



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, January 27, 2019 ❖ 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time



He unrolled the scroll and found the page where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to the, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." *Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*



❖ 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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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
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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.

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, February 3, 2019
Fellowship By:
PARISHIONERS

It's 2019!



Please remember when writing your checks for the church to be sure that the year **2019** is on your check. *Mahalo!*

Year End Reports/Letters

The 2018 year end reports/letters are ready for all who have donated \$250 or more. You may pick yours up at the entrance of the church after Mass. If you do not pick yours up this weekend, they will be mailed out on Monday, January 28, so we can hit the deadline of January 31. Any questions or discrepancies, kindly call the office and leave a message and our secretary will address it immediately. Thank you for your generous donations to support our parish. You are all SO WONDERFUL!

2019 Offering Envelopes

If you still have not received your offering envelopes, there are three ways to help us: 1) Sign up on the offering envelopes sign-up sheet at the church entrance, 2) Call the office or 3) eMail us with your name and current mailing address and we will gladly send a new set to you as quickly as possible.



It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you.

~ St. Pope John Paul II



INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, 01.27.2019

7:15 A.M. Mass

✠ *Bridgett Dela Cruz*

9:30 A.M. Mass

Healing Prayers for Lorraine Albarado
Healing Prayers for Rose Perez

MONDAY, 01.28.2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

✠ *For All The Souls In Purgatory*

TUESDAY, 01.29.2019

8:00 A.M.

Healing Prayers for the Sick of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, 01.30.2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

Prayers for the Homebound of the Parish

THURSDAY, 01.31.2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

Birthday Blessings for Edgar Gum

FRIDAY, 02.01.2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

✠ *Kenneth Asato*

SATURDAY, 02.02.2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

✠ *Priscilla & Joseph Chang*

4:00 P.M. Mass

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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



(Right Of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sunday, January 27, 2019

The Eucharist, Part II

The Real Presence of Jesus is an amazing gift and how it is central to the Catholic Faith.

New participants are always welcome!

"Oh, how precious time is! Blessed are those who know how to make good use of it. Oh, if only all could understand how precious time is, undoubtedly everyone would do his best to spend it in a praiseworthy manner!"

~ St. Padre Pio



Saint Of The Day

St. Thomas Aquinas ~ January 28

Thomas is believed to have been born in the castle of Roccasecca in the old county of the Kingdom of Sicily, which is now known as the Lazio region of Italy, in 1225. His parents were well-off, but as the youngest son Thomas was expected to enter the monastery.

At 5-years-old, Thomas began his education at Monte Cassino, where he remained until the military conflict between Emperor Frederick II and Pope Gregory IX reached the abbey. He was then transferred and enrolled at the studium generale in Naples.

It is believed that Thomas was introduced to his philosophical influences - Aristotle, Averroes, and Maimonides - at the university, where he also met John of St. Julian, a Dominican preacher, who influenced him to join the recently founded Dominican Order.

When Thomas' family learned of his decision, his mother Theodora arranged for him to be moved to Paris. When Thomas was traveling to Rome, his brothers captured him and returned him to their parents at the castle of Monte San Giovanni Campano.

Thomas was held captive in the castle for one year as his family tried to keep him from joining the Dominican Order. In the year he was held, Thomas tutored his sisters and communicated with members of the Dominican Order.

In an effort to change Thomas' mind, two of his brothers hired a prostitute to seduce him, but legends claim Thomas drove her off with a fire iron. That night, two angels appeared to him in a dream and strengthened his resolve to remain celibate.

When Theodora realized she could not sway her son, she tried to preserve the family name by arranging for his escape through a window. She believed a secret escape was better than appearing to accept his decision.

Following his escape in 1244, Thomas turned to Naples, then to Rome and met the Master General of the Dominical Order, Johannes von Wildeshausen.

The next year, Thomas went to study at the Faculty of the Arts at the University of Paris, where he is believed to have met Dominican scholar Albertus Mangus, the Chair of Theology at the College of St. James.

In 1248, Thomas chose to follow Mangus to the new studium generale at Cologne rather than accepting Pope Innocent IV's offer to appoint him abbot of Monte Cassino as a Dominican. Though Thomas hesitated, when they reached the university, Mangus appointed him magister studentium.

Thomas was quiet and seldom spoke at the university, leading other students to believe he was mentally delayed, but Mangus prophetically said, "You call him the dumb ox, but in his teaching, he will one day produce such a bellowing that it will be heard throughout the world."

Following the conclusion of his education, Thomas taught in Cologne as an apprentice professor and instructed students on the books of the Old Testament. It was during this time he wrote *Expositio super Isaiam ad litteram*, *Postilla super Ieremiam*, and *Postilla super Threnos*.

In 1252, Thomas returned to Paris to earn his master's degree in theology. As an apprentice professor, he lectured on the Bible and devoted his final three years of his education to Peter Lombard's *Sentences*.

~ (To be continued.)

RESPECT LIFE Human Trafficking

President Trump has designated January 2019 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, culminating in the observance of National Freedom Day on February 1. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) supports this proclamation and encourages everyone to prevent and end all forms of modern slavery.

