

ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



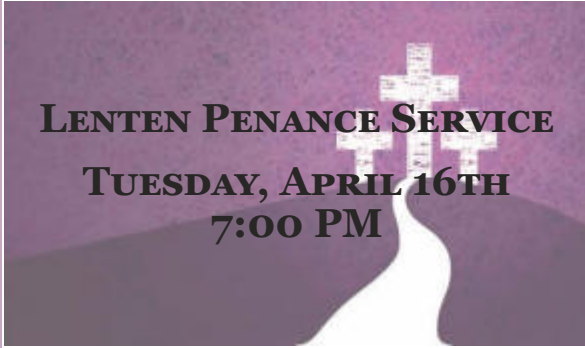
As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

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The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, March 15th, so that the staff can attend a Lenten Day of Recollection. Thank for your understanding.



International Breakfast Sunday, March 24, 2019 in the parish hall, after all morning Masses

We will be serving Mexican, American and Filipino style breakfast



The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and The Nocturnal Adoration will now take place on the 1st Friday of every month. Hours of adoration will be from 9:00 am until 12:00 am



Friday's during Lent March 22nd thru April 12th from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, followed by a movie in the Parish Hall.

DINNER WILL NOT BE SERVED ON MARCH 15th

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM (English)
Sunday 7:00 AM (English)
9:00 AM (Spanish)
11:00 AM (English)
2:00 PM (Indonesian)
Mon.-Sat. Daily Mass: 8:30 AM
Perpetual Help Novena Mass
Wednesday 6:30 PM
Friday 7:00 PM (Spanish)
Reconciliation
Fridays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturdays 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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Fr. Rajan Sengol
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Armando & Irene Estrada
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(626) 573-1716

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

"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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El pasado Miércoles de Ceniza iniciamos nuestro camino de preparación del 2019. Serán cuarenta días para llegar a la Pascua del Señor. Esa es nuestra meta, quiera Dios que la sepamos cumplir. "Convertirse y creer en el Evangelio"; es la invitación que Jesús nos sigue haciendo cada día de la existencia. Aparte de las lecturas de este domingo, el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos enseña: "El movimiento de retorno a Dios, llamado a la conversión y arrepentimiento, implica un dolor y una aversión respecto a los pecados cometidos, y el propósito firme de no volver a pecar. La conversión, por tanto, mira al pasado y al futuro; se nutre de la esperanza en la misericordia divina." (CIC 1490). Esto, por supuesto, nos ha de

llevar a la reconciliación o confesión sacramental.

Jesús fue tentado tres veces y las tres le responde al demonio basándose en la Escritura. "Si eres el Hijo de Dios, manda a esta piedra que se convierta en pan." Jesús responde: "Quería enseñarte que no solo de pan vive el hombre, sino que todo lo que sale de la boca de Dios es vida para el hombre." (Deuteronomio 8:3). "Si te arrodillas y me adoras, todo será tuyo." Jesús le replicó: "La Escritura dice: Adorarás al Señor tu Dios y a él solo servirás." (Deuteronomio 6:13). A la tercera tentación: "Si tú eres el Hijo de Dios, tírate de aquí abajo, pues dice la Escritura: 'Dios ordenara a sus ángeles que te protejan.'" Jesús le replicó: "También dice la Escritura: 'No tentarás al Señor tu Dios.'" Palabras del salmo (91:11-12). Inicia la Cuaresma meditando estos pasajes de la Sagrada Escritura---serán de gran ayuda para volver el corazón a Dios.

**RECOLECTA DE CUARESMA
VIERNES, 5 DE ABRIL**

SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA

MARTES, 16 DE ABRIL

**La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el
viernes 15 de marzo
para que el personal pueda asistir a un
Día de Recolección Cuaresmal.
Gracias por su comprensión.**

*Grupo de
Oración*
"Luz del Espíritu Santo"



**Desayuno Internacional
domingo, 24 de marzo
en el salón parroquial,
después de todas las Misas**

Ellos servirán un desayuno de estilo americano, mexicano y filipino.

Los invita a orar, alabar, **glorificar** al Señor y darle gracias por todos Los beneficios recibidos cada día de nuestra vida. Nos reunimos los Miercoles de 7pm a 9pm en el salon parroquial de nuestra Iglesia San Esteban Martir.



