



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, January 6, 2019



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

❖ A Catholic Community ❖

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MISSION STATEMENT

"Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we the family of St. Stephen Catholic Church nurture and sustain our faith through Love, Service and Unity."

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Monday~Friday: 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

MASS SCHEDULES

St. Catherine Chapel

Monday ~ Saturday ~ 8:00 A. M.
Tuesday ~ Communion Service Only
Saturday (Main Church) ~ 4:00 PM
Sunday (Main Church) ~ 7:15 AM
Sunday (Main Church) ~ 9:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

Or, by appointment.

DEVOTION

Holy Rosary before Mass

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

Car Magnets For Seminarian



Join the Knights in providing support for Mr. John Akau, who is attending St. Patrick's Seminary in California, by purchasing a "Keep Christ In Christmas" car magnet for a \$5 donation. Please see WGK Randy Tom for more info.

March For Life

Please join our council in the March For Life at the Hawaii State Capitol on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, from 3 to 8 PM. 50 participants are needed to represent St. Stephen during the march. Poster-signs will be provided to march with along the route.

Religious Education Congress

Please join the Knights in raising funds to send our youth to the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress (LA Congress) in March 2020. We are fundraising with M&M Candy Mini Tubes and are requesting that the tubes be filled with quarters and returned to the Knights. For more information please see WGK Randy Tom.



SUNDAY, January 13, 2019
Fellowship By:
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Epiphany Sunday ~ January 6, 2019

Parish & CCD Christmas Party & Program

All organizations and ministries are asked to participate. Lots of prizes will be given out. Fellowship by Parishioners.



Senior Prom

This highly anticipated event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 16, 2019! Please sign up to join this special evening. Volunteers are needed.
Come and enjoy!

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2019 CALENDAR

2019 Church Calendar

The 2019 Church Calendar is now available in the back of the Church. Please take **one calendar per family** so others may have one. Thank you for your assistance!
Happy New Year!



INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, 01.06.2019

7:15 A.M. Mass

9:30 A.M. Mass

† Fredrick & Stephanie Foo

† Lillian Castillano Clark

† Sr. Elizabeth, MSMHC

† Bridgett Dela Cruz

† Nancy & Raymond Tom

† Josephine Abcede

† Ron Kano

MONDAY, 01.07.2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

† Josephine Abcede

TUESDAY, 01.08.2019

8:00 A.M.

Healing Prayers for the Sick of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, 01.09.2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

† For All The Souls In Purgatory

THURSDAY, 01.10.2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

† For the deceased of the Parish

FRIDAY, 01.11.2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

Healing Prayers for Steve Aki

SATURDAY, 01.12.2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

† Healing Prayers for Nancy Contrades
Birthday Blessings for Sui Kobe

4:00 P.M. Mass

† Doreen & Francis Chia

† Senator Daniel Akaka

† Kenneth Asato

† Betty & Albert Chong

Healing Prayers for Mary Souza

† Steve Fuji

Prayer Requests



For The Sick & The Homebound

Margaret Robello, Carrie Talwar, Nancy Asato, Richard Wong, Benito Bautista, Ron Asato, Steve Aki, Mary Souza



For The Deceased Of The Parish

Eileen Green, Don Yee, Ron Kano, Gladys Wong, Kenneth Asato, Tomiko Asato, Doreen & Francis Chia, Betty & Albert Chong, Dr. Joseph Chang, Frederick Lum, Steve Fujii

Jesus Is Forever

We're approaching the end of the Christmas season. Soon we will be back to the ordinary routines of our life. But if we have celebrated the feast of the incarnation well, our lives will be changed. We don't know what the new year will hold for us, for our families, for the world. But we do know that God will continue to be with us. As we look back at the significant events of the past year, both the joys and the sorrows, the highs and the lows, we can see how God has shaped us and strengthened us for what lies ahead. Perhaps we're a bit relieved that Christmas is over for another year. But perhaps we discover that something has changed in us because of our encounter, a gift, a new insight into the meaning of the incarnation. We can keep a little bit of that with us through the coming year and let it bring light and peace to our everyday lives. Our journey with God doesn't end with the Christmas season. Jesus is forever, not just for Christmas.

