

ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle." The episode of the woman caught in adultery is a powerful story. We have perhaps all felt as the woman has at some point in our lives, surrounded by those who would condemn us. The beauty of Christ's mercy at the end is clear...and a welcome relief as we all struggle to be good and holy people. But have we ever imagined ourselves on the edge of the circle? Have we pictured ourselves in the sea of dusty robes? Perhaps, we hope, we're hovering at the edge of the circle of judgment. But we've all been there.

How easy it is to be righteous when someone else's reputation is at stake. When the small child is acting up in the grocery store or on the plane. When another company has a scandal break or a major error sets back their profits. Could it be easy to pick up the stone and feel its weight and heft in our hands? Because if we've got a stone in our hands, our own righteous category is clear. Our judgment is our insurance that we won't be on the receiving end of the criticism. If we can point out a wrong, surely we are firmly in the right.

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her'... they went away one by one." This Lent, not only are we invited to receive God's mercy, but to show God's mercy. As the season begins to wind to a close, consider those in your life you tend to judge the most harshly. What is one concrete way you can drop your stone?

IMPORTANT PLEASE MAKE NOTE

Daily morning Mass will be held in the parish hall from Tuesday, April 9th thru Friday, April 12th

as the church will be undergoing it's annual cleaning.

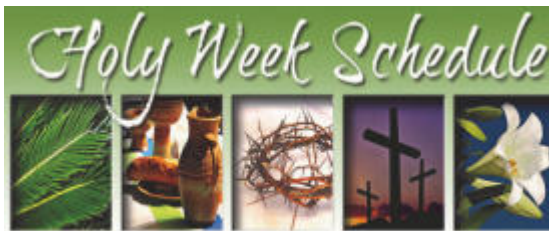
Novena evening Mass will also be held in the parish hall on Wednesday, April 10th.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



LENTEN DINNER MENU FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 12 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Fish Fillet with Sweet Sour Sauce
Pancit (Filipino Noodles)
Cassava Cake
\$7.00 per person



TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

APRIL 18TH HOLY THURSDAY

- 8:30 AM Solemn Lauds (Chanted Prayer)
- 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Passion
- Veneration of the Lord will take place in the Parish Hall after the 7:00 PM Lord's Passion until midnight.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH PASSION OF THE LORD

- 8:30 AM Solemn Lauds (Chanted Prayer)
- 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- 1:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English)
- 3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion Indonesian)
- 5:30 PM Via Crucis (Spanish)
- 7:00PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Bilingual)

APRIL 20TH, HOLY SATURDAY

- 8:30 AM Solemn Lauds (Chanted Prayer)
- 7:00 PM Easter Vigil

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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"Vete y ya no vuelvas a pecar'." (Juan 8:11). Que hermosas palabras para esta mujer sorprendida en adulterio. Que alivio para ella poder respirar nuevamente la vida. Que gran manifestación del amor de Dios que defiende lo que le pertenece. No es favoritismo al defenderla, es simplemente defender la justicia. En aquel entonces, y ahora, el mundo vive tensiones de dureza de corazón. La enseñanza de Jesús es ayudar a reconocer que todos somos pecadores, por lo tanto, todos merecemos la Misericordia infinita de Dios; ¡Su perdón! La Cuaresma es un tiempo que abre nuevos horizontes de vida nueva en Jesús.

Los fariseos y los letrados juzgaban a la mujer con la ley. Jesús, con su autoridad de Hijo de Dios, la libera con sus palabras evangélicas, con su mirada de amor inconfundible hacia los pecadores. La misericordia y la conversión se encuentran en este domingo. El 18 de junio en la audiencia jubilar en la plaza de San Pedro, el Papa Francisco dijo: "La auténtica conversión se produce cuando experimentamos en nosotros el amor de Dios y acogemos el don de su misericordia; y un signo claro de que la conversión es auténtica es cuando caemos en la cuenta de las necesidades del prójimo". Queda poco tiempo para llegar a la Pascua. Sin embargo, viene lo difícil, lo doloroso, el camino de la cruz, la subida a Jerusalén. Señor, sé que Tú me puedes purificar para quedar limpio, como dice el salmo 50. Solo me queda reflexionar y preguntarme: ¿Cómo le respondo al Señor al ser perdonado? ¿Cómo va mi conversión en esta Cuaresma? ¿De qué forma voy con Él al Calvario? Ojalá que en todos los actos de la vida seamos justos y bondadosos con los demás.

INFORMACION IMPORTANTE

La Misa matutina se celebrará en el salón parroquial del martes, 9 de abril a viernes, 12 de abril ya que la iglesia se someterá a una limpieza anual.

