



St. Stephen Catholic Church

DEACON & FIRST MARTYR

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A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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* EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 26, 2017 *

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY [Main Church] 4:00 PM

SUNDAY [Main Church] 7:15 AM

SUNDAY [Main Church] 9:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Chapel of St. Catherine

MONDAY ~ SATURDAY 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 3:15 ~ 3:45 PM
or by appointment

PASTOR:

Fr. Mario Raquepo
(Cell) 808.228.3053

STAFF:

Deacon Ronald Choo
Sister MaryKutty Kottuppallil
Celine Asato
Tina Welch, Secretary

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

DEVOTION & ADORATION

Holy RosaryBefore Mass



First Wednesday of the month ~ after 8:00 AM Mass

From 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

Other Wednesdays

8:30 AM ~ 9:00 AM

PARISH MINISTRIES

Homebound & Bereavement
Virginia Jordan & Helen Luke

Hospitality
David Tom

Altar Servers

Liturgical Music
Dr. Stanley Wong (Sat. 4:00 PM)
M. Felipe
(Sunday 7:15 & 9:30 AM)



€ KOMO MAI (WELCOME)

PARISH MINISTRIES

Lectors
Beverly Perry

Holy Communion At Mass
Jennifer Tamayo

Sacristy
Celine Asato & David Tom

Respect Life
Juanita Ruis

Holo Holo Ministry
Stan Contrades

FAITH FORMATION

CCD-Children
Velma Guieb-Mamuad
Youth & Confirmation
Bryan Laroya
R.C.I.A.
Debbie Fujiyama
Parish Scripture Group
Francis Jordan

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Council
Patricia Silva
Stewardship/Discipleship Council
Randy Tom
Finance Council
James Solidum

Knights of Columbus
Randy Tom
Liturgy Commission
Sr. MaryKutty Kottuppallil, MSMHC
Social Fellowship
Sui Kozuma & Kitchen Crew

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Priest and Homebound Ministers are available to visit the infirm or hospitalized. Please contact the Parish. For sacramental emergency, call 595.3105 and press #2.

BAPTISM: Sacramental preparation is required. If you are expecting or have a child to be baptized, please call the Parish office for more information.

MARRIAGE: The Diocese of Honolulu requires couples to marry in the Church and participate in the preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples should contact the office for Marriage Preparation at least 6 months before the wedding.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: Kokua! Please contact your Church prior to making arrangements with a funeral home.

PARISHIONERS: When changing address/telephone, or moving out of the Parish, please notify the office.

NEW PARISHIONERS: If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Stephen, please use the forms available at the entrance of the Church or contact the office.



This Sunday's Gospel ~ February 26, 2017

Matthew 6:24-34

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ As we begin lent, the Diocese of Honolulu is sponsoring the Operation Rice Bowl campaign in raising donations to care for our brothers and sisters in need. The funds will be used to care for the needy in Hawaii and around the world. We will be distributing the boxes during this weekend's, February 25/26 Masses. The campaign is from March 1 through April 16. We appreciate your kind support.
- ♦ Please return your Registration Forms so we may update our church records for future correspondence. Thank you!
- ♦ The next Milk Bread Fundraiser is in March! Pick up dates are Saturday March 18, and Sunday March 19. Cost is \$5 per loaf. Sign up for pick up on either day. Please note your name on the correct pick up day! Mahalo!
- ♦ We encourage you to sign the petition by the Hawai'i Catholic Conference to oppose any legislation making assisted suicide a medical treatment in Hawai'i. Please read and sign the petition located at the church entrance.
- ♦ The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) works at home and abroad to give aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, provide legal services to poor immigrants, and advocate for the powerless. By supporting six Catholic agencies, this collection offers an opportunity for each of us to *help Jesus in disguise*. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the CRSC. Please see the postcard insert.

LENTEN LECTURES

March 21 - March 23, 2017

Fr. Rock Bonoan will be presenting Lenten Lectures from
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Main Church.

