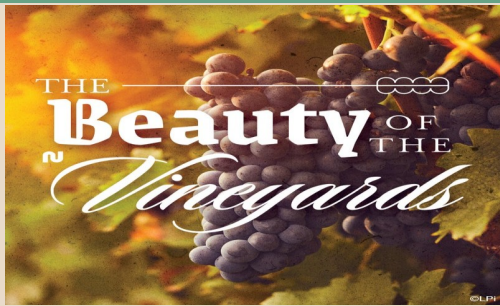


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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

Understanding the Entire Bible! The Bible Timeline: Story of Salvation

Room 1 from 11:30am to 12:45p.m.
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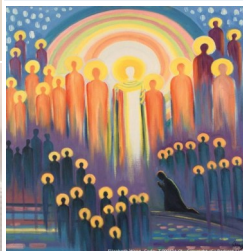


"Picture of Love" Marriage Preparation Day

Are you engaged and planning to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church? Join us in the parish hall for our upcoming Marriage Preparation Day on Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This foundational day will cover vital topics such as the Sacrament of Matrimony, Family of Origin, Communications, Finance, Married Intimacy, Dreams and Goals, and Married Spirituality.

- Cost: \$150 cash per couple (payable upon registration).
- Registration: Space is limited! Please contact the parish office at [626-573-0427](tel:626-573-0427) or email st.stephen.martyr@gmail.com to sign up as soon as possible.



All Souls envelopes are now available at all of the entrances of the church. Envelopes can be returned with your 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.

Fr. Joseph Magdaong
Pastor

Fr. Ali Kanissius
Associate Pastor

Armando & Irene Estrada
Deacon Couple

Alicia Vazquez
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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
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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

“La piedra que los constructores desecharon llegó a ser la piedra angular; esa fue la obra del Señor y nos dejó maravillados”.

Ahora yo les digo a ustedes: se les quitará el Reino de los Cielos y será entregado a un pueblo que le hará producir sus frutos (Mateo 21:42-43). Trabajar para el Reino de Dios implica compromiso. Actualmente, como bautizados y miembros de la Iglesia, somos los nuevos contratados para trabajar en el Reino de Dios. Por lo tanto, se espera que seamos cuidadores responsables y llevemos a cabo la labor encomendada para que así abunden la justicia y la paz. Decía el papa Francisco: “La viña es del Señor, no nuestra”. No olvidemos esta frase cuando se nos encomiende trabajar en la Iglesia del Señor. Depende de nosotros continuar haciéndolo bien.

San Pablo, en su carta a los filipenses, y a nosotros hoy en día, da pautas seguras para no vivir angustiados en situaciones ordinarias que nos apartan del camino que nos conduce a Dios: “Antes bien, en toda ocasión presenten sus peticiones a Dios y junten la acción de gracias a la súplica. Y la paz de Dios, que es mayor de lo que se puede imaginar, guardará sus corazones y sus pensamientos en Cristo Jesús” (Filipenses 4:6-7). Y sigue añadiendo: esto es lo que todo cristiano debería hacer para encontrar lo verdadero y lo justo. La esperanza está puesta en dar frutos en el servicio hasta dar la vida. ¿Lo crees posible?



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.

Preparación Matrimonial "Imagen de Amor"

¿Estás comprometido/a y planeas recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio en la Iglesia Católica? Acompáñanos en el salón parroquial para nuestra próxima retiro de Preparación Matrimonial el sábado 7 de noviembre de 2026, de 8:30 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Esta jornada fundamental abarcará temas esenciales como el Sacramento del Matrimonio, la Familia de Origen, la Comunicación, las Finanzas, la Intimidación Matrimonial, los Sueños y Metas, y la Espiritualidad Matrimonial.

Costo: \$150 en efectivo por pareja.

Inscripción: ¡Cupos limitados! Comunícate con la oficina parroquial al (626)573-0427 o envía un correo electrónico a st.stephen.martyr@gmail.com para inscribirte lo antes posible.



