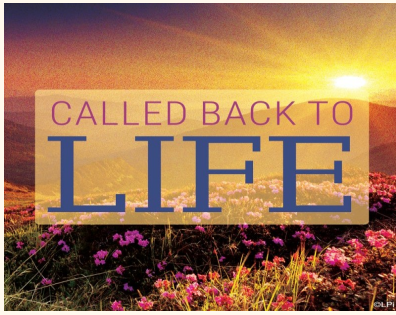


# ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



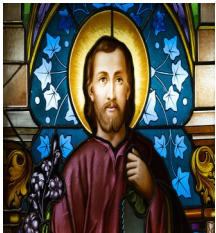
## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now. — Father John Muir



### ST JOSEPH TABLE

Join us for the Italian tradition of the blessing of St. Joseph's Table this Saturday, March 21st after the 5:00PM Mass.



**LENTEN RECOLLECTION PROMISES YOU CAN TOUCH: Gods Faithfulness in the Sacraments March 27th 7:00pm**

Fr. Leo Ortega, S.Th.D.  
Professor of Systemic Theology  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

The celebration will continue on Sunday, March 22nd and will take place after all of the Masses. A spaghetti lunch will be served from 11:00AM until 3:00PM. Join the community as we enjoy delicious food, fun and family.

This Lenten recollection helps parishioners rediscover the Sacraments as God's solemn covenant promises, where He binds Himself to us and gives us His own life. We will explore the Sacraments not as routines or obligations, but as God's enduring promises, made visible and real in our lives.

Rooted in Scripture and the Church's tradition, these talks will help us rediscover the Sacraments as encounters with a God who remains faithful, especially in moments of weakness, doubt, and need.

Topics include:

- The Covenants and the God who Sears
- Jesus Christ and the Sacraments: The New Covenant Sealed in Blood
- Living the Oath: Sacramental Life and Discipleship

### *Journey to the Cross: Seven Last Words of Jesus "Father, forgive them..."*

Take time out of your busy schedule this to walk with Jesus in His final moments. Join us on Saturday, March 28th at 10:00am for a special recollection, where we will meditate on the profound, life-changing final words of our Savior. Let us enter into the silence of the Passion and prepare our hearts for the Resurrection.

A light lunch will be served in the Gathering Place.

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.

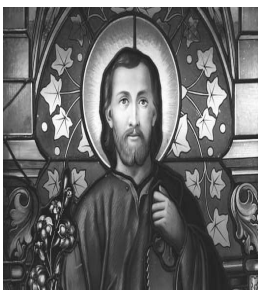
*"We are a diverse faith community that strives to conform ourselves into the image of Christ in and through the power of the Holy Spirit, and nourished by The Word, Sacraments and Tradition to give glory to God and to be a light unto the nations."*



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

Está por terminar la Cuaresma; un domingo más y estaremos celebrando el Domingo de Ramos. Cuarenta días de preparación para la Pascua están por concluir. Hemos acompañado a Jesús que pasó por las tentaciones en el desierto; luego subimos con Él al monte de la Transfiguración; fuimos al pozo de Jacob con la mujer samaritana y encontramos el Agua Viva; llegamos a la piscina de Siloé y fuimos curados de nuestras cegueras. Y hoy, celebramos el domingo en el que resucitaremos junto con Lázaro. La resurrección de Lázaro es un triunfo sobre la muerte. Pero antes de este milagro, Marta, la hermana de Lázaro, sale al encuentro de Jesús y, en su diálogo, Él le dice: "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque muera, vivirá" (Juan 11:26). Jesús nos hace hoy la misma pregunta que le hizo a Marta: "¿Crees esto?" ¿Qué le respondes tú? ¿Has experimentado algún cambio en tu corazón durante esta Cuaresma?

Si nuestra fe es madura, viviremos como resucitados desde ahora, no solo al final de nuestra vida. Demos, pues, a Jesús una respuesta profunda y comprometida con nosotros mismos y con quienes nos rodean. Respondamos como Marta y como Pedro: "Sí, Señor, creo". Señor, ayúdanos a ser parte de tu proyecto de vida, a construir un mundo mejor donde reine la paz. Queremos ser testigos de esperanza, donde tu amor exista a través de nuestra vida y nuestro caminar hacia Ti. Jesús nos dice hoy a cada uno de nosotros: "¡Lázaro, sal fuera!" (Juan 11:43).



**MESA DE SAN JOSÉ**

Acompañenos a la tradición italiana de la bendición de la Mesa de San José, hoy domingo 22 de marzo, después de todas las misas. Se servirá un almuerzo de espaguetis de 11:00AM a 3:00PM. Únase a la comunidad para disfrutar de deliciosa comida, diversión y familia.



**¿Tiene una solicitud de intención de Misa para un ser querido?** Envíe su solicitud de intención visitando la oficina parroquial o llamando al (626)573-0427 a más tardar el martes por la tarde anterior a la semana en la que desea que se mencione su intención. Este tiempo también nos ayudará a asegurarnos de que su intención se incluya en el boletín. Ya NO podemos aceptar solicitudes de último momento. En un esfuerzo por ser considerados con nuestros ministros, le pedimos que no solicite intención antes del inicio de la Misa.

