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ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 12, 2026

Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday:

Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday:

Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday:

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday:

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday:

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:

Mi 2:1-5/Ps 101:2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **"understand the Word."** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

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."

FREE

SUMMER BIBLE 2026

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME

In person session will take place in Room 1
July 13-16

Online Evening Talks
July 13-16, 2026 7pm-8:30pm

Online via Zoom
Meeting ID: 969 4430 5081
Passcode: 120645

Online Day Retreat
July 18, 2026 9am - 3:30 pm

Visit our website for weeklong schedule and more information
archla.org/summerbible

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

July 16th

Blessing of the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Camel after the 8:30 am Mass.

Scapulars will be available for purchase if you are in need of one.

Mass and Procession in Honor of the Holy Spirit Tuesday, July 21st at 8:30a.m.

Jesus said to St. Mary of Jesus Crucified: *"I ardently hope that priests celebrate a Mass every month in honor of the Holy Spirit. Whoever offers it or hears it, will be honored by the Holy Spirit Himself; he will have light, he will have peace. He will heal the sick, wake those who sleep..."* (Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified)

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

Si hacemos memoria, quizá tengamos recuerdos de nuestra infancia, cuando nuestros padres nos decían: “Mira, hijo-hija, escucha y pon atención a lo que te voy a aconsejar”. O también nos decían: “Abre los ojos y fíjate hacia dónde vas”. En fin, cada uno de nosotros puede hacer eco en la memoria y en el corazón de todos esos sabios consejos. Cada consejo fue dirigido a todos los miembros de la familia, y cada uno lo comprendió y acogió de manera diferente. Hoy, la Palabra de Dios, en la parábola del sembrador, describe la misión de Jesús y las distintas formas de acogida y apertura que encuentra en las personas.

Cada semana, en la Eucaristía dominical, nosotros somos parte de ese auditorio. ¿De qué forma escucho su Palabra? ¿Qué acogida le doy en mi corazón? ¿Doy fruto de lo que escucho? La respuesta la conoce cada uno, porque es personal; depende de la tierra que hay en mí y de cómo está cuidada. Para que la tierra sea fértil, debemos poner nuestro grano de arena. Por ejemplo: participar regularmente en los sacramentos de la Reconciliación y de la Eucaristía, acudir a algún retiro espiritual o a las catequesis ofrecidas en nuestra parroquia. Nuestro compromiso debe ser activo, tanto para acoger la Palabra como para llevarla a otros que no la conocen. Seamos, pues, buenos sembradores perseverantes, para que la semilla nazca sana y fuerte en nosotros y dé fruto. “El que tenga oídos, que escuche” (Mateo 13:9).

**Misa y Procesión en Honor
al Espíritu Santo
martes 21 de julio a las 8:30a.m.**

Jesús le dijo a Santa María de Jesús Crucificado: “*Deseo ardientemente que los sacerdotes celebren cada mes una Misa en honor al Espíritu Santo. Sea quien sea el que la ofrezca el que la escuche, será honrado por el propio Espíritu Santo; tendrá luz, tendrá paz. Curará los enfermos, despertará a aquellos que duermen...*” (Santa María de Jesús Crucificado)

**Nuestra Señora
del Monte Carmelo
jueves 16 de julio**

Bendición del Escapulario
de Nuestra Señora del
Monte Carmelo después de
la Misa de las 8:30 a. m.

Tendremos escapularios
disponibles a la venta si
gusta comprar uno.



Luz del Espíritu Santo
Grupo de Oración

**Predicadora
Lina Torbay**
miercoles 15 de julio
las 6:00p.m.

Presencial en Salon 6
Zoom ID 829 4029 7572

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¡GRANDES OFERTAS, GRANDES HALLAZGOS!
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DÍAS: 31 de Julio, 1 y 2 de agosto	DATES: July 31, August 1 & 2
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JULY 12, 2026 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Wednesday, July 1st \$78.00
Friday, July 3rd \$137.00
July 4th & 5th \$4,490.00
Online \$795.00
Second Collection \$1,423.00
Priest Retirement \$819.00

Thank you for your commitment to your parish.



SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026

5:00 pm Oscar Villamor Refuerzo (D)

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

7:00 am Silvestre Magdaong (D)

9:00 am Alejandra Piñeda (D)
Paula Zepeda (D)
Ricardo Serrano (D)
Nancy Saavedra (D)
Brenda Martinez (D)
Miguel Geronimo - Happy Birthday!!!

1:00 pm Celia Guerrero (D)
Bruce Foster (L)

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026

8:30 am Julia Kim Marcos (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

8:30 am Flor Lanoy (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026

8:30 am Mayo Ycedo (D)

6:00 pm Helen Rivera (L)

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

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

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

8:30 am Vince Torbey (L)

6:00 pm Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

8:30 am Corazon R. Yacat (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.



Are you an adult interested in joining the Catholic faith, or completing the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation? Registration will begin in August. Classes start in September.

Please contact Denise Gonzales at (626)327-2113 for more information.

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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, Leo Sanchez, Douglas Perales, Frances, Krystal & Sai Lam, Carlos Espinoza Ornelas, Bruce Foster, Lily Huerta, May Tan

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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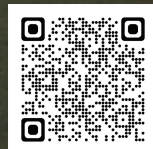
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