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ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH

SHAKING US TO SPIRITUAL ACTION

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the "master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it! — Father John Muir

St. Stephen's
Hawaiian Gala
Sunday, October 12th

Raffle

Please help us in our efforts to make our Gala a success by donating cash or items, for our ever popular gift basket raffle and silent auction. All donations can be left at our Parish Office. Please call Maria Moberg at 818-512-2636, with questions or for ideas.



Bible Study Coming Soon!

"The Bible Timeline - The Story of Salvation" video series with workbook. We would like to schedule on Sunday before or after the 1pm Mass!

Please call Denise Gonzalez
626-327-2113 for further
information.



ST. STEPHEN MARTYR CHURCH VIRTUS TRAINING

"Protecting God's Children"

Sunday, October 25, 2025
9:00am - 11:00am

"Keeping the Promise Alive" (Recertification Session)

Sunday, October 25, 2025
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Registration is required to attend either session. Please call the parish office to register.

Space is limited, please register early.

Fr. Joseph Magdaong
Pastor

Fr. Ali Kanissius
Associate Pastor

Armando & Irene Estrada
Deacon Couple

Alicia Vazquez
Office Manager

Dale Ann Torbey
Business Manager

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:00 PM (English)

Sunday

7:00 AM (English)

9:00 AM (Spanish)

11:00 AM (Indonesian)

1:00 PM (English)

Monday—Saturday

8:30 AM (English)

Perpetual Help Novena Mass

6:00 PM (English)

Friday

6:00 PM (Bilingual)

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
No Appointment needed

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9am—6pm
(closed 1pm—2pm
for lunch)

Please call the parish office
for assistance or to schedule
an appointment.

"We are a diverse faith community that strives to conform ourselves into the image of Christ in and through the power of the Holy Spirit, and nourished by The Word, Sacraments and Tradition to give glory to God and to be a light unto the nations."



St. Stephen Martyr Church
Hawaiian Gala
Sunday, October 12th
4:30pm to 9:00pm

Doubletree Hotel
\$85.00
Tickets are available
for purchase at the
parish office.

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**MEDITACIÓN DEL
EVANGELIO ALENTAR
UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS
PROFUNDO DE LA
ESCRITURA**

Astuto el administrador de la parábola que Jesús nos cuenta hoy. Nos dice que consiguió hacer amigos entre los deudores de su amo, porque

les perdonó parte de su deuda. Es elogiado por ser tan ágil en bienes ajenos. "El patrón admiró la manera tan inteligente de actuar de ese administrador que lo estafaba" (Lucas 16:8). No se puede explotar a las personas por dinero y decir que se ama a Dios, especialmente en estos tiempos modernos, donde aparentemente todo funciona bien. Sin embargo, se explota mucho a los inmigrantes de cualquier país del mundo. Abunda la trata de personas, los salarios injustos y las deudas de países pobres imposibles de pagar. Por mencionar algunos ejemplos.

"Existe una astucia cristiana de hacer las cosas con picardía, pero no con el espíritu del mundo: hacer las cosas honestamente. Y esto es bueno. Es lo que dice Jesús cuando invita a ser astutos como serpientes y simples como palomas. Poner juntas estas dos dimensiones es una gracia del Espíritu Santo, una gracia que debemos pedir. También hoy hay muchos de estos estafadores, corruptos... A mí me impresiona ver cómo la corrupción está extendida por todas partes" (Papa Francisco). Tiene razón el Papa Francisco al estar impresionado y a la vez preocupado por tanta deshonestidad en nuestra sociedad. Tenemos que poner acción y darnos cuenta de que no se puede servir a Dios y al dinero. Así lo dijo Jesús, y su mensaje vale tanto entonces como ahora.



Luz del Espíritu Santo
Grupo de Oración

Noche de Adoración
miercoles, 24 de septiembre
las 6:00pm

Presencial en Salon 6

Zoom
ID 829 4029 7572

Proyecto de Reparación: ¡Su Apoyo Importa!

Estimada Familia Parroquial:

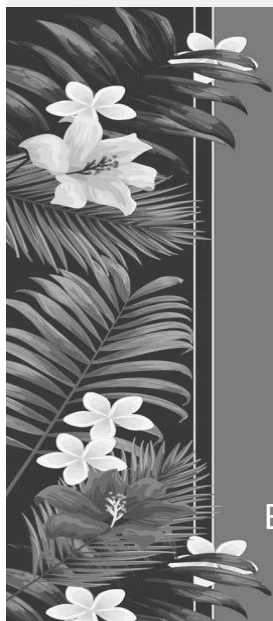
A medida que continuamos creciendo y sirviendo a nuestra comunidad, es esencial que nuestras instalaciones reflejen nuestro compromiso de brindar un espacio acogedor y seguro para el culto, la confraternidad y el ministerio. Actualmente, nuestra línea de gas del sistema de climatización (HVAC) requiere reparaciones importantes para garantizar que podamos seguir ofreciendo un ambiente de culto cómodo y cálido durante el próximo invierno.

