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# ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’” (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I’d want to sarcastically murmur, “Well, good for you.” I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: “I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?” My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will. — Father John Muir



"The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Wheelchair Sunday on April 19th. This special initiative supports the American Wheelchair Mission, providing wheel-

chairs 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."

*Mass and Procession  
in Honor of the Holy Spirit  
Thursday, April 16th 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)*

**FIRST FRIDAY  
ADORATION  
May 1, 2026**

Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
3:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M.

Bilingual Mass  
6:00 P.M.

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**

El misterio del Reino de Dios es comunicado por el evangelizador. Ese gran misterio es el que Jesús, en su vida terrena, trató de enseñar a sus discípulos, y ya resucitado, dio continuación a

ese misterio. Lo demuestra el Evangelio de hoy: tres veces repite la frase tan necesitada en este tiempo que estamos viviendo: “¡La paz esté con ustedes!” (Juan 20:19). Jesús remarca la importancia de la paz para comunicar su enseñanza. El papa León XIV lo menciona en casi todos sus mensajes: “La paz se construye en el corazón y desde el corazón” y “La paz también requiere practicar la justicia”, por mencionar algunas frases que nos ayudan a reflexionar en su mensaje. Aunque las frases sean cortas, son profundas y nos ayudan a ver al Señor Resucitado, y así poder decir a los más cercanos, como los discípulos dijeron a Tomás: “Hemos visto al Señor” (Juan 20:25).

¿Tú qué haces específicamente para tener paz en tu corazón?  
¿Cómo lo demuestras en casa, en el trabajo y en la escuela?  
Hoy celebramos el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, que está muy relacionado con la paz. Este domingo fue instituido por san Juan Pablo II en el año 2000. Desde entonces, nos recuerda que ninguna persona en el mundo queda excluida de aportar su granito de arena por la paz y de demostrar la misericordia que existe en su corazón, para compartirla con su familia y con la sociedad. La valentía de anunciar la paz nunca termina. Pidamos, pues, con fe, este regalo para el mundo.



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.



Luz del Espíritu Santo  
Grupo de Oración

**Predicadora  
Ester De La Rosa  
miercoles 15 de abril  
las 6:00p.m.**

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

**Misa y Procesión en Honor  
al Espíritu Santo  
jueves 16 de abril 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)

**Adoración del Santísimo  
1 de mayo 2026**

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3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.**

**Misa  
6:00 P.M.**



**¿SABE USTED?**

**Se celebrarán liturgias especiales en los Jardines de Sanación para el Mes de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil**

La Oficina del Ministerio de Asistencia a las Víctimas está colaborando con las parroquias donde se encuentran los cinco Jardines de Sanación ubicados en el Centro Pastoral San Camilo en Boyle Heights, Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Asunción en Ventura, Parroquia San Francisco de Sales en Sherman Oaks, Parroquia Santa Bernadette en Los Ángeles, y Parroquia San Pancracio en Lakewood. Los jardines ofrecen un espacio sagrado para que todos aquellos afectados por el abuso busquen consuelo. Para obtener más información sobre las liturgias especiales y los Jardines de Sanación, visite [lacatholics.org/healing-gardens](http://lacatholics.org/healing-gardens).

# APRIL 12, 2026 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)



*The flame of the Easter candle symbolizes the eternal presence of Christ, light of the world in the midst of his people; he who is the Second Person of the Trinity, the Alpha and Omega. The Paschal candle is sometimes referred to as the "Easter candle" or the "Christ candle."*

*This years Paschal Candle is dedicated in loving memory of*

Juan Ong  
 Serafina C. Ong  
 Consolacion Sibuma  
 Hong Chuan  
 Hong Chiu  
 Lim Sioc Lan  
 Eusebia Medriano



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 April 4th & 5th \$9,267.00  
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Thank you for your commitment to your parish.



## SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

5:00 pm Moisesana Dilao Rejuso (D)  
 Isabelo Barrun Rejuso Sr. (D)  
 Vina Isabel Manolo Rejuso (D)  
 Oscar Villamor Refuerzo (D)  
 Emilio Tan (D)  
 Pail Lain Wu (D)

## SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

7:00 am Tina Ran (D)  
 Celia Guerrero (D)  
 9:00 am Jaime Aispuro Beltran (D)  
 Ricardo Serrano (D)  
 Nancy Saavedra (D)  
 Brenda Martinez (D)  
 Jaime Villafuerte (L)  
 1:00 pm Ava Bonilla (D)  
 Vernalyn Vilar - Happy Birthday!!!

## MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

8:30 am Ava Bonilla (D)

## TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

8:30 am Ava Bonilla (D)  
 Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

8:30 am Ava Bonilla (D)  
 Rodrigo Garcia (D)

6:00 pm Tina Ran (D)

## THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

8:30 am Ava Bonilla (D)

## FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

8:30 am Ava Bonilla (D)  
 Leo & Martha Sanchez -  
 Happy Anniversary!!!

6:00 pm Celia Guerrero (D)

## SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

8:30 am Ava Bonilla (D)

## 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.



### DID YOU KNOW?

**Special liturgies to be held at Gardens of Healing for Child Abuse Prevention Month**

The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry is collaborating with the parishes where the five Gardens of Healing are located, to hold special liturgies throughout April in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Dedicated to those harmed by sexual abuse, in their family, church or community, the Gardens of Healing are located at St. Camillus Pastoral Center in Boyle Heights, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Ventura, St. Francis de Sales Parish in Sherman Oaks, St. Bernadette Parish in Los Angeles, and Our Lady of Refuge in Long Beach. The gardens offer a sacred space for all those impacted by abuse to seek comfort and solace. For details about the special liturgies and more information about the Gardens of Healing, please visit [lacatholics.org/healing-gardens](http://lacatholics.org/healing-gardens).

**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

**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.**

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