

# ST STEPHEN MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH



We all face obstacles in life. Perhaps it's a lost job, the death of a loved one, a sudden accident that places an unexpected dent in our finances. Sometimes the challenges are of our own making. Perhaps we've developed patterns of sin in our personal lives or our family relationships. We've all felt the jolting shock of, "This is all my fault." How do these things affect our relationship with God? Or, perhaps more poignantly, how do we now view God's relationship to us?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' words to us are encouraging ones. "No one can take them out of my hand." Did you catch that? In case you didn't, Jesus reemphasizes the point again a few verses later. "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." God's grip of providential care and mercy is so strong that nothing can separate us. We might think things take us out of God's hand - life circumstances, tragedy, our lukewarm attitudes towards faith - but Jesus tells us otherwise. Nothing, no one, can take us out of the Father's hand, and we can't take ourselves out! We can't remove ourselves from Him, not entirely. Even when grievous sin hardens us to grace, His love is still sustaining us in existence. And His mercy is always awaiting our repentance.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This Sunday, let us heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Whatever we feel might take us from God's hand, we can turn back to Him. God is always inviting us to follow Him and to trust in His care and be sustained by His hand.

### 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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Pastor

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Fr. Rajan Sengol  
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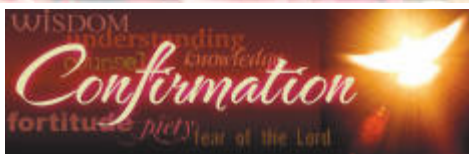
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### MOTHER'S DAY

#### SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS

For anyone wanting a loved one to be remembered in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass on Mother's Day, May 11th and 12th, spiritual bouquet cards are available at all of the entrances to the church.



Please join us on  
Wednesday, May 22nd  
at 7:00 pm  
for our Confirmation Mass

Mass will be celebrated by  
Bishop Gerald Eugene Wilkerson

Please note that we will not be having our  
weekly evening Novena Mass on May 22nd.



YOU ARE  
CALLED  
A DAUGHTER  
OF GOD

### WOMENS RETREAT

Free

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

### 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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"Mis ovejas escuchan mi voz; yo las conozco y ellas me siguen. Yo les doy la vida eterna y no perecerán jamás; nadie las arrebatará de mi mano. Me las ha dado mi Padre, y él es superior a todos, y nadie puede arrebatarlas de la mano del Padre. El Padre y yo somos uno." (Juan 10: 27-30). Así se describe el Buen Pastor a sí mismo. Cuida, proteja y acompaña. El escritor español Javier Prat Cambra describe al Buen Pastor de la siguiente forma: "Escuchar al pastor, y viceversa, entender al pastor, y viceversa, dejarse acompañar por el pastor y viceversa? la reciprocidad entre el pastor y su pueblo supone de una comunicación continua."

Si, una comunicación continua y un discernimiento adecuado necesitan la sociedad de hoy en día. Vivimos llenos de falsas y engañosas noticias; la mentira se esparce como si fuera verdad. Las personas buscan afanosamente quien les de un consejo, una guía para encontrar la verdad. Pero la realidad es que solo Jesucristo es "...el camino, la verdad y la vida." (Juan 14:6). Nuestro Buen Pastor, nos cuida y protege; confiemos en Él al escuchar su Palabra; resta tan solo la fidelidad de parte de todo bautizado. Existe una urgencia de volver a nuestro Pastor que nos inspira luz, animo, y sobretodo, consuelo en el sufrimiento. ¿Qué respuesta daremos? Sea cual sea la respuesta, nunca olvidemos que en la Eucaristía tocamos la presencia del

## TRAJETTAS DE RAMILLETE ESPIRITUAL PARA EL DIA DE LAS MADRES

Para todas las personas que quieran recordar a un ser querido en el Santo sacrificio de la Misa del 11 y 12 de mayo, Día de las Madres, habrán tarjetas de ramillete espiritual disponibles en los mostradores cerca de las entredas a la iglesia este fin de semana.

## Bendición y Unción de los Enfermos

La bendición de los enfermos se llevará a cabo en la Misa de las 8:30 a.m. el sábado 25 de mayo de 2019.

El sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos se administrará a personas mayores, personas con enfermedades graves o que se someterán a cirugía.

Se servirán refrescos despues de la misa en el jardin parroquial.



### ¿SABÍA USTED?

#### ¿Qué riesgos valen la pena para los niños?

En la sociedad actual, los padres de familia a menudo tienen que decidir entre proteger a sus hijos y dejar que ellos experimenten la vida e incluso cometan errores. La seguridad es de vital importancia, pero también es valioso aprender de

la experiencia y de los errores. Pueden existir ocasiones en que los padres de familia se pregunten si han ido demasiado lejos en sus esfuerzos de proteger a los niños, seguramente sin desear que sus hijos estén menos preparados para manejar situaciones de la vida real. Para obtener ayuda para discernir cuándo puede ser apropiado aprender de la experiencia, consulte el artículo VIRTUS® "Safety vs. Resilience in Childhood" (Seguridad versus resiliencia en la infancia). Para obtener más información, visite <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

## Grupo de Oración

### "Luz del Espíritu 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.



*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*

## Feliz Día De Las Madres

Fuerza y honor son su vestidura; Y se ríe de lo por venir.  
Abre su boca con sabiduría, y la ley de clemencia está en su lengua.

Proverbios 11:25-26



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 Wednesday \$52.65  
 Friday Evening Mass \$58.00  
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## Blessing & Anointing of the Sick

The blessing of the sick will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at the 8:30am Mass.

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered to the elderly, people with serious illness or anyone that will be undergoing surgery.

Light refreshments will follow in the Gathering Place.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019

5:00 pm All Mothers Living and Deceased

### SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

7:00 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

9:00 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

11:00 am All Mothers Living and Deceased

### MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

8:30 am Lung-Tam Family in Thanksgiving  
 Maria Socorro Vasquez (D)

### TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

8:30 am In thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and the Virgin Mary

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

8:30 am In thanksgiving to Jesus and the 12 apostles

6:30 pm Teresa Ycedo (D)  
 Kathy Garcia (D)  
 Virginia Medina (D)

### THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

8:30 am In thanksgiving to St. Joseph and St. Jude

### FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

8:30 am Staff and Faculty of St. Stephen Martyr School

7:00 pm Ray Chavez (D)

Jesusita Serrano (L)

### SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

8:30 am For all of the children of our community that received their First Holy Communion



**Our Goal/Meta:**  
 \$490,000  
**Pledged/Prometido:**  
 \$443,860  
**#Gifts/Regalos:**  
 92  
**% of Goal/Meta:**  
 91%

*Thank you! ¡Gracias!*

\*pledged over five years/prometido sobre cinco años



## DID YOU KNOW?

### What risks are worth it for children?

In today's society, parents are often torn between protecting their children, and letting them experience life and even make mistakes. Safety is vitally important, but there is value in learning from experience and from mistakes, too. There may be times when parents wonder if they have gone too far in their efforts to safeguard children, perhaps inadvertently rendering them children less prepared to handle real-life situations. For help in discerning when learning from experience may be appropriate see the VIRTUS® article "Safety vs. Resilience in Childhood." For more information, visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.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, 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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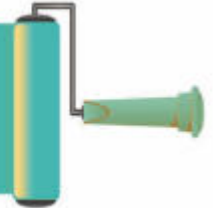
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