Zumba classes continue in the Church Hall on *Thursdays* at 9:30 AM.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR LORD

Weekly Offerings

(02.18.2017 & 02.19.2017)

Saturday 4:00 PM: \$511.00
Sunday 7:15 AM: \$259.00
Sunday 9:30 AM: \$837.50
Total Offering: **\$1,607.50**

Donations/Collections:

\$4,056.55

GRAND TOTAL: **\$5,664.05**

LAST WEEK'S: **\$5,805.59**

Donations/Collections

Votive Offering: \$69.00
St. Augustine Edu: \$15.00
Building Fund: \$15.00
Elevator: \$120.00
Special Offering: \$117.55
Stained Glass: \$3,700.00
Mass Intentions: \$20.00
TOTAL: **\$4,056.55**

MAHALO!

We are grateful to all who generously contribute their time, talent and treasure to our Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, 02.25.2017

8:00 AM Mass: † Betty Chong
4:00 PM Mass: † Tomiko Asato
† Kenneth Ching

† Kenneth Ching

SUNDAY, 02.26.2017

7:15 AM Mass: † William Shiraki
† Deacon Thomas Contrades
9:30 AM Mass: † Derek Albarado
† Deacon Thomas Contrades
† Maria Guieb
Healing for: Lee Murashige

Birthday Blessing: Jansen Saribay

MONDAY, 02.27.2017

8:00 AM Mass: † Tomiko Asato
† Cindy Vance

TUESDAY, 02.28.2017

8:00 AM Mass: † Birthday of Anna Bright

WEDNESDAY, 03.01.2017

8:00 AM Mass: † Ken Asato

THURSDAY, 03.02.2017

8:00 AM Mass *Healing of:* Jose Ladrillono
& Pilipina Sarmiento

FRIDAY, 03.03.2017

8:00 AM Mass: † Deacon Thomas Contrades
Healing for: Daniel Kelii
† Garrick Luke

SATURDAY, 03.04.2017

8:00 AM Mass: † Betty Chong
4:00 PM Mass: † Tomiko Asato
† Doreen & Francis Chia

PLEASE PRAY



FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Margaret Robello, Joe Chang, Carrie Talwar, Fred Lum, Nancy Asato, Richard Wong, Benito Bautista.

† FOR THE DECEASED:

Harry Bender, Charles Ho, Edith Demello, Catherine Aoki, Donna McDonnell, Jerry Tarutani, Vickie Solidum, Nancy Tom, Lawrence Perry, Roland Albarado, Eileen Green, Don Yee, Ron Kano, Gladys Wong, Ken Asato, Tomiko Asato.



ST. STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16267



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Contact Worthy Grand Knight Randy Tom
eMail Address: randy.tom0972@gmail.com



As we continue our faith journey through Christmas and onward to Easter, the KofC Council is selling "He is Risen" car magnets. This will support our efforts to purchase a council banner. The cost is \$5 per magnet. Please contact Randy Tom or one of the brother knights. Thank you.

♦ With Lent forthcoming, the Diocese of Honolulu is sponsoring the Operation Rice Bowl campaign in raising funds to care for our brothers and sisters who need support here in Hawaii and around the world. The Rice Bowl boxes will be distributed at the March 4 & 5 masses. The campaign is from March 1 through April 16. We encourage all to be as generous as possible.

♦ Thanks to all who have donated food to the Aloysius Tom Food Pantry. We collected and delivered 288 pounds of food to St John the Baptist for the Chuukese community. They express their gratitude and blessings to our parishioners. To date, we have collected 718 pounds of food. In addition, we appreciate your continued participation with any donations especially during Lent. We are also accepting any expired can goods as well. Please identify these items separately.

♦ Thanks again to our Brother Knights, Brandon Lee, Milton Choy, Jack Wong, and Marie Tokuda-Wong for their support in sanding and varnishing the church furniture. Our latest efforts were dedicated to the items in the sanctuary.

ELEVATOR SURVEY COMMENTS

♦ An elevator is like a hole in the ocean you keep throwing money into. It will not be used much and a ramp would have costs much less and no upkeep — Too late!!

PS The writing in the cement is like graffiti. Why was it allowed?

♦ Elevator is wonderful and convenient.

♦ It's been a long wait; but wonderful for our kupuna. Thank you for your diligence.

♦ Thank you for the elevator. It is such a relief. I don't have to struggle going up and down the stairs!

