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## ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



### GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir



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

St Stephen's OCIA will be having meetings this summer to answer your questions!

Please join us on Sunday, July 27 for an orientation meeting in Room 1 at 11:30.

#### Hall for Rent

St. Stephens parish hall is available to rent for private events.

Please call the parish office for more information about pricing and availability.

**The word of God  
is a light to the mind  
and a fire to the will.**

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

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**Registration for our  
Religious Education Program  
(First Holy Communion Preparation)  
will take place in the  
Religious Education office on the  
following dates:**

**Sunday, July 20th & 27th  
After the 9am & 1pm Masses.**

**Sunday, August 3rd  
After the 9am & 1pm Masses.**

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

9am—6pm

(closed 1pm—2pm  
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

En este domingo, la liturgia de la Palabra nos invita a escuchar cuidadosamente la forma de recibir a los huéspedes. En la primera lectura, Abraham recibe al Señor con gran entusiasmo y le prepara un gran banquete. Dios se detiene, conversa con él y le hace la promesa de que, a su vuelta, Sara, su mujer, tendrá un hijo. “Dentro de un año volveré por aquí, y entonces Sara, tu mujer, tendrá un hijo” (Génesis 18:10). “El Señor siempre nos sorprende: cuando empezamos a escucharlo realmente, las nubes se desvanecen, las dudas dan paso a la verdad, los miedos a la serenidad y las diferentes situaciones de la vida encuentran su lugar que les corresponde. El Señor siempre, cuando viene, arregla las cosas, incluso para nosotros” (Papa Francisco).

San Agustín lo expresa de la siguiente manera en su Sermón 255: “Esta dulcísima tarea había escogido para sí María, que se mantenía inactiva; a la vez aprendía y alababa. En cambio, Marta estaba ocupada en muchas cosas. Lo que hacía era ciertamente necesario, pero pasajero: cosas para el camino, aún no las propias de la vida futura; se ocupaba del viaje, aún no de lo que iba a poseer. Había recibido, en efecto, al Señor y a cuantos iban con él”. Y continúa, diciendo, explicando el texto de este domingo: “Se dignó ser recibido como huésped no por necesidad, sino por benevolencia. ¿Qué dará Dios a los que lo sirven, lo adoran, creen en él, en él ponen su esperanza y a él aman?



La inscripción para nuestro programa de educación religiosa (preparación para la Primera Comunión) se llevará a cabo en la Oficina de Educación Religiosa durante las siguientes fechas:

**domingo, 20 y 27 de julio  
domingo, 3 y 10 de agosto  
Después de las Misas de 9am y 1pm.**



### Luz del Espíritu Santo Grupo de Oración

**miercoles, 23 de julio  
las 6:00pm**

**Presencial en Salón 6**

**Vía Zoom  
ID 829 4029 7572**



### Salón de Renta

El salón parroquial de St. Stephens ahora está disponible para alquilar para eventos privados.

Llame a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información sobre precios y disponibilidad.



**¿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.



### Sabe usted? Consejos para mantener un ambiente seguro

Todas las personas que trabajan e interactúan con niños deben establecer límites claros. Esto puede incluir normas como: permanecer a la vista del público y evitar situaciones aisladas con los niños, y asegurarse de que siempre haya dos o más adultos juntos para trabajar con los niños, así como otras directrices sobre el contacto físico apropiado. Para las directrices de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles sobre cómo interactuar con los menores en nuestras parroquias, escuelas y ministerios, visite <https://lacatholics.org/policies-and-procedures/> y para saber más sobre cómo establecer y mantener límites, lea el artículo en VIRTUS® “Cuando abundan los límites, nuestras vidas pueden florecer”

## JULY 20, 2025 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Marriage Preparation Program will take place on Saturday, August 9, 2025 in the parish hall.

This retreat is for couples that are preparing for marriage and need to complete their retreat requirement.

Space is limited and registration is required.

Please visit

<https://familylife.lacatholics.org/marriage-preparation> to register.



### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

#### Offertory/Online:

July 9 — July 13 \$6,669.00

Weekly Expenses: \$6,526.22

Over/(Under) \$ 33.00

Peters Pence \$200.00

**Thank you for Your continued support and generosity.**

## Request a Mass Intention

*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.**

## Mass INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025

5:00 pm Oscar Villamor Refuerzo (D)  
Tam Family (L)

### SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

7:00 am Yohanes Anuwar Tjandera (D)  
9:00 am Moises y Andres Hernandez (D)  
Marcos Argueta (D)  
Maria Cristina Hernandez - Feliz Cumpleaños  
1:00 pm John Vosburg (D)

### MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

8:30 am Ernie Morgan (D)

### TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025

8:30 am Avilard Anthony Cabral (D)

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025

8:30 am Judy Byzewski (D)  
6:00 pm Helen Rivera (L)

### THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025

8:30 am Alicia Valdez (L)

### FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025

8:30 am Patty Fernandez - Happy Birthday!!!  
6:00 pm Maria Guadalupe Gonzales (D)

### SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

8:30 am Irene Tjakrawinata (D)

### DID YOU KNOW? Safe environment tips

Everyone that works and interacts with children should have clear boundaries in place. This can include rules like: staying in public view and avoiding isolated one-on-one situations with children and ensuring that two or more adults are always paired together to work with children, as well as other guidelines on appropriate physical contact. For the Archdiocese of Los Angeles's guidelines on how to interact with minors at our parishes, schools and ministries please visit <https://lacatholics.org/policies-and-procedures/>, and for more tips read the VIRTUS® article "When Boundaries Abound, Our Lives Can Flourish" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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PLEASE SELECT ST. STEPHEN MARTYR #444 WHEN MAKING YOUR DONATION.

PARISH GOAL: \$35,545.00

AMOUNT PAID: \$16,593.75

BALANCE: \$18,951.25



**Please Pray For...** Lung - Tam Family, Rosalie Pinto, Augie & Annamae Koch, Jesusita Serrano, Mayra Alvarenga, Alicia Valdez, Armando Romo, Dolores Munoz, Carmelita Rodriguez, Alicia Islas, Juan Manuel Soto, Denise Gonzales, Sally Ann Thomas, Jennifer De Coteau, Case De Coteau, Laura Sesti, Heather McGee, Angie Rivas, Maggie Perales, Lucy Orlandi, Guadalupe Ayala, Rigoberto Alvarenga, Helen Rivera, Margarita Audelo, Amelia Barraza, Alicia Nunez, Carlos Espinoza Ornelas

*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.*