La Misa de Novena también se llevará a cabo en el salón parroquial el miércoles 10 de abril.

Gracias por su paciencia y cooperación.



SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA MARTES, 16 DE ABRIL A LAS 7PM

18 DE ABRIL, JUEVES SANTO

- 8:30 AM Solemn Laudes (ORACIÓN CANTADA)
- 7:00 PM Misa de la Pasión del Señor
La Veneración del Señor se llevara acavo en el Salón Parroquial después de la Pasión del Señor de la 7:00 PM hasta la medianoche.

19 DE ABRIL, VIERNES SANTO

- 8:30 AM Solemn Laudes (ORACIÓN CANTADA)
- 12:00 PM Estaciones de la Cruz (Ingles)
- 1:00 PM Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (Ingles)
- 5:30 PM Via Crucis (Español)
- 7:00 PM Celebración de la Pasión del Señor (Bilingue)

20 DE ABRIL SABADO SANTO

- 8:30 AM SOLEMN LAUDES (ORACIÓN CANTADA)
- 7:00 PM VIGILIA DE PASCUA

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.

Grupo de Oración

"Luz del Espiritu Santo"

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.

Todos son bienvenidos.

Cenas de Cuaresma

**MENÚ PARA EL
VIERNES 12 DE ABRIL
Filete de PEscado en Salsa Agridulce
Pancit (Fideos Filipinos)
Tarta de Yuca
\$7.00 por persona**

¿SABÍA USTED?

Apoye la campaña de la Arquidiócesis "Manteniendo a los niños seguros"

La Arquidiócesis previene el abuso a través de nuestros programas Protegiendo a los Niños, que incluyen la prevención y reporte, recolección de huellas dactilares y verificación de antecedentes y programas de formación de clérigos. Para el Mes Nacional de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil, la Oficina Protegiendo a los Niños ha creado el Paquete de Recursos para la Prevención del Abuso Infantil 2019. El paquete incluye calcomanías especiales, decoraciones y actividades para niños, así como artículos informativos para ayudar a los padres de familia y a otros adultos que cuidan niños a aprender cómo proteger a nuestros niños y jóvenes. Esta campaña ofrece otra oportunidad para transformar la conciencia en acción, mientras se afirma el derecho de cada niño a una vida llena de esperanza, salud y felicidad. Para más información visite: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>

APRIL 7 • THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



March 30th & 31st \$5,183.74
 Second Collection \$1,265.81
 Wednesday \$61.00
 Friday Evening Mass \$61.00
 Online Giving \$315.00

Thank you for your commitment to your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekends Second Collection will be for our Parish School, to assist them in continuing to provide a Catholic Education.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

5:00 pm Teresa Ycedo (D)
 Pail Lain Wu (D)
 Emilio Tan (D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

7:00 am Louis & Mary Hutinet (D)
 Mark Delgado (D)
 Leno Calara - Happy Birthday!!!

9:00 am Pomposo Orosco (D)
 Librada Orosco (D)
 Tomasa Melendrez (D)

11:00 am Dale & Stephanie Uyeda (D)
 Oscar Villamor Refuerzo (D)

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019

8:30 am Agapito Cruz (D)
 Steve Bentel - Happy Birthday!!!
 Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

8:30 am Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

8:30 am Kathy Garcia (D)
 6:30 pm Mark Delgado (D)
 Vicente Vera (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

8:30 am Emelita Castro - Happy Birthday!!!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019

8:30 am Manuel Villalobos (D)
 7:00 pm Kathy Garcia (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

8:30 am St. Stephen Parishioners



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.

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: \$ _____



DID YOU KNOW?

You can support the Archdiocese's Keeping Kids Safe Campaign. The Archdiocese works to prevent abuse through our Safeguard the Children Programs on prevention and reporting, fingerprinting and background checks, and clergy formation programs. For National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2019 Child Abuse Prevention Resource Packet. The packet includes pinwheel stickers, decorations and children's activities as well as informative articles to help parents and other caring adults learn about how to protect our children and youth. This campaign provides another opportunity to transform awareness into action as we affirm every child's right for a life filled with hope, health and happiness. For more information, visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>

Please Pray For.... Frances Salaises, Kitty Carlucci, Ana Nunez, Rita Thoms, Virginia Medina, Rudy Barraza, Helen Lawrence, Judy Backer, Mayo Ycedo, Al Acosta, Ray Fratino, Florence Kreslake, 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 basis if you would like for your name to remain on the list.

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