~ From the book *The Peace of Christmas: Quiet Reflections with Pope Francis*

Do You Know What The Feast Of The Epiphany Really Means?

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While the hustle and bustle of Christmas ends for many people on December 26, throughout Christian history Christmas lasts for twelve days - all the way until January 6.

In the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God. It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men, but also in his baptism in the Jordan and at the wedding at Cana.

In the Eastern rites of the Catholic Church, Theophany - as Epiphany is known in the East - commemorates the manifestation of Jesus' divinity at his Baptism in the River Jordan.

While the traditional date for the feast is Jan. 6, in the United States the celebration of Epiphany is moved to the next Sunday, overlapping with the rest of the Western Church's celebration of the Baptism of Christ.

However, the meaning of the feast goes deeper than just the bringing of presents or the end of Christmas, says Fr.

Hezekias Carnazzo, a Melkite Catholic priest and founding executive director of the Virginia-based Institute of Catholic Culture.

"You can't understand the Nativity without Theophany; or you can't understand Nativity without Epiphany." The revelation of Christ as the Son of God - both as an infant and at his baptism - illuminate the mysteries of the Christmas season, he said.

"Our human nature is blinded because of sin and we're unable to see as God sees," he told CNA. "God reveals to us the revelation of what's going on."

Origins of Epiphany

While the Western celebration of Epiphany (which comes from Greek, meaning "revelation from above"), and the Eastern celebration of Theophany (meaning "revelation of God"), have developed their own traditions and liturgical significances, these feasts share more than the same day.

"The Feast of Epiphany, or the Feast of Theophany, is a very, very early feast," said Fr. Carnazzo. "It predates the celebration of Christmas on the 25th."

In the early Church, Christians, particularly those in the East, celebrated the advent of Christ on Jan. 6 by commemorating Nativity, Visitation of the Magi, Baptism of Christ and the Wedding of Cana all in one feast of the Epiphany. By the fourth century, both Christmas and Epiphany had been set as separate feasts in some dioceses. At the Council of Tours in 567, the Church set both Christmas day and Epiphany as feast days on the Dec. 25 and Jan. 6, respectively, and named the twelve days between the feasts as the Christmas season.

Over time, the Western Church separated the remaining feasts into their own celebrations, leaving the celebration of the Epiphany to commemorate primarily the Visitation of the Magi to see the newborn Christ on Jan. 6. Meanwhile, the Eastern Churches' celebration of Theophany celebrates Christ's baptism and is one of the holiest feast days of the liturgical calendar.

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God loves those who find joy in giving.

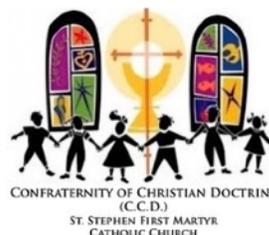
~ Pope John Paul II



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, 9 Days for Life, Monday, January 14 — Tuesday, January 22. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily email or text message. (A printable version is also available online. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

Respect Life

Please make a commitment to attend the 2019 March for Life on January 22. The signup sheet is at the back of the Church. If you signup early, we can make arrangements for a bus.



SUNDAY, *January 13, 2019* ~ Class, *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*
SUNDAY, *January 20, 2019* ~ Class
WEDNESDAY, *January 23, 2019* ~ *Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope*
SUNDAY, *January 27, 2019* ~ Class

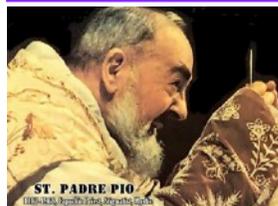
Prayer For Life



O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life. Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the

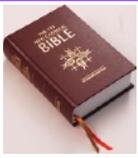
Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen

~ .Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, 1995



"Keep close to the Catholic Church at all times, for the Church alone can give you true peace, since She alone possesses Jesus, the true Prince of Peace, in the Blessed Sacrament.

