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ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20). First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.

— Father John Mui

HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed
thru January 2nd
Phone lines will be open
during this time.

Please call the office if you
need assistance.

The office will also be open on
Saturday and Sunday
January 3rd & 4th

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION January 2, 2026

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, January 9th
6:00p.m.
Bilingual Mass



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

Jesús y su familia saben lo que es emigrar, cambiar de lugar y moverse con rapidez porque son perseguidos. Ellos vivieron en carne propia los efectos de esta situación. Quizá nosotros tenemos algún familiar o amigo que actualmente sufre las penurias de dejar su hogar, su escuela o su trabajo. José y María huyen por la amenaza de peligro que pesaba sobre ellos: "Levántate, toma al niño y a su madre, y huye a Egipto. Quédate allí hasta que yo te avise, porque Herodes buscará al niño para matarlo" (Mateo 2:13). Padre, madre e hijo huyeron hacia donde Dios les indicó, para salvar al niño. Este es un fiel reflejo de lo que representa la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. Celebrar la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia durante la Navidad debe animarnos con esperanza, deseando que nuestras propias familias sean un lugar donde se respire amor y alegría entre sus miembros. ¿Cómo recibo hoy a las familias de mis hermanos y hermanas? ¿Cómo es mi convivencia con ellos?

"Ustedes, familias, son la esperanza de la Iglesia y del mundo. Con su testimonio del Evangelio pueden ayudar a Dios a realizar su sueño; pueden contribuir a acercar a todos los hijos de Dios, para que crezcan en la unidad y aprendan qué significa para el mundo entero vivir en paz como una gran familia" (Papa Francisco). Oremos por nuestras familias, deseando que, en este día dedicado a la Familia de Nazaret, imitemos su esperanza en Dios y su unidad en todo momento.

Adoración del Santísimo
2 de enero 2026

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

Misa
6:00 P.M.

Por sus llagas eres sanado
Isaías 53:5

MISA DE SANACION

viernes, 9 de enero 6:00p.m.
Misa sera bilingue



¿SABE USTED?

Comience el nuevo año reflexionando sobre la protección de los niños y las personas vulnerables

Al comenzar el nuevo año, conmemoramos la solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios, y recordamos que la vida de María estuvo dedicada al buen cuidado y protección de su Hijo y a guiar a todos hacia Dios Padre. Esta temporada también nos recuerda, como padres y adultos responsables, la belleza, la dignidad y la vulnerabilidad de los niños a los que estamos llamados a proteger. La oración también es una parte importante para recordar a las víctimas, los supervivientes y todos los que participan en la labor de proteger a los hijos de Dios. Rezamos a nuestra Madre del Buen Consejo pidiéndole que proteja a todos los niños y personas vulnerables. Para obtener una copia de VIRTUS © "Mother of Good Counsel Protect the Vulnerable" (Madre del buen consejo protege a los vulnerables) visita a lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

HORARIO DE OFICINA PARA LAS FIESTAS

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada hasta el 2 de enero.

Las líneas telefónicas estarán disponibles durante este período. Si necesita ayuda, llame a la oficina.

La oficina estará abierta los días sábado 3 y domingo 4 de enero.

**¡FELIZ AÑO
NUEVO!**

DECEMBER 28, 2025 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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.

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.

YEAR-END GIVING

We would like to thank you for your continued generosity to St. Stephen Martyr Parish.

At this time of the year, many individuals and businesses select organizations to make a last minute donation that qualifies as a 2025 tax deduction.

Our parish is a 501C non-profit organization. Your donation will enable us to minister, complete special projects, strengthen our operational budget and enhance our faith community, enriching the lives of the members of the Catholic Faith. Please consider our parish as a recipient of your valuable year-end donation.

Please visit www.ststephenmpk.org to make an online gift. You may also send in a check directly to the parish office.

Thank you again for your continued generosity and we wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

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, Rigoberto Alvarenga, Helen Rivera, Margarita Aude-lo, Amelia Barraza, Alicia Nunez, Carlos Espinoza Ornelas, Vikky Rogers, Michael Anthony Barraza, Tina Ran, Leo Sanchez

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.

Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

5:00 pm Arturo B. Morado Sr. (D)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

7:00 am Irene Tajkrawinata (D)
Del Sabado (D)

9:00 am Jose y Josefa Fernandez (D)
Salvador Dorado Landa (D)
Josefina y Fausto Alcocer (D)
Alyssa Serrano - Happy Birthday!!
Alessandro Monje - Happy 10th Birthday!!

1:00 pm Julio Vazquez Centeno (D)
Asencion Vazquez Cortez (D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025

8:30 am Mayela Saucedo Valdez - Happy Birthday
Natalie Grace Delgado - Happy Birthday

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025

8:30 am Alicia Valdez (L)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025

8:30 am Damien Montelongo - Happy Birthday

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

10:00 am All St. Stephen Parishioners

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026

8:30 am Justo Sanchez (D)

6:00 pm Francisca Filerio (L)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

8:30 am Celia Guerrero (L)



DID YOU KNOW?

Start the New Year reflecting on the protection of children and vulnerable persons

As we start the New Year and commemorate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we remember that Mary's life was devoted to the good care and protection of her Son and to lead all to God the Father. This season also reminds us, as parents and safe adults, of the beauty, dignity, and vulnerability of the children we are called to safeguard. Prayer is also a major part remembering victims, survivors, thrivers and all who are involved in the work of protecting God's children. We pray to our Mother of Good Counsel asking her to protect all children and vulnerable persons. For the full reflection, read the VIRTUS® article "Mother of Good Counsel Protect the Vulnerable" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.