♦ Worth the investment.

♦ It's a dream come true! So happy to see kupuna and disabled use it.

Thanks to Fr. Mario and all others who worked on this project.

God bless you.

A GENTLE REMINDER FOR ALL ST. STEPHEN FIRST
MARTYR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

The monthly Council Meeting begins at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 2, 2017. See you there!

FAITH FORMATION

PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP

The 9:30 AM Wednesday meeting of the Parish Scripture Group will continue on March 8 in the SPAM Conference Room. *Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist* begins after the 8:00 AM Mass until 6:00 PM this coming Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council meets on the **third Thursday** of the month, at 6:00 PM in the SPAM Conference Room.



R.C.I.A. CORNER

Sunday, February 26, 2017

No Class Today.

C.C.D. CORNER

26 February 2017 - Shrove Sunday for CCD/Youth

5 March 2017 - Required Safe Environment Session for Parents - 8:30 AM - SPAM Conference Room

10 March 2017 - CCD Students to lead Stations of the Cross



[Sat. 03.04] ~ Randy Tom, David Houle

[Sun. 03.05] ~ Frank Jordan, Wes Fong



Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion

[Sat. 03.04] ~ Val Ho, Randy Tom

[Sun. 03.05] ~ Arlette Aki, Frank Jordan, Rick Hartsell

CHURCH CLEANERS

Group 1, Saturday, March 4, 2017

Cathy Devaney, Julie Abcede, Marissa Abcede, Caroline Hasegawa



DAILY SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Monday, February 27
Sirach 17:19-27
St. Leander of Seville

Tuesday, February 28
Sirach 35:1-12
St. Hilary, Pope

Wednesday, March 1
Joel 2:12-18
St. David

Thursday, March 2
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Blessed Charles the Good

Friday, March 3
Isaiah 58:1-9
St. Katharine Drexel

Saturday, March 4
Isaiah 58:9-14
St. Casimir

Sunday,
March 5, 2017

**First Sunday
Of Lent**

First Reading
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
(22A)

Second Reading
Romans 5:12-19 or
5:12, 17-19

Gospel
Matthew 4:1-11
*St. John Joseph of
The Cross*

***I'm an active
Catholic but feel
torn between
two sides of
myself: one that
is faithful in
prayer and
charitable to
others, another
that is poorly
disciplined,
selfish, and
given to
sensuality and
pornography. It
seems God is
holding on to
me, but I don't
know why.***

dearPadre

I am reminded of Paul's personal struggle as expressed in Romans: "What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate...Now if [I] do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me...Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me...?" (7:15, 20, 24).

Remain faithful to your religious practices, and don't get down on yourself. Having immoral tendencies does not make you a hypocrite; it makes you human. All people experience the struggle between good and evil within themselves in one way or another. It may be helpful to find a spiritual director or counselor who can help you deal with your weaknesses. You could learn how to be more disciplined in prayer and how to overcome your preoccupation with pornography. Keep trying to accentuate the positive and deal with the negative.

You say God is holding on to you. Remember that Francis Thompson called God "the Hound of Heaven." God does not let go so easily.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

GOOD NEWS

There is no place children feel safer than in their mother's arms. Since she provides them with all they need, both physically and emotionally, their trust and confidence is total. God tells us not to worry and gives us the reason: *I will never ever forget you. I know your needs and I will take care of them. Do you think a mother can forget her child? Even if she were to forget, I won't!*

In the Gospel, Jesus doesn't just suggest not to worry, he commands it: "Do not worry," he says more than once. He knows what preoccupies us—food, clothing, work, and money. Why worry? What good will it do? Can you eat better, increase your wealth, or change your appearance by worrying? Can you add a day to your life fretting about your health?

Sure, we need to think about providing for our physical needs. we need to make good, informed, and healthy decisions. The key is to reflect and decide, not to worry and obsess. Keep it all in perspective. Life is much more than material goods and personal aspirations.

God loves us so much, like a mother loves her child. He provides for all his creatures, even for the lily that only blooms for a day. He knows everything you need and, like a good parent, desperately wants to give it to you!

For Reflection

What worries me most right now? Make a list and entrust it all to Jesus.

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC