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During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— 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



*Mass and Procession in Honor of the Holy Spirit
Thursday, August 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)



Registration for the 2025 - 2026 Confirmation year is currently underway and will end on the second week of September.

**Classes begin on
Saturday, September 13, 2025
9am - 10am in room 5**

Who is Confirmation designed for?

Confirmation is a two-year process for high school teenagers who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Year 1 is for teens going into 9th, 10th, or 11th grade and Year 2 follows subsequently.

Please contact Rannie (626)253-4933 or David (626)267-7603 for more information about registration.

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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**

La forma como nos llevamos a veces en la familia y con los amigos es dolorosa: pleitos, venganzas, argumentos sin sentido, tan solo para herirnos. Alegamos por política, por deporte,

por religión y más. Nos encendemos de la nada; pareciera que traemos fuego para discutir. Perdemos el control de la nada y por nada. Pero el fuego del que Jesús nos habla hoy es diferente. Es el fuego de la justicia, del perdón y de la inclusión: “He venido a traer fuego a la tierra, y ¡cuánto desearía que ya estuviera ardiendo!” (Lucas 12:49). Compartir esa pasión por Jesús es algo que muy pocos entienden. Se trata del fuego del Espíritu Santo en nosotros.

De nuevo se nos repite la misión de Jesús al mundo: “Traer a la tierra el fuego que enciende la vida y mediante el cual el hombre es salvado. Jesús nos llama a difundir en el mundo este fuego, gracias al cual seremos reconocidos como sus verdaderos discípulos” (Papa Francisco). San Juan Crisóstomo (c. 350-407) decía que: “Esto es el fuego del Espíritu Santo: él no tolera que se tenga algún deseo mundano; en cuanto, nos conduce a otro tipo de amor... De hecho, cuando la fuerza de este fuego ha entrado en el alma del hombre, éste expulsa la indiferencia y la pereza”. Dejarnos conducir por el Espíritu Santo es el secreto que nos dispone a dar la cara por la justicia y la paz. De esas divisiones habla Jesús, referente a estar en contra unos de otros en la familia y los amigos. Es que vivir el Evangelio y ser testigos de él dando testimonio divide.

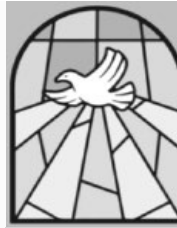
**Misa y Procesión en Honor
al Espíritu Santo
jueves 21 de agosto a las 8:30 a.m.**

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)

**Adoración del Santísimo
5 de septiembre 2025**

Adoración del Santísimo
3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Misa
6:00 P.M.



Luz del Espíritu Santo
Grupo de Oración

**Predicador
Manuel Martinez
miercoles, 20 de agosto
las 6:00pm**

Presencial en Salon 6

**Zoom
ID 829 4029 7572**



CONFIRMACION

La inscripción para el año 2025-2026 de Confirmación está actualmente en marcha y finalizará la segunda semana de septiembre. Las clases comienzan el sábado 13 de septiembre de 2025 de 9am a 10am en el salón 5.

¿Para quién está diseñada la Confirmación?

La Confirmación es un proceso de dos años para adolescentes de secundaria que se están preparando para el Sacramento de la Confirmación. El primer año es para adolescentes que están en el 9.º, 10.º o 11.º grado y el segundo año sigue posteriormente.

Comuníquese con Rannie (626)253-4933 o David (626) 267-7603 para registrarse.

*Por sus llagas eres sanado
Isaías 53:5*

MISA DE SANACION

**viernes, 12 de septiembre 6:00pm
Misa sera bilingue**

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.

AUGUST 17, 2025 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



***“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.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory/Online:

August 6—10	\$ 8,706.00
Weekly Expenses:	<u>\$10,251.00</u>
Over/(Under)	\$ (1,545.00)

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



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

September 5, 2025

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

Mass
6:00 P.M

HEALING MASS

"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY
AND BURDENED..."

**Friday, September
12th 6:00pm
Bilingual Mass**

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.

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, Vikky Rogers

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.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025

5:00 pm Philip Ng - Happy Birthday!!!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

7:00 am	Lawrence Bagwan (D)
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9:00 am	Isabel Otañez (D)
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Liliana Otañez (D)

1:00 pm Ganet & Raymond Gabriel Murry (D)

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

8:30 am Ganet & Raymond Gabriel Murry (D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

8:30 am Ganet & Raymond Gabriel Murry (D)

Edita Bona (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

8:30 am	Ganet & Raymond Gabriel Murry (D)
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6:00 pm Del Sabado (D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025

8:30 am Ganet & Raymond Gabriel Murry (D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025

8:30 am Ganet & Raymond Gabriel Murry (D)

6:00 pm	Alicia Valdez (L)
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

8:30 am Ganet & Raymond Gabriel Murry (D)

DID YOU KNOW?

Back to school safety tips

As your children head back to school, parents should begin laying the groundwork (if they haven't already) for open communication about the school's safety guidelines and policies. Talk to children about safe adults and keep lines of communication open about who they see and interact with, how they feel about their school days, and what they are learning. Remind children regularly that they should find a safe adult if they ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable in any situation. For more tips, read "Talking to Kids About Safety and Boundaries for Back to School" by visiting <https://parequirements.com/blog/talking-to-kids-about-safety-and-boundaries-for-back-to-school>.

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