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ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: "A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: "She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.— Father John Muir



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)

•7:00PM 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

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**

Con el Domingo de Ramos damos comienzo a la Semana

Santa, también llamada Semana Mayor. Hoy se proclaman dos evangelios en la Misa: uno a la entrada del templo, para caminar alegres con palmas en la mano al encuentro de Cristo, y el otro durante la Liturgia de la Palabra: la Pasión del Señor. El Papa Francisco, en la Exhortación Apostólica La Alegría del Evangelio, escribe lo siguiente: “La verdadera fe en el Hijo de Dios hecho carne es inseparable del don de sí, de la pertenencia a la comunidad, del servicio, de la reconciliación con la carne de los otros. El Hijo de Dios, en su encarnación, nos invitó a la revolución de la ternura” (EG 88). La ternura y la misericordia de Dios se hacen especialmente presentes durante la Pasión del Señor.

La Semana Santa es un tiempo especial para nuestra renovación espiritual. Como cristianos bautizados, somos seguidores de Jesús y debemos alzar los dinteles de nuestra alegría, porque va a entrar en nuestro corazón el Rey de la Gloria. “¡Hosana al Hijo de David! ¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor! ¡Hosana en lo más alto de los cielos!” (Mateo 21:9). Aclamación y súplica es lo que repetimos año tras año durante el Domingo de Ramos. Somos bendecidos al poder participar en esta celebración que nos invita a vivir la vida, pasión, muerte y resurrección del Señor: la Pascua gloriosa, centro de todo el Año Litúrgico.



Luz del Espíritu Santo
Grupo de Oración

**Noche de Adoración
al Santísimo
miercoles 1 de abril
las 6:00p.m.**

Presencial en Salon 6



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.



Los Caballeros de Colón organizarán el Domingo de la Silla de Ruedas el 19 de abril. Esta iniciativa especial apoya a la Misión Americana de Sillas de Ruedas, que proporciona sillas de ruedas a personas necesitadas tanto a nivel local como internacional.

Después de todas las misas, los Caballeros estarán disponibles fuera de la iglesia para brindar más información y recibir donaciones. Cada \$150 recaudados ayudan a patrocinar una silla de ruedas, devolviendo la movilidad, la independencia y una mejor calidad de vida a alguien que lo necesita. Su generosidad puede realmente cambiar una vida.

¿Buscas una manera de involucrarte más en la Parroquia de San Esteban Mártir, crecer en tu fe y marcar la diferencia?

Los Caballeros de Colón ofrecen a los hombres la oportunidad de servir a los demás, apoyar a familias necesitadas y forjar amistades sólidas basadas en los valores católicos. Ya sea como voluntario, organizando eventos o contribuyendo a nuestra comunidad parroquial, aquí hay un lugar para ti. Acompáñanos el domingo 19 de abril en el espacio de reunión al aire libre, donde podrás conocer más sobre quiénes somos y qué hacemos.

MARCH 29, 2026 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



Wednesday, March 20th \$49.00
Friday, March 22nd \$111.00
March 23rd & 24th \$5,475.00
Online \$470.00

Thank you for your commitment to your parish.

ST. STEPHEN MARTYR
CATHOLIC CHURCH
PRESENTS

**EASTER
EGG HUNT**
SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH
Following Mass:

9:00 AM | 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM

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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 bases if you would like for your name to remain on the list.



SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

5:00 pm Siu Kam Limtao (D)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

7:00 am Tina Ran (D)
Irene Tajkrawinata (D)
Del Sabado (D)
Doug Perales - Happy Birthday!!!

9:00 am Jose y Josefa Fernandez (D)
Adrian Fernandez (D)
Mario Moreno Becerra (D)

1:00 pm Bruce Foster (L)

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

8:30 am Alicia Valdez (L)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

8:30 am Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

8:30 am Vince Torbey - Happy Birthday!!!

6:00 pm Tina Ran (D)



"The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Wheelchair Sunday on April 19th. This special initiative supports the American Wheelchair Mission, providing wheelchairs to individuals in need both locally and around the world.

After all Masses, Knights will be available outside the church to share more information and accept any donations. Every \$150 raised helps sponsor one wheelchair, restoring mobility, independence, and a better quality of life for someone in need. Your generosity can truly change a life."

"Are you looking for a way to get more involved at St. Stephen Martyr Parish, grow in your faith, and make a real impact?"

The Knights of Columbus offers men the opportunity to serve others, support families in need, and build strong friendships rooted in Catholic values. Whether it's volunteering, hosting events, or giving back to our parish community, there's a place for you here. Join us on Sunday, April 19th outside in the gathering space, where you can learn more about who we are and what we do."

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