

# ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the **P r o d i g a l S o n**.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!



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



*Join Fr. Joseph on Saturday, April 6th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the parish hall*

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00 PM**



### Men's Retreat April 26 - 28

St. Stephen Parish Retreat for Men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in the city of Sierra Madre. The retreat, which is preached by the Passionate Retreat Team, begins Friday evening and concludes early Sunday afternoon. The lovely grounds and peaceful atmosphere of Mater Dolorosa make this a perfect spot for a weekend of spiritual renewal and growth.

Please call Augie Koch (626)281-0605 or Javier Ibarra (213)408-1521 for more information or to reserve your spot.



**Friday's during Lent until April 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, followed by a movie in the Parish Hall.**

### **LENTEN DINNER MENU FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

- POTATO TAQUITOS**  
Served with salad
- Rice Pudding (Arroz con leche)**  
**\$7.00 per person**

#### 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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#### 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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"Padre, he pecado contra Dios y ante ti. Ya no merezco ser llamado hijo tuyo." (Lucas 15:21). En esta parábola se encuentra la misericordia de Dios en abundancia, sin límites, para aquel hijo arrepentido. El Evangelio nos narra: "Pero el Padre dijo a sus servidores: ¡Rápido! Traigan el mejor vestido y pónganselo. Colóquense un anillo en el dedo y traigan calzado para sus pies. Traigan el ternero gordo y mátenlo; comamos y hagamos fiesta?". (Lucas 15:22-23). Jesús no tiene límites; recibe a todas las personas, a nadie le da con la puerta en las narices, como decimos comúnmente. El se abre totalmente al que lo busca; tal como lo hace el Padre al hijo pródigo.

El Padre es modelo de misericordia y perdón. Sabe reconciliar y después del abrazo de bienvenida llega la fiesta a lo grande para el hijo. El Papa Francisco, nos recuerda que "Jesús no describe a un padre ofendido y resentido, un padre que, por ejemplo, dice al hijo: 'me las pagarás, ¡eh!'; no, el padre lo abraza, lo espera con amor. Al contrario, la única cosa que el padre tiene en su corazón es que este hijo este ante él sano y salvo y esto lo hace feliz y hace fiesta". Y el papa agrega. "En cualquier situación de la vida, no debo olvidar que no dejaré jamás de ser hijo de Dios, ser hijo de un Padre que me ama y espera mi regreso. Incluso en las situaciones más feas de la vida, Dios me espera, Dios quiere abrazarme, Dios me espera." (11 de mayo 2016)



Esta semana realizaremos The Catholic Relief Services Collection para ayudar a **Jesús con otro rostro**. Esta colecta ayuda a seis agencias católicas a proveer asistencia y apoyo a las comunidades que luchan por salir adelante y trabajan por la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados, aquí y alrededor del mundo. Por favor, en oración, considera la manera de apoyar a esta colecta. Infórmate más acerca de esta colecta en [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



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.

## Retiro para hombres durante la Semana Santa, 2019

El Centro de Retiros Pasionista Mater Dolorosa ofrece un **retiro especial para hombres durante la Semana Santa, el 18 a 21 de abril**: Para más información: P. Clemente Barrón, CP, 626.355.7188 extensión 199, Sra. Nancy Boldt, 626.355.7188 extensión 133. [www.materdolorosa.org](http://www.materdolorosa.org).