Este proyecto de reparación, con un costo estimado de \$14,700.00, es vital para el éxito continuo de la misión de San Esteban en nuestra comunidad. Solicitamos su consideración y generoso apoyo financiero para ayudarnos a alcanzar esta meta. Cada donación, grande o pequeña, nos acerca a garantizar un espacio vibrante y funcional en los años venideros.

Para obtener más información sobre este proyecto y hacer una donación, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial. También puede contribuir a través de nuestra plataforma de donaciones en línea o marcando su sobre de donación como "Proyecto de Reparación de Línea de Gas" y entregándolo en la oficina parroquial o depositándolo en la canasta de recolección.

Hasta la fecha hemos recaudado \$3,027.00 para este proyecto.

Gracias por su fidelidad y colaboración en el ministerio mientras trabajamos juntos para fortalecer nuestra iglesia y comunidad.



Iglesia de San Esteban Mártir

Gala Hawaiana

Domingo, 12 de octubre
4:30pm a 9:00pm

Hotel Doubletree
(en Rosemead)
\$85.00

Boletos están a la venta en
la oficina parroquial.

Salón de Renta

El salón parroquial de St. Stephens ahora está disponible para alquilar para eventos privados.

Llame a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información sobre precios y disponibilidad.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Fear Not because I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my glorious right hand"
Isaiah 41:10

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, please consider joining our group. The group will meet on the last Friday of the month at 7pm in Room 1.

The Bereavement Group encourages people to trust their feelings and grieve in the way that seems most helpful to them. We share feelings, exchange stories and support one another through prayer, asking for peace and acceptance.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory/Online:

September 10-14 \$ 8,060.00
Weekly Expenses: \$ 9,001.00
Over/(Under) \$ (941.00)

*Thank you for your continued support
and generosity.*



Repair Project: Your Support Matters!

Dear Church Family,

As we continue to grow and serve our community, it's essential that our facilities reflect our commitment to providing a welcoming and safe space for worship, fellowship, and ministry. Currently, our HVAC gas line requires significant repairs to ensure we can continue to offer a comfortable warm worship environment this coming winter season.

This repair project, estimated at \$14,700.00, is vital to the ongoing success of St. Stephens' mission in our community. We are asking for your prayerful consideration and generous financial support to help us reach this goal. Every donation, large or small, brings us closer to ensuring a vibrant and functional space for years to come.

To learn more about this project and make a donation, please contact the parish office. You can also contribute through our online giving platform or by marking your donation envelope for "Gas Line Repair Project" and delivering it to the parish office or placing it in the collection basket.

To date we have collected \$3,127.00 for this project.

Thank you for your faithfulness and partnership in ministry as we work together to strengthen our church and community.

Hall for Rent

St. Stephens parish hall is available to rent for private events.

Please call the parish office for more information about pricing and availability.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

5:00 pm Jose Aranda Ayala (D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

7:00 am Keemun Lee (D)
Wilfredo Nazareno (D)

9:00 am Maria Rodriguez (D)
Jose Aranda Ayala (D)
Jaime Aispuro Beltran (D)

1:00 pm Juan Pablo Garcia (D)
Jose Aranda Ayala (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

8:30 am David Sanchez - Happy Birthday!!!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

8:30 am Inocencro Chua - Happy Birthday!!!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

8:30 am Augie & Annamae Koch (L)

6:00 pm Helen Rivera (L)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

8:30 am Alicia Valdez (L)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

8:30 am Vikky Rogers (L)

6:00 pm Javier Compean (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

8:30 am Maria Guadalupe Gonzales (D)

*The Altar Candles for the month of September are
dedicated in loving memory of Maria & William Ong
and Ernest & Frances Morgan*

Please call the parish office if you would like to sponsored an Altar Candle. Sponsored candles will be dedicated to the sponsors request and will be lit during all of the Masses for 1 month. Candles will then be given to the sponsor at the end of the month so that they may continue to be lit at home.

Please Pray For... Lung - Tam Family, Rosalie Pinto, Augie & Annamae Koch, Jesusita Serrano, Mayra Alvarenga, Alicia Valdez, Armando Romo, Dolores Munoz, Carmelita Rodriguez, Alicia Islas, Juan Manuel Soto, Denise Gonzales, Sally Ann Thomas, Jennifer De Coteau, Case De Coteau, Laura Sesti, Heather McGee, Angie Rivas, Maggie Perales, Lucy Orlandi, Guadalupe Ayala, Rigoberto Alvarenga, Helen Rivera, Margarita Audelo, Amelia Barraza, Alicia Nunez, Carlos Espinoza Ornelas, Vikky Rogers

To insure that the prayer list is accurate, please contact the parish office on a monthly basses if you would like for your name to remain on the list.

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