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## ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



### GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true.

What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too. — 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 to answer your questions!

Please join us on one of the following dates for a orientation meeting in Room 1 from 11:30 to 12:30.

Sunday, August 17th, 24th  
Sunday, September 7th



**Registration for our Religious Education Program will take place in the Religious Education office on Sunday, August 3rd and 10th after the 9am & 1pm Masses.**



***"Fear Not because I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my glorious right hand" Isaiah 41:10***

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, please consider joining our group. The group will meet on the last Friday of the month at 7pm in Room 1.

The Bereavement Group encourages people to trust their feelings and grieve in the way that seems most helpful to them. We share feelings, exchange stories and support one another through prayer, asking for peace and acceptance.

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

A todos nos gusta hacer planes, tener metas y llegar a ellas. Eso nos pone contentos porque nos va bien en la vida

y pensamos: "Qué bien, he luchado tanto que ya puedo disfrutar de lo que tengo". Pero nos olvidamos de lo más importante: en las metas nunca contamos contigo. Nos olvidamos de que sólo Tú, Señor, nos darás la auténtica libertad y felicidad. No está la vida en poseer bienes. "Eviten con gran cuidado toda clase de codicia, porque, aunque uno tenga todo, no son sus posesiones las que le dan vida" (Lucas 12:15).

Vale preguntarnos: ¿Cuál es el centro de tu vida? ¿Cuál es la meta en tu vida? ¿Está tu felicidad en lo que posees, en tu estatus social, en lo que dirá la gente de ti? Cuidado, nos advierte Jesús: "Esta misma noche vas a morir. ¿Quién se quedará con lo que has preparado?" (Lucas 12:20).

"Jesús percibe nuestros problemas, nuestras debilidades, nuestras necesidades; invita a convertirnos a la fe en la Providencia, saber compartir lo poco que somos y tenemos, y no cerrarnos nunca en nosotros mismos" (Papa Francisco). El tener muchos bienes y prestigio no es malo, lo que Dios desea es que aprendamos a ser desprendidos, es decir, generosos. No equivoquemos el proyecto de nuestra vida; la abundancia es pasajera, todo se queda al morir. Solo las riquezas espirituales serán eternas. "Esto vale para toda persona que amontona para sí misma en vez de acumular para Dios" (Lucas 12:21).

## Educación Religiosa



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

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

## Misa y Procesión en Honor al Espíritu Santo jueves 21 de agosto a las 8:30 a.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)



Luz del Espíritu Santo  
Grupo de Oración

**Predicador**  
**Jose Ceballos**  
**miercoles, 6 de agosto**  
**las 6:00pm**

**Presencial en Salon 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?

**¿Con quién hablan los niños sobre el abuso?**

Los estudios demuestran que cuando los niños saben que los adultos están dispuestos a creerlos y defenderlos, se sienten más dispuestos a compartir con ellos sus problemas. Por lo tanto, otros adultos de confianza, como los profesores y los voluntarios de la pastoral juvenil, son esenciales para la protección de los niños. Si un niño revela un abuso, es fundamental que un adulto de confianza le escucha y le ayuda cuando sea necesario, incluyendo la denuncia ante las personas y autoridades apropiadas. Para saber más lee el artículo de VIR-TUS® "¿Por qué es importante la denuncia del abuso" (Disclosures Part 1: Why are Disclosures Important?) en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

# AUGUST 3, 2025 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THANK YOU!!!

Dear St. Stephen Parish Family,

With hearts full of gratitude, we joyfully share the wonderful news that, through the dedication and generosity of our incredible volunteers — Mirna, Don, Christine, Paula, Jenny, Betty, Zachary, Juan, Ferdinand, Marino, Anaiz, David Q., Jaime, Angel, Omar, Alex, and David A. — and the loving support of their families, we raised \$6,310 in profit from this year's fireworks fundraiser.

Every dollar of this blessing will go directly to support the mission and ministries of our beloved parish. We are deeply thankful to God for each of you and for the spirit of service that continues to shine so brightly in our community.

May the Lord reward your kindness and continue to guide us all in faith, hope, and love.

With sincere appreciation,  
Jose and George—Co-Chairs

### 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.



### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory/Online:

July 23 — 27 \$7,630.00

Weekly Expenses: \$8,438.00

Over/(Under) \$(808.00)

*Thank you for Your continued support and generosity.*



### SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

5:00 pm Oscar Villamor Refuerzo (D)  
Moisesana Dilao Rejuso (D)  
Isabelo Barrun Rejuso Sr. (D)  
Vina Isabel Manalo Rejuso (D)  
Avel Morado Refuerzo - Happy Birthday!!!

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

7:00 am Yohanes Anuwar Tjandera (D)  
9:00 am Ricardo Serrano (D)  
Nancy Saavedra (D)  
Brenda Martinez (D)

1:00 pm Silvestre Magdaong (D)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

8:30 am Alicia Valdez (L)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

8:30 am Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

8:30 am Gregory Alec Taggart - Happy Heavenly Birthday!!!

6:00 pm Silvestre Magdaong (D)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

8:30 am Vicky Roggers (L)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

8:30 am Edwin De Torres (D)

6:00 pm Robert Ybarra (L)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

8:30 am Animas Benditas del Purgatorio



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AMOUNT PAID: \$16,993.75

BALANCE: \$18,551.25

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### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Who do children talk to about abuse?

Studies show that when children know that adults are willing to believe them, and advocate for them, children are more willing to come to adults with their problems.

This is why other safe adults, like teachers and youth ministry volunteers, are essential to child protection. If a child discloses abuse, it is critical for a safe adult to provide a listening ear and help when needed, including reporting to the right people and authorities. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Disclosures Part 1: Why are Disclosures Important?" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

**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, Vicky Rogers

**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.**