

ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Palm Sunday is a strange day in our liturgical calendar. We begin by waving palms, but somewhere in the middle, we call for Jesus to be crucified. We celebrate today an equally paradoxical God, one who comes to save through suffering.

"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Jesus, who so often in the Gospels tries to hide his true identity, speaks thunderously to the Pharisees who would still the rejoicing crowd. At the Last Supper, Jesus confirms the Messianic promise to his disciples, saying "I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me." Yet, before the night is over, Jesus has been betrayed.

We hear the tragedy unfold in Luke's Passion narrative. Jesus is abused by the council of elders, denied by Peter, whipped by Roman soldiers, and condemned to death by Pilate. But what else do we see? Jesus heals someone who came to arrest him, forgives his torturers, promises a repentant man paradise, and - by his loving endurance - converts a centurion at the foot of the cross. Jesus is both Redeemer of the World and Suffering Servant. In taking on the mantle of Messiah, Jesus does not only receive our praise and our accolades, but he bears our burdens and sins and does so with the deepest love. He may go about our salvation in a paradoxical way, but he is dearer to our own suffering hearts for it. This week, we remember that no sorrow of our own is beyond the reach of the compassion of God.



TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH **LENTE 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)
- 8:00 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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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."



YOU ARE CALLED A DAUGHTER OF GOD

WOMENS RETREAT

Free

MAY 18, 2019 9am-4pm

Location: St. Stephen Martyr Parish Hall

-Speakers-

Deacon Steve Greco

Sister Sophia Farkas & Sister Martha

Fr. Ali (Kanis) Kanissius

-Choir-

Frank Urtecho

Mass 3:30 pm Celebrant

Fr. Joseph Magdaong



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.

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MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO

"¡Hosanna al hijo de David! ¡Bendito sea el que viene en el nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en lo más alto de los cielos!" (Mateo 21:9). Hoy inicia la Semana Santa o Semana Mayor. En este hermoso tiempo la Iglesia en su liturgia nos invita a tener la oportunidad de detenemos en nuestro camino para reflexionar en las cosas que de verdad valen la pena. Hoy, se conmemora la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén. Estamos a punto de celebrar los misterios de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de nuestro Único Salvador. En esta Semana Santa, busquemos momentos apropiados para agradecer al Señor todo lo que ha hecho por nosotros.

¿Con qué disposición podremos vivir esta Semana Santa? ¿Qué podremos aportar por los más necesitados? El Papa Francisco nos invita a lo siguiente:

Jesús entra en Jerusalén. La muchedumbre de los discípulos lo acompañan festivamente, se extienden los mantos ante él, se habla de los prodigios que ha hecho, se eleva un grito de alabanza: ¡Bendito el que viene como rey, en nombre del Señor! ¡Paz en el cielo y gloria en lo alto! (Lucas 19,38). Genio, fiesta, alabanza, bendición, paz; Se respira un clima de alegría. Jesús ha despertado en el corazón tantas esperanzas, sobre todo entre la gente humilde, simple, pobre, olvidada, esa que no cuenta a los ojos del mundo. Él ha sabido comprender las miserias humanas, ha mostrado el rostro de misericordia de Dios y se ha inclinado para curar el cuerpo y el alma.

¿Qué piensas de estas palabras del Papa? La respuesta debe ser un compromiso entre Jesús y tú.



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)
- 8:00 PM VIGILIA DE PASCUA

¿SABÍA USTED?

La Arquidiócesis continúa ayudando a los sobrevivientes de abuso sexual y a sus familias

Durante el Mes Nacional de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil, la Arquidiócesis desea reiterar que nos mantenemos firmes en nuestro compromiso de reportar las denuncias de conducta sexual inapropiada a las autoridades policiales, apoyar a las víctimas-sobrevivientes y proteger a los niños y personas vulnerables. La Arquidiócesis ha creado un nuevo sitio web, protect.la-archdiocese.org, que sirve como un recurso integral que lo conectará con sus programas y servicios para proteger a los niños y denunciar el abuso. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce es víctima de abuso sexual por parte de un empleado o voluntario de la Iglesia, comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a las Víctimas de la Arquidiócesis al (213) 637-7650 o protect.la-archdiocese.org para obtener ayuda y apoyo.

SEGUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana sera usará para cubrir los gastos de la limpieza anual de la iglesia. Este año el costo será de \$ 3,000.00.

Gracias de antemano por su generosidad.



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.

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 suhomenajeado 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: \$ _____



April 6th & 7th \$6,062.76
Second Collection \$848.33
Wednesday \$86.00
Friday Evening Mass \$90.25
Online Giving \$754.00

Thank you for your commitment to your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekends second collection will be used to cover the expense of our annual church cleaning. This years cost will be \$3,000.00.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Archdiocese would like to reiterate that we stand resolute in our commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese has created a new website, protect.la-archdiocese.org, to serve as a comprehensive resource that will connect you to its programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual abuse by a Church employee or volunteer, please contact the Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or protect.la-archdiocese.org for help and support.

**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
 APRIL 2019**

In observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we will have the following post-Easter activities to raise awareness and prevent child abuse:

- **Prayer Petitions** at Vigil/Sunday Masses for month of April;
- **“Did You Know”** Weekly Parish Bulletin Announcements for month of April;
- **“Rosary for Healing and Protection of Victims of Abuse”** after 8:30 a.m. Mass on Thursday, April 25;
- **Healing Prayer for Victims and Survivors** at Vigil/ Sunday Masses on April 27-28;
- **Recognition and Blessing of Safeguard the Children/ VIRTUS/Fingerprinting Participants** at 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 28, together with a **Brief Talk on Child Safety by Law Enforcement Expert**;
- **2019 “Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse”** Brochures will be available in the main vestibule, next to the green “Keeping Kids Safe” Poster Board; and
- Information Table in the main vestibule after every morning mass on Sunday, April 28, providing Brochures, Articles, Stickers, Door Hangers and Prayer Cards to take home.

We look forward to your continued support in protecting’s God children and becoming the “ears, eyes and voice” of our children and young people in our care.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

5:00 pm Esperanza Farias (D)
 Josefina Velarde (D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

7:00 am Louis & Mary Hutinet (D)
 Kathy Garcia (D)
 Rosalino Pulido - For a Speedy Recovery

9:00 am Jesus Candelario (D)
 Jose Santana (D)
 Jose Maria De La Roca - Velazquez (D)

11:00 am Dale & Stephanie Uyeda (D)
 Carlos Alberto Ornelas - For Healing

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019

8:30 am Rodrigo Dody Garcia - Happy Birthday!!!

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019

8:30 am St. Stephen Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019

8:30 am Edward Garcia (D)
 Leo & Martha Sanchez - 48th Wedding Anniv

6:30 pm St. Stephen Parishioners

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

8:30 am Special Parish Intentions

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019

8:30 am Special Parish Intentions

7:00 pm Special Parish Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019

8:30 am Special Parish Intentions

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: \$ _____

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, Kim Chacon, Luis Hernandez, Pio Rongavilla, Patricia McAvoy, Lung Family, Tam Family, Emilia Rodriguez, Monica Hernandez, Jose Maria De La Roca-Velazquez, Larry Siefker, 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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