**Seminario de Vida en el Espiritu**

**cada miercoles del 4 de Febrero al 25 de Marzo (\*no el 18 de Febrero) en Salon 6 6pm - 8 pm**

**Predicadora: 25 de marzo Virginia Martinez**  
**Ahora yo voy a enviar sobre ustedes lo que mi padre me prometio. Permanezcan, pues, en la ciudad hasta que sean revestidos de la fuerza que viene de arriba Lucas 24, 49**



**2 DE ABRIL, JUEVES SANTO**

- 8:30 AM Solemn Laudes (ORACIÓN CANTADA)
- 7:00 PM Misa de la Pasión del Señor (Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento tendrá lugar en el salón parroquial después de la misa).

**3 DE ABRIL, VIERNES SANTO**

- 8:30 AM Solemn Laudes (ORACIÓN CANTADA)
- 1:00 PM Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (Ingles)
- 5:00 PM Vía Crucis Viviente (Español)
- 7:00 PM Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (Bilingue)

**4 DE ABRIL SABADO SANTO**

- 8:30 AM SOLEMN LAUDES (ORACIÓN CANTADA)
- 7:00 PM VIGILIA DE PASCUA (NO HABRÁ MISA DE VIGILIA A LAS 5:00 PM ESTE DÍA)

**5 DE ABRIL, DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

Horario de Misas Regulares

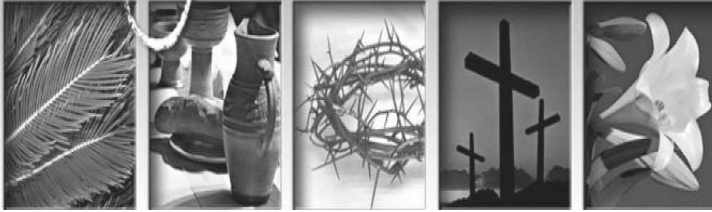
**HORARIO DE LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL PARA EL TRIDUO Y PASCUA**

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada desde Jueves Santo, 2 de abril, hasta el Lunes de Pascua, 6 de abril.

Reabriremos el martes, 7 de abril.

# MARCH 22, 2026 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## Holy Week Schedule



Wednesday, March 11th \$42.00  
 Friday, March 13th \$232.00  
 March 14th & 15th \$5,797.00  
 Online \$608.00  
 Second Collection \$1,429.00

Thank you for your commitment to your parish.



### APRIL 2ND HOLY THURSDAY

•8:30 AM Solemn Lauds (Chanted Prayer)

•7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Passion (Bilingual)  
 (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Parish Hall after Mass)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD PASSION OF THE LORD

•8:30 AM Solemn Lauds (Chanted Prayer)

•1:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English)

•3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Indonesian)

•5:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

•7:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Bilingual)

### APRIL 4TH, HOLY SATURDAY

•8:30 AM Solemn Lauds (Chanted Prayer)

•7:00 PM Easter Vigil

(NO 5:00 PM VIGIL MASS ON THIS DAY)

### APRIL 5TH, EASTER SUNDAY

Regular Mass Schedule

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

5:00 pm Arturo B. Morado Sr. (D)  
 Siu Kam Limtao (D)  
 Celia Guerrero (D)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

7:00 am Michelle Corona - Happy Birthday!!!  
 9:00 am Guillermo Ochoa (D)  
 1:00 pm Larry Martinez (D)  
 Bruce Foster (L)

### MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026

8:30 am Geobie To Nido (D)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026

8:30 am Nadine Gudino - Happy Birthday!!!

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

8:30 am Denisse Perales - Happy Birthday!!!  
 6:00 pm Del Sabado (D)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

8:30 am Mateo Lopez (D)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

8:30 am Irene Tjakrawinata (D)  
 6:00 pm Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

8:30 am John Leprin (D)



### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Ways to combat human trafficking

Human trafficking can happen anywhere and when we least expect it. Traffickers often focus on potential victims who are vulnerable, for example, if a child has an unstable or unsupportive home life. One way to take action is to eliminate vulnerabilities wherever possible. Another important aspect of cultivating a safe environment is to focus equally on children's interactions online and in person. Many predators use online sites to target victims as well. Children should know how to interact safely and to look for red flags. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Know the Facts: Abductions and Human Trafficking" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).

### TRIDUUM & EASTER PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed from Holy Thursday, April 2nd thru Easter Monday, April 6th.

We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7th

**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, Helen Rivera, Margarita Audelo, Amelia Barraza, Alicia Nunez, Vikky Rogers, Michael Anthony Barraza, Tina Ran, Leo Sanchez, Douglas Perales, Frances, Krystal & Sai Lam, Carlos Espinoza Ornelas, Bruce Foster

*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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