

*St. Stephen Catholic Church
Walnut Creek, California
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 16, 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 CLERGY:

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PARISH STAFF:

ANNETTE ROUX Pastoral Associate	SR. MAUREEN VIANI Director of Religious Ed
MARY COOK Office Manager	RICK LEJANO Director of Youth Ministry
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TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: I Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: I Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: I Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: I Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37



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 9/15 5:00 Frank Puchalski †
 SUN 9/16 9:30 Pasqualina & Nico Mammola †
 MON 9/17 7:30 †
 TUE 9/18 7:30 Jim Olwell †
 WED 9/19 7:30 †
 THU 9/20 7:30 Int. Mary Cook—Birthday Blessings
 FRI 9/21 7:30 †
 SAT 9/22 5:00 Ken Whittall-Scherfee †
 SUN 9/23 9:30 Elred Nuxoll †



MINISTERS SAT/SUN SEP 22/23

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS	S. Derby	M. AhYee
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	F. McCormick* D. Derby S. Karges	M. Mammola* J. Jury P. Dempsey
SACRISTAN		J. Jury
ALTAR SERVERS:	R. Kuca	Takafua (2)
COUNTERS:		
MON 9/17	P. Dempsey	P. Walton
MON 9/24	K. Coyne	C. Ellis



From the Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Dear Parishioners,

Today, I have the pleasure of writing about the programs we offer to the high school students and young adults of our parishes. First, I'd like to talk about the **peer leadership program**. This year we have 27 dedicated high school peer leaders to help lead both the youth group and confirmation programs of our parishes. Two weeks ago, they spent the weekend learning how to effectively be small group facilitators, liturgical ministers, and evangelizers to the teenagers who will be joining these programs. It takes a special kind of person to give up their time in the same capacity as these students whose days are already heavy with sports, school work, and social time; yet they answered the call with a resounding "yes!" I am extremely proud of these leaders.

Next, the **High School Youth Group**. This program is open to all high school students. It typically meets every Thu evening from 7 pm—8:30 pm. Our opening night is Thu, Sep 27. You can find a full calendar and registration form in the vestibule or online at ctkym.org. We will be meeting in St. Stephen's parish hall. Our youth group is an amazing **opportunity** for high school students to discover their faith and talk about topics relevant to teens such as friendship, self-care, and bullying, along with many others. We talk about these things in the context of the gospel. There are social evenings such as game nights, a movie night, and even an escape room! It's also an amazing way to meet other young people! We are still accepting applications for youth group!

The **Confirmation program** is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors in high school. Are you ready to take the next step in your faith? The Sacrament of Confirmation draws us more deeply into God's power and love that lives within each of us and the Church. Having first experienced the Spirit of God through Baptism, we are drawn into a deeper, more intimate relationship with God the Father through a continuing unfolding of the gifts of the Spirit which gives us strength to boldly witness for Christ. There is a mandatory parent/teen meeting on Sep 16 at 7 pm in the church at CTK after the 6 pm Mass. Classes begin Sun, Sep 30. Please refer to the website, ctkym.org for requirements and expectations.

Finally, I'd like to talk about the CTK and St. Stephen Young Adult Group. It is a group for young adults in their 20s or 30s who are interested in growing their faith through bible study and social/service opportunities. The leadership team has been hard at work building a Fall/Winter calendar! Every first Wed of the month, we will have a prayer service in which we delve into that week's Sunday readings. This prepares us for Sunday Mass as we've had time to reflect on it as a group. We also offer a social activity or a service activity every month. On Sat, Sep 22 there will be a hike in Briones. If you are interested in this group, send an email to ctkyaasgroup@gmail.com and we will add you to the mailing list. You can also find the list of events on ctkph.org under the "ministries" tab.


I'm truly looking forward to the upcoming year serving the CTK and St. Stephen youth and young adult community.

In solidarity,
 Rick Lejano

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday 9/16	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Catechetical Sunday	
Monday 9/17	St. Justin, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
8:30 AM	RC	Counters
3:15 PM	CTK	Religious Ed 1-5 grades <u>Mon</u> begins
Tuesday 9/18	St. Joseph of Cupertino, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
8:00 AM	PH	Contra Costa Realtors in Motion
12:00 PM	PH	Card & Game Party
3:15 PM	CTK	Religious Ed 1-5 grades <u>Tue</u> begins
Wednesday 9/19	St. Januarius, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
9:30 AM	R5	Scripture Study
3:15 PM	CTK	Religious Ed 1-5 grades <u>Wed</u> begins
Thursday 9/20	St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group
9:30 PM	R5	Enrichment Meeting
7:00 PM	CH	NO Choir Rehearsal
Friday 9/21	St. Matthew, Apostle, pray for us.	
8:00 AM	CH	Rosary Group <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Saturday 9/22	St. Thomas Villanueva, pray for us.	
4:30 PM	CH	Reconciliation
Sunday 9/23	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	

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



"THE BIG LA BOCCE 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.svdpc-cc.org or b.hunt@svdp-cc.org

Prayer Service for Atonement, Healing & Action

Thu, Sep 20, 7:30 PM @ Christ the King

In response to the growing concerns of all of us about the extent of clergy sexual abuse and its cover up, a parish prayer service is planned to help give voice to the pain and anguish this crisis has caused for victims and their families and for all of us who are worried about the declining credibility and moral authority of the Church we love. Parishioners and guests are encouraged to attend.

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it doesn't get on its knees.—Anonymous

THE CATHOLIC VOICE VOICE COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Next weekend is the annual collection for *The Catholic Voice*. Your donation helps your parish offset its payments for this important communications ministry. *The Voice* and its other operations, websites and social media are the only regular source of Catholic news and information for all parishioners in the Diocese. Please be generous in your support. Checks should be made payable to the parish.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Collection	\$2,447.37	 Weekly Offering
Flowers	\$ 248.00	
Hospitality	\$ 58.00	
Maintenance	\$ 22.00	

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Collection	\$3,351.00	 Weekly Offering
Flowers	\$ 60.00	
Hospitality	\$ 26.05	
Maintenance	\$ 33.00	
Priests' Retirement	\$ 491.00	

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

Join Fr. Paulson on an
 Incredible Tour of India & Singapore
 The Best Of North & South India!!
 15 Days: February 3-February 18, 2019
 Land Tour (includes hotel, tour, most meals,
 domestic flights) \$3,500.
 International Flight: Singapore Airlines - \$990
 Round Trip from San Francisco
 Travel Insurance: \$210/Person (Optional)

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

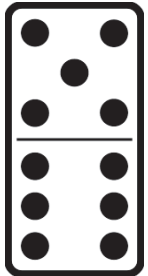
SUN. OCT 7 @ 10 AM at the Cathedral




All who provide public services are encouraged to attend this celebration especially first responders & law enforcement.

BRIDGE & GAME PARTY

Please come & join in at St. Stephen Parish Hall on TUE, SEP 18 at noon for an afternoon of games (bridge, dominoes, Rummikub, etc.). All are welcome. Please bring your lunch. Beverages & snacks will be provided. Call Walter at 925-939-2430 if you have any questions.




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
Info & Tickets Call Mary Cook 229-2665