**Entrenamiento de VIRTUS y Toma
de Huella Dactilares
16 de marzo de 2019**

El Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles le esta pidiendo a las parroquias que verifiquen que los voluntarios (que sirven

en el coro, monagillos, ministros eucarísticos, catequistas y miembros de educación religiosa y confirmación de adolescentes) hallan tomado la Capacitación VIRTUS para Adultos sobre la Protección de los Niños de Dios. Nuestra iglesia ha programado una capacitación VIRTUS y una sesión de toma de huellas dactilares el sábado 16 de marzo. La capacitación VIRTUS se llevará a cabo en el Salón Parroquial de 9 am a mediodía. La sesión de toma de huellas dactilares se llevará a cabo en la sala 1 de 10 a 5 pm. Favor de llamar a Mabel Ng al (626)228-8162 si desea inscribirse.



*La Exposición del Santísimo
y la Adoración Nocturna
se llevarán a cabo el primer
viernes de cada mes.*

*Horas de adoración serán de
9:00 am hasta las 12:00 am*

MARCH 10 • THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



March 2nd & 3rd \$6,165.22

Second Collection \$1,216.12

20 Dollars With a Heart \$20.00

Wednesday Novena Mass \$99.00

Friday Evening Mass \$85.00

Online Giving \$621.00

Thank you for your commitment to your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

March 9th & 10th

This weekends Second Collection will be for the needs of the parish.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

VIRTUS Training and Fingerprinting March 16, 2019

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles asks parishes to verify that volunteers (who serve as Choir, Altar Servers, EMs, Ushers, Religious Education and Teen Confirmation catechists and members) have taken VIRTUS Training for Adults on Protecting God's Children. Our church has scheduled a VIRTUS Training and a Fingerprinting Session on Saturday, March 16. VIRTUS Training will be held in the Parish Hall from 9am to noon. Fingerprinting Session will be conducted in Room 1 from 10am to 5pm. Please contact Mabel Ng at (626)228-8162 if you would like to sign up.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

5:00 pm Humberto Molina (D)
Aana Wu (L)
Bryson Sun (L)

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

7:00 am Aana Wu (L)
Bryson Sun (L)
Louis & Mary Hutinet (D)
9:00 am Domingo Leyva (D)
11:00 am Dale & Stephanie Uyeda (D)
Oscar Villamor Refuerzo (D)
Carlos Alberto Ornelas (L)

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019

8:30 am Bryson Sun (L)
Aana Wu (L)
Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

8:30 am Ana Wu (L)
Bryson Sun (L)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

8:30 am Brenda Martinez - Happy Birthday!!!
Aana Wu (L)
Bryson Sun (L)

6:30 pm Gaudencio Cabudol (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

8:30 am Animas Benditas del Purgatorio
Carol Medina (L)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

8:30 am Steve Bentel (L)
Frances Testa (D)
Irene Marra (D)

7:00 pm St. Stephen Parishioners

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

8:30 am Mercedes Trigeros (L)

Please Pray For.... Frances Salaises, Kitty Carlucci, Ana Nunez, Maria Gonzalez, Rita Thoms, Elizabeth Dodge, Virginia Medina, Rudy Barraza, Kathy Garcia, Helen Lawrence, Judy Backer, Mayo & Teresa Ycedo, Al Acosta, Ray Fratino, Florence Kreslake, Francisco Paniagua, Anna Barellano, Carlos Godinez, Bertha Marquez, Kim Chacon, Will Martinez, Janine Lugo, George Gomez, Luis Hernandez, Pio Rongavilla, Patricia McAvoy, Lung Family, Tam Family, Monica Mendoza, Emilia Rodriguez, Monica Hernandez, Jose Maria De La Roca-Velazquez, Larry Siefker, Susana Arriola, Arnold Vega, Carlos Alberto Ornelas, Angie Terrazas, Marilyn Teraza, Romie Platt, Elizabeth, Matthew Valdez, Susan Lopez, Mary Hernandez and Family, Alicia Valdez, Moises Ramiez, Yoli Aguilar, Lauren Chacon, Leo Sanchez, Salvador Huerta, Eddie Ortega, Bob Wongso, Patricia Sanchez, Lisa Dittmer, Roland Martinez, David Perez, Victor Alfara, Ramiro Sanchez, Bernie Zavala, Joshua Morales, Mercedes Trigeros, Larry Hernandez and Family,

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.



Our community is partnering with every parish, mission, and Catholic center in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to strengthen parishes, families, and communities.

Each parish has a goal and a share that will directly benefit our community:

Our Goal - \$490,000

Amount Raised - \$171,000

Average Gift - \$12,200

Percent of Goal Raised - 35%

Our parish campaign Ambassadors are calling families to explain the campaign and answer questions. When they call you we hope that you will welcome their invitation to meet with open hearts. **Thank you**



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 must fast on

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