

St. Stephen Catholic Parish

Walnut Creek, California ~ December 3, 2017

Stay Awake

Mark 13:35

First Sunday of Advent

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Office closes daily for lunch. Office closed on Friday.

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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 CFCSS 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 12/2	5:00	Bob Walton †
SUN 12/3	9:30	Donald Du Beau †
TUE 12/5	7:30	Marie Evans †
WED 12/6	7:30	John Patrick Connolly †
THU 12/7	7:30	Int. St. Stephen Parishioners
FRI 12/8	7:30	Monsignor Ray Breton †
	7:00	Int. Mary Arnold
SAT 12/9	5:00	Jack Puchalski †
SUN 12/10	9:30	Timothy Morrow †




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




Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.
— Mark 13:33

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DEC 8, 2017

MASS:		7:30 AM	7:00 PM
LECTORS:		J. Brady	M. Milani
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		W. Lang*	J. Holmes*
ALTAR SERVERS:		W. Lang	L. Morin

MINISTERS DEC 9/10, 2017

MASS:		5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:		G. Pauplis	M. Ah Yee
C.L.O.W.		L. Reno	
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		J. George*	A. Roux*
ALTAR SERVERS:		M. Milani	M. Reno
COUNTERS:			
MON 12/04		D. Mammola	M. Peare
MON 12/11		J. Stark	P. Dempsey

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Psalm 95:2 "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

There is an African proverb that says, "Even the hen lifts her head toward heaven when swallowing her grain." How sad that many, who are daily recipients of multiplied blessings, never lift their head in thanks to the God who gave them. Do you know who is the greatest saint in the world? It is not he who prays most or fasts most; it is not he who gives most; but it is he who is always thankful, who receives everything as a sign of God's goodness, and has a heart always ready to praise God for it." How thankful we should be. God has been so good to us all. He deserves nothing less than to find a thankful heart in every believer. The Bible, especially in the Psalms, encourages a thankful heart: Psalm 69:30, "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving."

Prayer: The only words necessary are "Thank You." May I repeat them every day of my life. Amen.
—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LONELY THIS SEASON

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

PSALM — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

SECOND READING — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

GOSPEL — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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Hidden talent: No one respects a talent that is concealed — Desiderius Erasmus

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

SATURDAY: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

SUNDAY: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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



Marie Evans
who entered eternal life.



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday 12/3

8:45 AM R5
9:30 AM R5
10:30 AM PH
11:00 AM R4

First Sunday of Advent

Faith Formation
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Hospitality
Confirmation Prep Class

Monday 12/4

St. Ada, pray for us.

Tuesday 12/5

8:00 AM CH
8:00 AM PH
7:00 PM R1

St. Sabas, pray for us.

Rosary Group
Realtors In Motion
Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday 12/6

8:00 AM CH

St. Nicholas, pray for us.

Rosary Group

Thursday 12/7

8:00 AM CH
9:30 AM R5
7:00 PM CH

St. Polycarp, pray for us.

Rosary Group
Enrichment
Choir Rehearsal

Friday 12/8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

7:30 AM CH
8:00 AM CH
7:00 PM CH

Parish Office Closed

Holy Day Mass
Rosary Group
Holy Day Mass

Saturday 12/9

3:30 PM CH
6:00 PM R1

St. Peter, pray for us.

Reconciliation
Meeting for Ministers to the Sick
Religious Retirement Collection

Sunday 12/10

8:45 AM R5
9:30 AM CH/PH
9:30 AM R5
10:30 AM PH
10:30 AM R1

Second Sunday of Advent

Faith Formation
Deacon Program Sunday Gathering
Children's Liturgy of the Word
NO Hospitality
Meeting for Ministers to the Sick
Religious Retirement Collection

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

There will be a meeting for the ministers to the sick on **Sat, Dec 9 @ 6 pm & Sun, Dec 10 @ 10:30 am.** If you have questions, call Mary Nuxoll @ 933-7587

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR
Sat & Sun, Dec 16 & 17
after 5 pm & 9:30 am Masses
Christmas Crafts & Baked Goods
Proceeds for Disaster Relief



The obligation to attend Mass remains for both the **fourth Sunday of Advent** (fulfilled by attending the **Saturday evening 5 PM Mass OR the Sunday 9:30 AM day Mass**) **AND** the **Solemnity of Christmas** (fulfilled by attending either the **Sunday evening 5 PM Vigil Mass OR the Monday 9:30 AM Mass on Christmas day**).

For those parishioners using donation envelopes, if you haven't already done so, please pick-up your box set of 2018 collection envelopes from the table in the rear of the church.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

NOV 19, 2017

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering \$3,546.00
All Souls \$ 15.00
Catholic Campaign Hum Dev. \$ 383.00
Doughnuts \$ 54.40
Disaster Relief \$ 50.00
Maintenance \$ 30.00
Thanksgiving \$ 10.00

Weekly Offering

NOV 26, 2017

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering \$3,198.00
Doughnuts \$ 13.00
Faith Formation \$ 300.00
Flowers \$ 5.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 10.00
Thanksgiving \$1,364.00

Weekly Offering



NOVEMBER SUMMARY

Thanksgiving \$ 1,374.00
Sunday Offering \$13,185.00

TOTAL \$14,559.00

GOAL: \$18,000.00

Overage or (Shortfall) (\$ 3,441.00)

OTHER

All Souls \$ 35.00
Catholic Campaign Hum Dev. \$ 583.00
Disaster Relief \$ 50.00
Doughnuts \$ 132.00
Faith Formation \$ 300.00
Fall Festival—Napa/Sonoma Animals \$ 104.00
Fall Festival—Napa/Sonoma Fire Vic \$ 284.00
Fall Festival—Napa/Sonoma Raffles \$ 144.00
Flowers \$ 5.00
Maintenance \$ 229.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 85.00
World Mission Sunday \$ 10.00

Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

REMEMBER ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST



WELCOME ONE. WELCOME ALL.
ST. STEPHEN CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SUN, DEC 17 @ 3 PM FOLLOWED BY A
HOLIDAY RECEPTION IN PARISH HALL



St. Stephen Christmas Outreach will benefit Toys for Tots this season. If you would like to participate, please bring an unwrapped new toy and deposit in the receptacles that are clearly marked. You can be an answer to a child's prayer.