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# ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.— Father John Muir



The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 19th** In observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**Understanding the Entire Bible!**  
**The Bible Timeline: Story of Salvation**  
Room 1 from 11:30am to 12:45p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Donation statements for the 2025 fiscal year will be mailed to all registered parishioners by January 31st.

St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church Monterey Park, CA  
*Cultural Night*  
**Gala Hispana**  
Saturday, 28 Feb 2026  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

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

9:00 AM—6:00 PM

(Closed 1:00PM -

2:00 PM 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."*

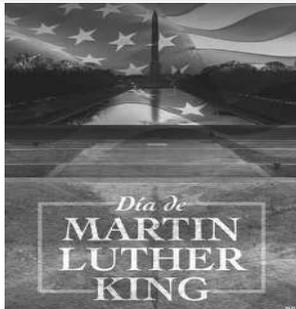
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**MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA**

Iniciamos hoy el Tiempo Ordinario. Tendremos cinco domingos en los que los textos del evangelio nos presentarán la imagen de Jesús en su vida pública. Sus milagros, sus curaciones y sus enseñanzas, sin duda, nos invitarán a un cambio radical del corazón. Eso es precisamente lo que se busca: que sigamos el ejemplo de Juan Bautista, el primer testigo de Jesús, quien hoy nos lo presenta como el “Cordero de Dios”. Juan deja claro que él no es el Mesías esperado. Quiere que reconozcamos a Jesús como la luz que existía desde siempre: “Ahí viene el Cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo” (Juan 1:29). Jesús quita el pecado del mundo, pero es necesario trabajar con esfuerzo para que esto se haga realidad: trabajar por la justicia y por la paz, comenzando por uno mismo.

El Papa León XIV, desde su pontificado, nos llama a buscar la justicia y la paz, y nos dice: “Es la hora del amor. Fui elegido sin ningún mérito y, con temor y temblor, vengo a ustedes como un hermano que desea hacerse siervo de la fe y de la alegría, caminando con ustedes por el camino del amor de Dios, que nos quiere a todos unidos en una única familia” (Domingo 18 de mayo de 2025). Animados con esta confianza, seamos testigos de fe y alegría, anunciando al mundo la Buena Noticia del Señor Jesús. Con estos dos ejemplos de vida, Juan Bautista y el Papa León XIV, demos la batalla por alcanzar un mundo donde reinen la paz y la esperanza.



La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el **lunes, 19 de enero** En observación del Día de Martin Luther King

**DECLARACION ANUAL**

Las declaraciones de donación para el año fiscal 2025 serán enviadas por correo a todos los feligreses que están registrados en la iglesia.

Gracias por su apoyo continuo.



Luz del Espíritu Santo  
Grupo de Oración

**Predicadora  
Adriana Luna**  
miercoles 21 de enero  
las 6:00p.m.

**Presencial en Salon 6**  
**Zoom**  
**ID 829 4029 7572**



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**¿SABE USTED?**

**¿Qué se requiere para fomentar una cultura de seguridad?**

Al dar prioridad a la protección, la educación sobre límites personales saludables y el apoyo para los sobrevivientes, creamos entornos de aprendizaje más seguros para los niños en nuestro cuidado, en los que compartimos continuamente la responsabilidad entre los líderes del programa, los empleados, los voluntarios, las familias y la comunidad. Para mayores informes lea el artículo de VIRTUS® “High Stakes: A Culture of Safety for Every Child” (Una cultura de seguridad para todos los niños) en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).

# JANUARY 18, 2026 - SECOND 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.



Wednesday, January 7th \$47.00

Friday, January 9th \$107.00

January 10th & 11th \$5,848.00

Online \$623.00

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*Thank you for your commitment to your parish.*



## SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

5:00 pm Alfredo T. Balanay (D)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

7:00 am Irene Tajkrawinata (D)

Del Sabado (D)

9:00 am Jose Castellanos (D)

Victoria Elena Jacek (D)

1:00 pm Silvestre Magdaong (D)

## MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026

8:30 am Maria Elena Reyes (D)

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

8:30 am Tom Pinto (D)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

8:30 am Valentino Alvero (D)

Nancy Saavedra (D)

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026

8:30 am Alicia Valdez (L)

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026

8:30 am Alica Chavez (D)

6:00 pm Kathy Garcia (D)

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026

8:30 am Ramon Curameng (D)



*Do you have a Mass intention request for a loved one?*

Please submit your intention request by

visiting the parish office or by calling (626)573-0427 no later than Tuesday afternoon prior to the week of which you would like your intention to be mentioned. This time will also help us to ensure that your intention is included in the bulletin. **We can NO longer accommodate last-minute requests.** In an effort to be considerate towards our ministers, we ask that you please do not submit intention requests prior to the start of Mass.



## DID YOU KNOW?

### What is needed in a culture of safety?

By prioritizing safeguarding, education about healthy boundaries and access to support for survivors, we create safer learning environments for the children in our care in which we continually share responsibility among program leadership, employees, volunteers, families, and the community. In any culture of safety, the safety of children and vulnerable people is a core value, and all decisions are centered around protecting this safety. Beyond believing in the importance of safety, people within the organization take concrete actions to maintain a safe environment. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "High Stakes: A Culture of Safety for Every Child" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).

*"The time is always right to do what is right."*

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**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, Guadalupe Ayala, Rigoberto Alvarenga, Helen Rivera, Margarita Aude-lo, Amelia Barraza, Alicia Nunez, Carlos Espinoza Ornelas, Vikky Rogers, Michael Anthony Barraza, Tina Ran, Leo Sanchez

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

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