

ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true! The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

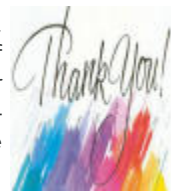
It didn't start that way, of course. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 22nd in observance of Easter Monday.

On behalf of the Arise Ministry, we would like to thank all of you that supported our Easter fundraiser. Thanks to your support we were able to raise \$537.00 for our parish.



Thank you for your understanding.



I want the whole world to know my infinite mercy; I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in my mercy

DIVINE MERCY

Novena for the Divine Mercy from April 19 through April 27th after the 8:30 am Mass

Divine Mercy Celebration

Saturday, April 27th
Mass - 5:00 p.m.

Mass will be followed by a pot luck reception in the Parish Hall

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WOMENS RETREAT
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MAY 18, 2019 9am-4pm

-Speakers-
Deacon Steve Greco
Sister Sophia Farkas & Sister Martha
Fr. Ali (Kanis) Kanissius
-Choir-
Frank Urtecho

Mass 3:30 pm Celebrant Fr. Joseph Magdaong
320 W. Garvey, Monterey Park, CA 91754 1-626-573-0427

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

Fr. Joseph Magdaong
Pastor

Fr. Ali Kanissius
Fr. Rajan Sengol
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Alicia Vazquez
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Dale Ann Torbey
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Parish School
(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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Al cantar con júbilo y esperanza el "aleluya" nos unimos todos al gozo de la Iglesia por la resurrección del Señor. A lo largo de la Cuaresma pusimos nuestra confianza en Dios y no quedamos defraudados. Hoy, en todo el mundo, los cristianos nos alegramos y transmitimos la palabra "aleluya" para continuar con ese gran júbilo en el corazón por el resucitado. La Iglesia se engalana con sus velas encendidas que nos indican que debemos de caminar en la luz. El Cirio Pascual, signo de Jesucristo Resucitado, nos recuerda que pertenecemos por nuestro bautismo al Reino de Dios. Es un día de alegría y de búsqueda.

¿Quién quitara la piedra? ¿Dónde está el Señor? ¿Quién lo ha visto? El Evangelio nos dice. "El primer día de la semana, muy temprano, fueron las mujeres al sepulcro, llevando los perfumes que habían preparado. Pero se encontraron con una novedad: la piedra que cerraba el sepulcro había sido removida, y al entrar no encontraron el cuerpo del Señor Jesús." (Lucas 24:1-3)

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica en el numeral 989 dice lo siguiente:

Creemos firmemente, y así lo esperamos, que del mismo modo que Cristo ha resucitado verdaderamente de entre los muertos, y que vive para siempre, igualmente los justos después de su muerte vivirán para siempre con Cristo resucitado y que Él los resucitará en el último día (Vea Juan 6:39-40). Como la suya, nuestra resurrección será obra de la Santísima Trinidad.



La Oficina Parroquial
estará cerrada el
Lunes 22 de abril
En observancia de
Lunes de Pascua.

Gracias por su comprensión.

En nombre del Ministerio Arise, queremos agradecerles a todos ustedes que apoyaron a nuestra recaudación de fondos de Pascua. Gracias a su apoyo que pudimos recaudar \$537.00 para nuestra parroquia.



¿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.



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.



*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*

APRIL 21 • EASTER SUNDAY



April 13th & 14th \$6,852.66
 Second Collection \$1,085.54
 Wednesday \$114.00
 Friday Evening Mass \$65.00
 Online Giving \$495.00

Thank you for your commitment to your parish.



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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019

8:00 pm Special Parish Intentions

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

7:00 am Special Parish Intentions

9:00 am Special Parish Intentions

11:00 am Special Parish Intentions

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019

8:30 am Daniel Mantel (D)

Carolina De La Cruz (D)

For the Intentions of Luis Cardona (L)

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

8:30 am Rafael & Maria Luisa Orozco (D)

For the Intentions of Luis Cardona (L)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

8:30 am For the Intentions of Luis Cardona (L)

6:30 pm St. Stephen Parishioners

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019

8:30 am Florencia Razon (D)

For the Intentions of Luis Cardona (L)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

8:30 am Nancy Saavedra (D)

7:00 pm Por las Intenciones de Luis Cardona (L)

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

8:30 am St. Stephen Parishioners

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.



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

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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