**RECOLECTA DE CUARESMA  
VIERNES, 5 DE ABRIL  
8PM A 9 PM  
EN EL SALON PARROQUIAL**

**SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA  
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**Cenas de Cuaresma  
Cada viernes durante la Cuaresma hasta el 12 de abril  
de 5:00 PM a 7:00 PM,  
MENÚ PARA EL  
VIERNES 29 DE MARZO  
TACOS DE PAPA  
CON ARROZ Y SOPA DE LENTEJAS  
\$7.00 por persona**

## AYÚDENOS A LLENAR NUESTRA IGLESIA CON ¡FLORES DE PASCUA!

Done \$10 en honor o en memoria de un ser querido que se usará para comprar flores de Pascua. Todas las flores serán colocadas en la iglesia el Sábado Santo y su homenajeado será mencionado en nuestro boletín de Pascua. Por favor devuelva este cupón en un sobre sellado a la Oficina Parroquial o colóquelo en la Colecta del Domingo antes del Lunes 15 de abril con su donación y la siguiente información:

En honor o recuerdo de: \_\_\_\_\_

Su nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Número de teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

Donacion incluida: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



*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 31 • THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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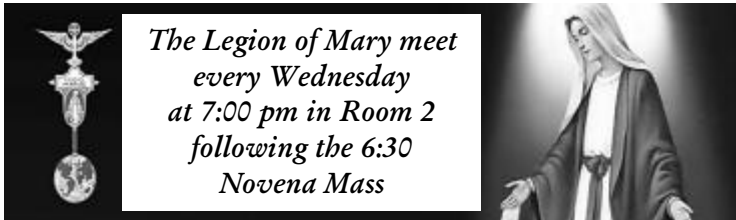
This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholicrelief](http://www.usccb.org/catholicrelief).



Our Goal/Meta:	\$490,000
Pledged/Prometido:	\$262,900
#Gifts/Regalos:	27
Avg. Gift/Promedio:	\$9,700
% of Goal/Meta:	54%

**Thank you! ¡Gracias!**

\*pledged over five years/prometido sobre cinco años



## HELP US FILL OUR CHURCH WITH EASTER FLOWERS!

Donate \$10 in honor or memory of a loved one which will be used to purchase Easter flowers. All flowers will be placed in the church on Holy Saturday and your honoree will be mentioned in our Easter bulletin. Please return this coupon in a sealed envelope to the Parish Office or place it in the Sunday Collection Basket by **Monday, April 15th** with your donation and the following information:

In honor or memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

5:00 pm Edward Aguilar (D)  
Dan Langit (D)  
Rudolph Kam (D)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

7:00 am Louis & Mary Hutinet (D)  
Monica Casillo Perez Baragas (D)  
Ray Fratino (L)

9:00 am Michael Cluck (D)  
Dario Soto Montenegro (D)  
Armando & Irene Estrada -

Happy 30th Anniversary

11:00 am Dale & Stephanie Uyeda (D)  
Jose & Josefa Fernandez (D)  
Elizabeth Tran - For God's Grace and Protection

### MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

8:30 am Vince Torbey - Happy Birthday!!!  
Armando & Irene Estrada -

Happy 30th Anniversary

For the ancestors of the Cardona - Jaime Family

### TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

8:30 am Jim Howard Mc Daniels (D)

For the ancestors of the Cardona - Jaime Family

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

8:30 am For the ancestors of the Cardona - Jaime Family

6:30 pm St. Stephen Parishioners

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

8:30 am Daniel Jara (D)  
Frances Morgan (D)

For the ancestors of the Cardona - Jaime Family

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

8:30 am Mercedes Trigeros (L)

7:00 pm Para los ancestress de la familia Cardona Jaime

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

8:30 am Dale Ann Torbey - Happy Birthday!!!  
Roberto Aguilar (D)  
Ruben Munoz (D)

*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 Ycedo, Al Acosta, Ray Fratino, Florence Kreslake, 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, Susan Lopez, Mary Hernandez and Family, Alicia Valdez, Moises Ramiez, Yoli Aguilar, Lauren Chacon, Leo Sanchez, Salvador Huerta, Eddie Ortega, Patricia Sanchez, Lisa Dittmer, Roland Martinez, David Perez, Victor Alfara, Ramiro Sanchez, Bernie Zavala, Joshua Morales, Mercedes Trigeros, Larry Hernandez and Family, Jose Alvarenga & 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.*

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