'll be a vital part of the Cathedral's mission "to know Christ better and make Him better known." APPLY ONLINE ctlcathedral.org/get-involved/bearers-of-light



Italian Catholic Federation

Br. #13 Annual Family Polenta, Chicken & Sausage Dinner

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall

SAT. OCT 20 @ 6 PM

Benefitting Seminary & Scholarship Funds,
ICF National Charity & Respect Life
\$20=Adults 13yrs+ \$8=children 6-12 yrs
FREE = Children 5 yrs and under

CHRIST THE KING'S 22ND ANNUAL MONSIGNOR WADE GOLF TOURNAMENT

MON, SEP 10 @ OAKHURST GOLF CLUB

Proceeds benefit the CTK Tuition Assistance Fund & additional enrichment programs, such as the Community Science Workshops. Join in this special afternoon of golf surrounded by Oakhurst's beauty & others that share the passion & enthusiasm for the students.

For More Info: golf@ctkschool.org



REGISTRATION

<https://www.cktreligiouseducation.org/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASSES ON MON, TUE, OR WED

from 3:15 to 5:15 PM for First through Fifth Grades

TUESDAYS

from 7:00 to 8:15 PM for Seventh and Eighth Grades

WEDNESDAYS

from 7:00 to 8:15 PM for Sixth Grade

FEES: 1 child (Grade 1-8)	\$110.00
2 children (Grade 1-8)	\$180.00
3 or more (Grade 1-8)	\$240.00
Snack Fee per child in Gr. 1-5	\$ 20.00

QUESTIONS CALL SR. MAUREEN VIANI 925-686-1017

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Parent/Teen Mtg **SUN, SEP 9 @ 7 PM @ CTK Church**
Youth Group Begins **THU, SEP 27 @ 7 PM @ SSP Hall**
Meets Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 PM @ St. Stephen Hall

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS

Parent/Teen Meeting **SUN, SEP 16 @ 7 PM CTK Church**
Classes begin **SUN, SEP 30**. Refer to website ctkym.org for requirements & expectations.

email rlejano@ctkph.org or visit the website: ctkym.org

QUESTIONS CALL RICK LEJANO 925-676-0979



"THE BIG LA BOCCCE 2016!"

Sat, September 22, 11 am to 3 pm
@ Martinez Bocce Federation Courts for this annual fundraiser in partnership with Loaves & Fishes to provide resources for the St. Vincent de Paul Free Dining Room
register at www.svdpp-cc.org or b.hunt@svdpp-cc.org

