



St. Stephen Catholic Parish
Walnut Creek, California
December 24, 2017
Fourth 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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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 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 12/23 5:00 Int. Maureen Monaghan for healing
 SUN 12/24 9:30 Int. St. Stephen Parishioners
 5:00 Msg. Joseph Keaveny and
 Rev. Harry B. Morrison
 MON 12/25 9:30 Frank and Rose Puchalski †
 TUE 12/26 7:30 Int. St. Stephen Parishioners
 WED 12/27 7:30 David Sandoval †
 THU 12/28 7:30 Charles Brady †
 FRI 12/29 7:30 Rev. Albano Oliveira †
 SAT 12/30 5:00 Doug Prouty †
 SUN 12/31 9:30 Anne De Filippo †
 MON 1/1 9:30 John Joseph Tavormina †



For Mass intentions, please contact the
 Parish Office @ 925-939-3826

2017 Holiday Liturgy Schedule

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4th Sunday of Advent
 Saturday, December 23
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
 Sunday, December 24
 9:30 am Mass

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Solemnity of Christmas
 Vigil Mass
 Sunday, December 24
 5:00 pm

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Solemnity of Christmas
Nativity of the Lord
 Monday, December 25
 9:30 am

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Feast: Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 Saturday, December 30
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
 Sunday, December 31
 9:30 am Mass

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Solemnity of Mary, the
Holy Mother of God
 Monday, January 1
 9:30 am



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 morning Mass on Christmas day).

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

PSALM — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

SECOND READING — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever & ever (Romans 16:25-27).

GOSPEL — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

TUESDAY: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;
 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

SUNDAY: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

CHRISTMAS DEC 24/25, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	Children	J. Gotelli
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	D. Minister* A. Roux M. Milani	F. McCormick* P. Walton M. Mammola
ALTAR SERVERS:	Takafua	R. Kuca

MINISTERS DEC 30/31, 2017

MASS:	5 PM	9:30 AM
LECTORS:	S. Derby	R. Minister
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	S. Kuca* F. McCormick M. Milani	D. Minister* M. Mammola L. Morin
ALTAR SERVERS:	J. Kurpinsky	A. Roux
COUNTERS:		
THU 12/28	P. Walton	C. Ellis



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday 12/24	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:45 AM R5	NO Faith Formation
9:30 AM R5	NO Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30 AM CH	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass
	The Nativity of the Lord
5:00 PM CH	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Monday 12/25	The Nativity of the Lord
	Parish Office Closed-Holiday
9:30 AM CH	Christmas Day Mass
Tuesday 12/26	St. Stephen, pray for us.
	Parish Office Closed
8:00 AM CH	Rosary Group
Wednesday 12/27	St. John, Apostle, pray for us.
8:00 AM CH	Rosary Group
10:00 AM R1	Bible Study
Thursday 12/28	St. Anthony, Hermit, pray for us.
8:00 AM CH	Rosary Group
7:00 PM CH	NO Choir Rehearsal
Friday 12/29	St. Thomas Becket, pray for us.
	Parish Office Closed
8:00 AM CH	Rosary Group
Saturday 12/30	St. Eugene, pray for us.
3:30 PM CH	Reconciliation
Sunday 12/31	The Holy Family of
	Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:45 AM R5	NO Faith Formation
9:30 AM R5	NO Children's Liturgy of the Word
Monday 1/1	Mary the Holy Mother of God
	Parish Office Closed-Holiday
9:30 AM CH	Solemnity Mass

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

Thank you to all who contributed to the Toys for Tots outreach this season.



If you haven't already done so, please pick-up your box set of 2018 collection envelopes in the rear of the church before the end of the year.



cfcs "COMFORTING THOSE WHO MOURN"
 CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES
 PRESENTS A 4-SESSION TRAINING COURSE
 FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN GRIEF MINISTRY
 The same workshop will be offered in the day (10am-12pm)
 & evening (7-9pm) on the four Thursdays of January @
 San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. Attend one or all.
 JAN 04: Intro to Grief Ministry, the Psychology of Grief
 JAN 11: Creating a Safe Place
 JAN 18: Best Practices—Prayers & Rituals
 JAN 25: Sharing Your Story
 FREE TRAININGS LED BY KATE NEAL, CATHOLIC FUNERAL
 & CEMETERY SERVICES DIRECTOR OF GRIEF MINISTRY

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

DEC 17, 2017

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday Offering	\$3,534.00	Weekly Offering
Bake Sale for Disaster Relief	\$ 262.00	
Christmas	\$ 795.00	
Flowers	\$ 60.00	
Maintenance	\$ 36.00	
Memorial Donation	\$ 50.00	
Religious Retirement	\$ 130.00	

Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Year-end contribution statements will be automatically generated for individuals who have donated \$250 or more to St. Stephen Parish. Only contributions that have been received between Jan 1, 2017 and Dec 31, 2017 will be listed. For any others who would like a statement, please request it from the parish office by January 12, 2018. Thank you.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LONELY THIS SEASON

Walk for Life WEST COAST **14th Annual WALK FOR LIFE !**
SAT, JAN. 27, 2018

10:45am-12:15pm Civic Ctr Plaza
Silent No More Awareness Campaign

11:00am-12:30pm Civic Ctr Plaza
Information Faire

12:30pm-1:30pm Civic Ctr Plaza
Walk for Life Main Event Rally & Walk

More info to follow & www.WalkforLifeWC.com

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of the Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history, because it has meant the pouring into a sick world the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost two thousand years. It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand. Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. A Merry and Blessed Christmas to everyone.

—Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate



Wishing you each a joyous heart, a hopeful spirit, and a blessed peace as we celebrate together the birth of Jesus!

In Christ's Love,
 St. Stephen Parish Staff