~ St. Padre Pio



Daily Readings



Monday, January 7
1st John 3:22-4:6

St. Raymond of Penyafort



Tuesday, January 8
1st John 4:7-10



Wednesday, January 9
1st John 4:11-18



Thursday, January 10
1st John 4:19-5:4



Friday, January 11
1st John 5:5-13



Saturday, January 12
1st John 5:14-21



Sunday, January 13
**The Baptism Of
The Lord**



First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (21C)
[Page 59, Breaking Bread]

Responsorial Psalm

O bless the Lord, my soul.
[Page 60, Breaking Bread]

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
[Page 60, Breaking Bread]

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
[Page 61, Breaking Bread]

Saint Of The Day

**St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor
Of The Church**



Time, Talent, Treasure, Stewardship *St. Stephen Catholic Church*

Profit & Loss Statement:
(December 25, 2018)

Ordinary Income Expense

Christmas Offering	\$3,224.00
Elevator Fund	\$20.00
Mass Intentions	\$90.00
Sunday Offerings	\$283.00
Votive Candles Fund	\$63.00
Total Income	\$3,680.00
Gross Profit	\$3,680.00
Net Ordinary Income	\$3,680.00
Net Income	\$3,680.00

(December 29 & 30, 2018)

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Debt Reduction	\$273.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$383.00
Christmas Offering	\$966.00
Elevator Fund	\$280.00
Mass Intentions	\$30.00
Special Services Income	\$250.00
Sr. Marykuty Fund	\$75.00
Sunday Offerings	\$1,838.00
Tai Chi Fund	\$10.00
Votive Candles Fund	\$110.00
Total Income	\$4,225.00
Gross Profit	\$4,225.00
Net Ordinary Income	\$4,225.00
Net Income	\$4,225.00

Last Week: \$4,663.00

(December 31, 2018)

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Debt Reduction	\$200.00
Sunday Offerings	\$850.00
Total Income	\$1,050.00
Gross Profit	\$1,050.00
Net Ordinary Income	\$1,050.00
Net Income	\$1,050.00

GRAND TOTAL \$8,955.00

Mahalo

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

† Prayer is the oxygen of the soul. ~St. Padre Pio



Parish Scripture Group

The 9:30 A.M. Wednesday

Parish Scripture Group meets again in the SPAM
Conference Room..



Parish Advisory Council

The Council meets on the *Third
Thursday of the month*, at 6:00 P.M. in the SPAM
Conference Room.

What Is A Sacristan?

Sacristan, an officer who is charged with the care of the sacristy, the church, and their contents. In ancient times many duties of the sacristan were performed by the doorkeepers (ostiarum), later by the mansionarii and the treasurers. The Decretals of Gregory IX (lib. I, tit. xxvi, "De officio sacristae") speak of the sacristan as if he had an honorable office attached to a certain benefice, and say that his duty was to care for the sacred vessels, vestments, lights, etc. Nowadays the sacristan is elected or appointed. The "Caeremoniale episcoporum" prescribes that in cathedral and collegiate churches the sacristan should be a priest, and describes his duties in regard to the sacristy, the Blessed Eucharist, the baptismal font, the holy oils, the sacred relics, the decoration of the church for the different seasons and feasts, the preparation of what is necessary for the various ceremonies, the pre-gustation in pontifical Mass, the ringing of the church bells, the preservation of order in the church, and the distribution of Masses; and finally it suggests that one or two canons be appointed each year to supervise the work of the sacristan and his assistants.

The undersacristan (custos) is also mentioned in the Decretals (lib. I, tit. xxvii, "De officio custodis"). He was the assistant of the sacristan, was subject to the archdeacon, and discharged duties very similar to those of the sacristan. Now the office is hardly ever attached to a benefice, but is usually a salaried position. The Council of Trent desired that, according to the old canons, clerics should hold such offices; but in most churches, on account of the difficulty or impossibility of obtaining clerics, laymen perform many of the duties of the sacristan and undersacristan.

~ J. F. GOGGIN
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R. C. I. A.

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Symbolon 8 ~ Why Do I Need The Church?

The Mystery of the Catholic Church

New participants are always welcome!