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ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is already answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done. — Father John Muir



Thank You (Mahalo) !!

To our St. Stephen's
Parish Community,

Thank you all for your tremendous support for our Hawaiian Gala. For those who were able to come, we hope you had a great time. The food, raffles, dancing and fellowship were beyond our expectations! For those who were not able to attend, thank you for your prayers. This is our biggest fundraiser every year and this year's proceeds will go a long way in helping our church. We look forward to another event real soon.

Thank you and God bless.

St. Stephen Church Gala Committee



ST. STEPHEN MARTYR CHURCH VIRTUS TRAINING

"Protecting God's Children"

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

"Keeping the Promise Alive" (Recertification Session)

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

Registration is required to attend either session.
9:00 am session is almost full.
Please call the parish office to register.

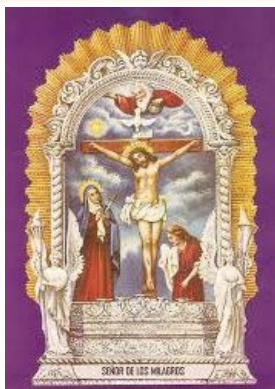
Understanding the Entire Bible!

The Bible Timeline:

Story of Salvation Bible Study A 24-Part Bible Study

Begins on Sunday, November 2nd
in Room 1 from 11:30am to 12:45pm on the
1st and 3rd Sundays every month.

Registration will take place after the
Saturday, 5:00pm and
Sunday, 1:00pm Masses



Feast of the Lord of Miracles

Mass
Wednesday,
October 29th
7:00pm

There will be a
celebration in the
parish hall after

Fr. Joseph Magdaong
Pastor

Fr. Ali Kanissius
Associate Pastor

Armando & Irene Estrada
Deacon Couple

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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."

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

La forma de actuar de Dios es muy diferente a la nuestra. A veces, con nuestras súplicas, queremos moldear a nuestro modo el actuar de Dios. Es por eso que muchas veces se pierde la esperanza: porque deseamos que las cosas sucedan cuando queremos y como queremos. Sin embargo, la Palabra de Dios nos invita a ser perseverantes en la oración: "Predica la Palabra, insiste a tiempo y a destiempo, corrige, reprende y exhorta con toda paciencia y doctrina" (2 Timoteo 4:2).

En lo que respecta a la injusticia, se necesita una tenacidad descomunal; es decir, no desmayar ante las adversidades, como lo demuestran los personajes de la parábola de hoy. San Efrén (306–373), en su Comentario al Diatesarón, escribe: "De hecho, la perseverancia de la viuda humilló la iniquidad del juez rebelde a Dios y la insolencia arrogante contra los hombres. La voluntad de la viuda las sometió, y de esta manera pudo encontrar justicia ante su adversario. La oración inoportuna transformó las dos ramas amargas para que dieran frutos dulces, ajenos a su naturaleza... El fruto de la justicia es la correcta atribución de los oprimidos, y el fruto de la bondad es el consuelo de los afligidos". Oremos hoy por todas las personas que buscan justicia, luchando día a día hasta encontrarla. Tengamos la seguridad de que Dios, en su infinita bondad, escucha sus ruegos, porque Él es justo y su misericordia no tiene límites.



Gracias (Mahalo) !!

A nuestra comunidad parroquial de San Esteban:

Gracias a todos por su gran apoyo a nuestra Gala Hawaiana. Esperamos que quienes pudieron asistir la hayan pasado genial. ¡La comida, las rifas, el baile y la convivencia superaron nuestras expectativas! A quienes no pudieron asistir, gracias por sus oraciones. Esta es nuestra mayor recaudación de fondos cada año y lo recaudado este año contribuirá enormemente a nuestra iglesia. Esperamos con ansias otro evento muy pronto. Gracias y que Dios los bendiga.

Comité de Gala de la Iglesia de San Esteban



Fiesta del Señor de los Milargros

Misa
miércoles, 29 de octubre
7:00pm

Habra una celebración en el salón parroquial después de la Misa.



Luz del Espíritu Santo
Grupo de Oración

Predicador
Mike Correa
miércoles 22 de octubre
las 6:00pm

Presencial en Salon 6

Zoom
ID 829 4029 7572

HORARIO DE MISAS PARA DÍA DE TODOS SANTOS

(Día Santo de obligación)
sábado 1 de noviembre
8:30 am (Misa Bilingüe)

DÍA DE LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

domingo, 2 de noviembre

Inglés

7:00am y 1:00pm

Español

9:00am

Indonesio

11:00am

La asistencia a cualquier misa del Día de Todos Santos no cumple con la obligación de la misa dominical.



Los sobres para Todas las Almas ya están disponibles en las entradas de la iglesia. Por favor, de tomarlas y regresarla de nuevo a la iglesia con su donacion. Se rezara por todos los nombres anotados en cada sobre a lo largo del mes de noviembre.

Noche Cultural Indonesiana

sábado, 8 de noviembre
de 6:00pm a 9:00pm
en el salón parroquial

- * Danzas tradicionales indonesias
- * Música Indonesiana a cargo del coro Gita Suara.

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Confirme su asistencia antes del 1 de noviembre de llamando a Maria Nurhadi (626) 873-4228.



OCTOBER 19, 2025 - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ALL SAINTS' DAY *All Souls' Day*

Mass Schedule

ALL SAINTS DAY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Saturday, November 1st
8:30 am (Bilingual Mass)

ALL SOULS DAY Sunday, November 2nd

English
7:00am and 1:00pm

Spanish
9:00am

Indonesian
11:00am

*Attendance at All Saints Day Mass does
not fulfill Sunday Mass obligations.*

Indonesian Cultural Nights

Saturday, November 8, 2025

6:00pm - 9:00pm

- Indonesian Traditional Dances
- Angklung Music
- Indonesian Songs by Gita Suara Choir

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Free admission, limited space
Please RSVP the latest Nov 1, 2025 to:
Maria Nurhadi
(626) 873 - 4228



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory/Online:

October 8th - 12th \$ 7,389.00

Weekly Expenses: \$ 10,620.00

Over/(Under) \$ (3,231.00)

*Thank you for your continued
support and generosity.*



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

5:00 pm Lung—Tam Family (L)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

7:00 am Clare Martinet (D)

9:00 am Rick Erhard (D)
Leo Sanchez (L)

1:00 pm Clare Martinet (D)
Fredrick Lesemann (D)
Jake Clarin - Happy Birthday!!!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

8:30 am Jocelyn Vazquez - Happy Birthday!!!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

8:30 am Eduardo Lauriano (D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

8:30 am Elodia Mendoza (D)

6:00 pm Claudia Otañez (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

8:30 am Mercedes Bona (D)
Alex Pacheco (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

8:30 am Jennifer Perales - Happy Birthday!!!

6:00 pm Rafaela Cano Rivera (D)
Gilha R. Rivera - Happy Birthday!!!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

8:30 am Alicia Valdez (L)



All Souls envelopes are now available at all of the entrances of the church. Envelopes can be return with you donation through the Sunday collection or to the Parish Office. All of the names listed on each envelope will be prayed for throughout the entire month of November.

Please Pray For... Lung - Tam Family, Rosalie Pinto, Augie & Annamae Koch, Jesusita Serrano, Alicia Valdez, Armando Romo, Dolores Munoz, Alicia Islas, Denise Gonzales, Laura Sesti, Maggie Perales, Guadalupe Ayala, Rigoberto Alvarenga, Helen Rivera, Margarita Audelo, Amelia Barraza, Alicia Nunez, Carlos Espinoza Ornelas, Vikky Rogers, Michael Anthony Barraza

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

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