Luz del Espíritu Santo
Grupo de Oración

Predicadora
Adriana Luna
miercoles 7 de octubre
las 6:00p.m.

Presencial en Salon 6
Zoom ID 829 4029 7572

Invitación a Misa

Mie, Octubre 28
7:00 pm en la
Iglesia San
Esteban Mártir

Después de Misa,
compartiremos una
Chocolatada Peruana
en el Salón Parroquial



El Señor de los Milagros



¿SABE USTED? Grandes eventos y prevención del tráfico de personas

Aunque los estudios sobre la relación entre grandes eventos internacionales, como el Mundial de Fútbol y los Juegos Olímpicos, y el aumento de la trata de personas ofrecen resultados contradictorios, estos eventos pueden atraer a depredadores y a quienes buscan hacer daño a los niños y a las personas vulnerables. La preparación para estos eventos masivos puede servir como una oportunidad para crear conciencia sobre la trata de personas y la prevención y protección de las personas más vulnerables. Las líneas de ayuda y los programas de respuesta suelen aumentar el número de delitos denunciados y las denuncias de víctimas, lo que ayuda a las fuerzas del orden a identificar áreas o grupos conocidos de trata. Para más información lea el artículo de VIRTUS® “Cómo los grandes eventos llaman la atención sobre la necesidad de proteger a los niños” (How Major Events Highlight the Need to Protect Children) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

OCTOBER 4, 2026 - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Are you an adult interested in joining the Catholic faith, or completing the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation?

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

Mass Invitation

Wed, October 28th
7:00 pm at the St.
Stephen Martyr
Church

After Mass, we will
have a Peruvian
hot chocolate party
in the parish hall.



The Lord of the Miracles



DID YOU KNOW?

Mega events and trafficking prevention

While there is mixed research surrounding major international events like the World Cup and Olympics and an increase in human trafficking, these events can attract predators and those who seek to harm children and the vulnerable. Preparation for these massive events can serve as an opportunity to spotlight trafficking and raise awareness for prevention and protection of the vulnerable. Hotlines and response programs often increase the number of reported crimes and victim disclosures, which helps law enforcement target known trafficking areas or groups. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "How Major Events Highlight the Need to Protect Children" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Wednesday, September 23rd \$93.00
Friday, September 25th \$136.00
September 26th & 27th \$5,397.00
Online \$1,194.00
Second Collection \$915.00

Thank you for your commitment to your parish.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

5:00 pm Moisesana Dilao Rejuso (D)
Isabelo Barrun Rejuso Sr. (D)
Vina Isabel Manolo Rejuso (D)
Archer Erhard - Happy Birthday!!!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

7:00 am Qing Qiang Hu (D)
9:00 am Rolando Valdez (D)
Ricardo Serrano (D)
Nancy Saavedra (D)
Branda Martinez (D)
Carlos Godinez (D)
Haydee F. Murga - Feliz Cumpleaños!!!
1:00 pm Nelly Virginia Murray (D)
Bruce Foster (L)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

8:30 am Rolando Valdez (D)
Nelly Virginia Murray (D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

8:30 am Nelly Virginia Murray (D)
Patty Bentel (L)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

8:30 am Nelly Virginia Murray (D)
Val & Virginia Yao (L)
Jon, Bobat & Zen (L)
6:00 pm Vikki Rogers (L)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

8:30 am Rolando Valdez (D)
Nelly Virginia Murray (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

8:30 am Nelly Virginia Murray (D)
6:00 pm Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

8:30 am Nelly Virginia Murray (D)

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, Vikki Rogers, Michael Anthony Barraza, Leo Sanchez, Douglas Perales, Frances, Krystal & Sai Lam, Carlos Espinoza Ornelas, Bruce Foster, Lily Huerta, May Tan, Terri Tarin, Vince Torbey, Margaret Lina, Rigoberto Alvarenga

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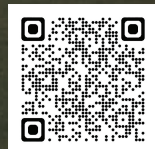
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