

St. Stephen Catholic Parish

Walnut Creek, California ~ November 12, 2017



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday--Thursday 8:30 AM--4:30 PM

Office closes daily for lunch. Office closed on Friday.

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

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PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR:

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DEACON BILL BOTHE
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Office Manager

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Bookkeeper

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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. Usually 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM



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 11/11 5:00	Rose Puchalski †	
SUN 11/12 9:30	Bernice Spagnolo †	
TUE 11/14 7:30	Antonio Abella †	
WED 11/15 7:30	Int. Mary Arnold	
THU 11/16 7:30	Fr. Frank Piro †	
FRI 11/17 7:30	Int. St. Stephen Parishioners	
SAT 11/18 5:00	Jack Puchalski †	
SUN 11/19 9:30	Doug Prouty †	

For Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office @ 925-939-3826. Dates available through Dec 2018. Intentions are also wonderful gifts for anniversaries, birthdays, Christmas, and just thinking of you.

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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER 5, 2017 CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$4,330.00	
Catholic Campaign Hum Dev.	\$ 100.00	
Doughnuts	\$ 37.50	
Maintenance	\$ 61.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 75.00	
World Mission Sunday	\$ 10.00	
Weekly Offering		



OCTOBER SUMMARY

TOTAL	\$17,733.71
GOAL:	\$18,000.00
<i>Overage or (Shortfall)</i>	(\$ 266.29)

OTHER

All Saints	\$ 60.00
All Souls	\$ 105.00
Catholic Voice	\$ 626.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 200.00
Doughnuts	\$ 75.95
Faith Formation	\$ 150.00
Maintenance	\$ 273.00
Memorial Donations	\$ 90.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,065.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 573.00

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.

MINISTERS NOV 18/19, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	C. Pluta	A. Roux
C.L.O.W.		A. Lolohea
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	P. Walton* J. George M. Milani	J. Jury* J. Patel Veamatahau
ALTAR SERVERS:	F. McCormick	E. Schichnes

THANKSGIVING NOV 23, 2017

MASS:		9:30 AM
LECTORS:		R. Kuca
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		F. McCormick* H. Spahl J. Jury
ALTAR SERVERS:		M. Milani
COUNTERS:		
MON 11/13	J. Stark	C. Ellis
MON 11/20	P. Dempsey	K. Coyne



Join the St. Stephen Parish Rosary Group @ 8 am after Morning Mass Tue—Fri

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

"Let the word of God dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God"
 - Colossians 3:16

There are about 5,400 animal species that make complex, intentional, repeatable, musical vocalizations. That is, there are about 5,400 species that sing. The majority live in the trees, a few live in the oceans, a very few live underground, but there is one—only one—singing species that lives on the ground: us. Humans are the only singing species with a precise and shared sense of rhythm, which is what allows us to sing together. Two birds might sing the same song, but they cannot sing it together. Another thing: if a roomful of people sings at the same time, they start to breathe at the same time as well. And if we're singing together and breathing together and our hearts are beating together, then it's like we're one body. And you know whose body it is. Another thing: all the other species stop singing when danger approaches. But humans sing louder the closer the danger gets. We sing together, and we become large, and we do not back down. So come racism, and "We Shall Overcome" you. Come fear, for "It is Well with My Soul." Come war, for tonight is your "Silent Night." Come death, for "Jesus Christ is Risen Today." Come, all ye faithful, and sing.

Prayer: Lord, I can't read music and I can't carry a tune in a bucket. But I will sing your praises anyway. Amen.

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday 11/12 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:45 AM R5 Faith Formation
 9:30 AM R5 Children's Liturgy of the Word
 10:30 AM PH Hospitality

Monday 11/13 St. Francis Cabrini, pray for us.

Tuesday 11/14

St. Lawrence O'Toole, pray for us.

8:00 AM CH Rosary Group
 8:00 AM PH Realtors In Motion
 7:00 PM R1 Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday 11/15 St. Albert the Great, pray for us.

8:00 AM CH Rosary Group
 10:00 AM R5 Bible Study
 10:00 AM RC Staff Meeting

Thursday 11/16 St. Margaret, pray for us.

8:00 AM CH Rosary Group
 9:30 AM R5 Enrichment
 7:00 PM CH Choir Rehearsal

Friday 11/17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.

Parish Office Closed

NO MORNING MASS

7:30 AM CH Rosary Group
 8:00 AM CH Barber Funeral
 10:30 AM CH Funeral Reception
 12:00 PM PH

Saturday 11/18 St. Rose Philippine, pray for us.

10:00 AM PH Deacon Board Meeting
 3:30 PM CH Reconciliation

Campaign Human Development Collection

Sunday 11/19 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:45 AM R5 Faith Formation
 9:30 AM R5 Children's Liturgy of the Word
 10:30 AM PH Hospitality
 10:45 AM R4 Confirmation Prep Class
 6:00 PM PH Lectors' Pot-Luck Dinner

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

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I CAN DO ANYTHING: I have started houses with no more than the price of a loaf of bread and prayers, for with him who comforts me, I can do anything. —Frances Xavier Cabrini

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]



YOU ARE INVITED TO APPLY for 2018

St. Francis de Sales Diocesan

School for Pastoral Ministry

Its mission is to form adults to be "missionary disciples" inspired and equipped to bring the Good News of Jesus

Christ to your families, parishes and the wider world. Saturday Class dates: 1-13, 2-10, 3-17, 4-14, 5-19, 6-16, 8-11, 9-8, 10-13, 11-10, 12-8 @ Holy Names High School, Oakland. www.oakdiocese.org/ministries-formation/adult-faith-formation/spm/SPM-

STAY AWAKE, FOR YOU KNOW NEITHER THE DAY OR THE HOUR

There is still time to contribute to St. Stephen's "AUTUMN LEAVES" community outreach. Contributions of infant and baby items are needed. Please place them in the rear of the church. Your donations are channeled through Hillside Congregational Church which maintains a year round program for entire families in need. Our drive runs **through Thanksgiving**. Any questions, call Rennett MacIntyre @ 925-937-9243.

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

Sat & Sun, Dec 16 & 17

after 5pm & 9:30am Masses only

Christmas Crafts & Baked Goods

Proceeds for Disaster Relief



IT'S INTERESTING THAT THERE IS SUCH A HUGE GAP BETWEEN ADVICE AND HELP. —ANONYMOUS



St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Stephen Conference wishes to thank you all for your generous support that enabled our contribution of \$500 to the SVdP Society of the Archdiocese of Galveston, Houston. Please see the note we received in thanks posted on the bulletin boards at the entrances to the church.



The season of giving has begun! St. Vincent de Paul would like to provide food bags to those neighbors in need—those without jobs, low income, homeless, single parents, and those we support on an ongoing basis—for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. You are invited to take a bag including a list from the rear of the church and fill it with items to complete a holiday meal. Please bring your filled bags of food back to church and deposit in the sanctuary by November 19. Much thanks for your continuous generosity.