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ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."

His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: "So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us. — Father John Muir



St. Stephen Martyr Church
Hawaiian Gala
Sunday, October 12th
4:30pm to 9:00pm
Doubletree Hotel
\$85.00
Tickets are available
for purchase at the
parish office.
TICKET SALES END ON
OCTOBER 6

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



ST. STEPHEN MARTYR CHURCH VIRTUS TRAINING

"Protecting God's Children"
Saturday, October 25, 2025
9:00am - 11:00am

"Keeping the Promise Alive"
(Recertification Session)
Saturday, October 25, 2025
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Registration is required to attend either session. Please call the parish office to register.

Space is limited, please register early.

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."



Raffle

Please help us in our efforts to make our Gala a success by donating cash or items, for our ever popular gift basket raffle and silent auction. All donations can be left at our Parish Office. Please call Maria Moberg at 818-512-2636, with questions or for ideas.

WEBSITE:STSTEPHENMPK.ORG - EMAIL: ST.STEPHEN.MARTYR@GMAIL.COM



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

A lo largo del Evangelio encontramos diferentes pasajes donde Jesús elogia a las personas que tienen fe. Por ejemplo: "Levántate, tu fe te ha salvado" (Lucas 17:19).

Un buen reto podría ser darnos a la tarea de leer los cuatro evangelios y tomar nota de estos pasajes, para así poder comparar a las personas de aquel tiempo con nosotros hoy, en lo que respecta a la fe. ¿En qué creemos actualmente? ¿Cómo podemos medir la fe que hay en nosotros? ¿Seguimos a Jesús solo para pedirle favores y que nos haga milagros, o porque de verdad tenemos fe en Él?

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, en sus números 176 y 184, nos dice lo siguiente sobre la fe: "La fe es una adhesión personal del hombre entero a Dios que se revela. Comprende una adhesión de la inteligencia y de la voluntad a la revelación que Dios ha hecho de sí mismo mediante sus obras y sus palabras". Y añade: "La fe es un gusto anticipado del conocimiento que nos hará bienaventurados en la vida futura". La vida de fe no se construye en solitario. Para su crecimiento, intervienen muchos factores. El primero nos fue dado desde el bautismo, y nuestros padres y abuelos participaron de primera mano en su desarrollo. La comunidad de fe es otro factor esencial. Después, el crecimiento de la fe depende de cada uno. Hoy, hagamos la misma petición que hicieron los apóstoles: "Señor, aumentanos la fe". Seguramente, la respuesta será la misma. ¿Verdad?



Luz del Espíritu Santo
Grupo de Oración

Predicador
Johan Alvarez
miercoles 8 de octubre
las 6:00pm

Presencial en Salon 6

Zoom
ID 829 4029 7572

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

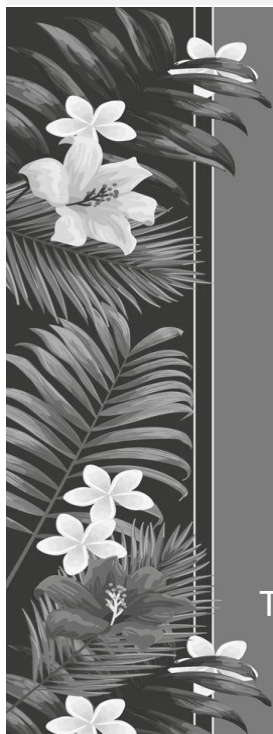
*Muchas
Gracias*

Nos gustaría AGRADECER a los miembros del ministerio hispano (Luz del Espíritu Santo), quienes a través de sus esfuerzos de recaudación de fondos pudieron reunir \$2,000.00 para ayudar a pagar el

reemplazo del sistema de extinguidor de incendios en la cocina del salón parroquial.



¿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.



Iglesia de San Esteban Mártir

Gala Hawaiana

domingo, 12 de octubre
4:30pm a 9:00pm

Hotel Doubletree
(en Rosemead)
\$85.00

VENTA DE BOLETOS
TERMINA EL 6 DE OCTUBRE

OCTOBER 5, 2025 - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Repair Project: Your Support Matters!

Dear Church Family,

As we continue to grow and serve our community, it's essential that our facilities reflect our commitment to providing a welcoming and safe space for worship, fellowship, and ministry. Currently, our HVAC gas line requires significant repairs to ensure we can continue to offer a comfortable warm worship environment this coming winter season.

This repair project, estimated at \$14,700.00, is vital to the ongoing success of St. Stephens' mission in our community. We are asking for your prayerful consideration and generous financial support to help us reach this goal. Every donation, large or small, brings us closer to ensuring a vibrant and functional space for years to come.

To learn more about this project and make a donation, please contact the parish office. You can also contribute through our online giving platform or by marking your donation envelope for "Gas Line Repair Project" and delivering it to the parish office or placing it in the collection basket.

To date we have collected \$4,127.00 for this project.

Thank you for your faithfulness and partnership in ministry as we work together to strengthen our church and community.



We would like to THANK the members of the Spanish ministry (Luz del Espiritu Santo), who through their fundraising efforts were able to raise \$2,000.00 to help pay for the replacement of the fire extinguisher system in the parish hall kitchen.

Bible Study Coming Soon!

"The Bible Timeline - The Story of Salvation" video series with workbook.

We would like to schedule on Sunday before or after the 1pm Mass!

Please call Denise Gonzalez 626-327-2113 for further information.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory/Online:

September 24-28 \$ 7,399.09

Weekly Expenses: \$ 11,883.00

Over/(Under) \$ (4,484.00)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

5:00 pm

Moisesana Dilao Rejuso (D)
Isabelo Barrun Rejuso Sr. (D)
Vina Isabel Manolo Rejuso (D)
Oscar Villamor Refuerzo (D)
Carmen Renteria Mendoza (D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

7:00 am

Larry Gonzalez (D)

9:00 am

Rolando Valdez (D)
Carlos Godinez (D)
Familia Orozco (L)

1:00 pm

Nelly Virginia Murray (D)
Marcelino Luna Segovia (D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

8:30 am

Nelly Virginia Murray (D)
Larry Gonzalez (D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

8:30 am

Nelly Virginia Murray (D)
Larry Gonzalez (D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

8:30 am

Nelly Virginia Murray (D)
Larry Gonzalez (D)

6:00 pm

Del Sabado (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

8:30 am

Nelly Virginia Murray (D)
Larry Gonzalez (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025

8:30 am

Nelly Virginia Murray (D)
Ching Hoc Uy

6:00 pm

Larry Gonzalez (D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

8:30 am

Nelly Virginia Murray (D)
Larry Gonzalez (D)

Please Pray For... Lung - Tam Family, Rosalie Pinto, Augie & Annamae Koch, Jesusita Serrano, Mayra Alvarenga, Alicia Valdez, Armando Romo, Dolores Munoz, Alicia Islas, 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, Michael Barraza

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.