According to the Anti-Trafficking Program of the USCCB, "Victims may be workers in food processing factories, waiters or cooks at restaurants, construction workers, agricultural laborers, fishers, housekeeping staff at hotels, domestic help in private residences, or sex trafficked women and men in brothels, spas and massage parlors. According to the United Nation's International Labor Organization's (ILO) 2016 'Global Estimates of Modern Slavery,' nearly 40.3 million people are victims of modern slavery, of whom 24.9 million are entrapped in forced labor and sexual slavery and 15.4 million subjected to forced marriage. Through coercion, deceit, or force, they are trapped in jobs and situations from which they cannot escape.

"Traffickers lure men, women, and children with false promises of good jobs, education, economic security, and love. Once enticed, traffickers keep their victims from seeking help through means such as confiscating identification documents, threats of violence against the victim or their family, and physical or psychological abuse."

Hawaii has not escaped the evils of human trafficking, with recent abuse surfacing in our local agricultural and fishing industries. Please pray that all victims of trafficking find freedom and a return of their basic human dignity.

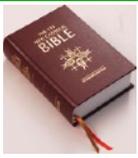
Ordinary Time

He is calling us. In our own ordinary time. Let go of those nets and follow Him.

Deacon Keith A. Fournier is Founder and Chairman of **Common Good Foundation** and Common Good Alliance. A married Roman Catholic Deacon of the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia, he and his wife Laurine have five grown children and six grandchildren. He serves as the Director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Stephen, Martyr Parish in Chesapeake, VA. He is also a human rights lawyer and public policy advocate who served as the first and founding Executive Director of the **American Center for Law and Justice** in the nineteen nineties. He has long been active at the intersection of faith and culture and currently serves as Special Counsel to **Liberty Counsel**. He is also the Editor in Chief of Catholic Online.

Ordinary time presents us with an opportunity to consider the fact that living as a Christian calls us to meet the Lord in the real stuff of our own daily life. He is already there, walking before us and beckoning us to follow after Him. After weeks of preparing for - and then celebrating the Christmas season - all the decorations have come down in our homes and our church sanctuaries. The patterns of daily life now unfold before us and invite us to find the Lord in the midst of them. He is right there. We do not walk these paths alone. The Lord has broken into our ordinary time - and He transforms it from within. For those who have eyes to see His work, ears to hear His voice and Hearts open to receive his gifts of grace, ordinary time can become extraordinary.

~ (To be continued.)



Daily Readings



Monday, January 28
Hebrews 9:15, 24-28
St. Thomas Aquinas



Tuesday, January 29
Hebrews 10:1-10



Wednesday, January 30
Hebrews 10:11-18



Thursday, January 31
Hebrews 10:19-25
St. John Bosco



Friday, February 1
Hebrews 10:32-39



Saturday, February 2
Malachi 3:1-4
Presentation of the Lord



Sunday, February 3
4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 (72C)
[Page 66, Breaking Bread]

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing of your salvation.
[Page 67, Breaking Bread]

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13
[Page 67, Breaking Bread]

Gospel

Luke 4:21-30
[Page 68, Breaking Bread]

Saint Of The Day

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
St. Ansgar, Bishop



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

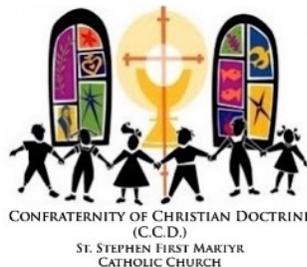
Profit & Loss Statement:
(JANUARY 19 & 20, 2019)

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income	
Debt Reduction	\$274.00
Elevator Fund	\$85.00
Mass Intentions	\$45.00
Special Services Income	\$550.00
Sunday Offerings	\$2,172.00
Votive Candles Fund	\$47.00
Total Income	<u>\$3,173.00</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$3,173.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>\$3,173.00</u>
Net Income	<u>\$3,173.00</u>
Last Week:	\$3,474.00

Mahalo

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



SUNDAY, *January 27, 2019* ~ Class

SUNDAY, *February 3, 2019* ~ Class (Family Mass)

SUNDAY, *February 10, 2019* ~ Class (St.

Valentine's Activity - (Youth Ministry to lead)

SUNDAY, *February 17, 2019* ~ Class

SUNDAY, *February 24, 2019* ~ Class

"As we enter Heaven we will see them, so many of them coming toward us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say A poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory."
~Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Living Catholic In The 808 (Continued.)

If we live a life of unity, we will experience the things that Jesus says in the gospel that he came to proclaim. His words will be fulfilled in our hearing as we fulfill the challenge of our calling.



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.

Living Catholic in the 808 DIRECTIONS

Very Rev. Msgr Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

Have you ever lost the directions for the assembly of an item or for a place that you are traveling to? Without proper instructions, we can end up ruining what we are putting together or we may become lost on our way. The people of Israel, as described in the reading from the Book of Nehemiah, had lost the book of the law. Their tears of joy and sadness, upon hearing the law once again, are evidence that not having those directions had resulted in much heartache; they had lost their way.

Jesus Christ has come to give us the directions for abundant life, now and forever. Those directions are found in today's gospel as Christ proclaims the direction that his life and ministry would take. He proclaims that his anointing is to bring glad tidings, liberty, recovery of sight, and freedom from oppression. We are reminded that all of us, by virtue of our baptism, have been anointed to do the same things. In this way, the scriptures will be fulfilled in our hearing and doing of God's word.

If we lead this sort of life, we will experience the unity in diversity that St. Paul's speaks of in the second reading. Oneness in the body of Christ occurs when we, first of all, respect the differences of each person. Each person has something to contribute. Respecting differences doesn't mean that we agree always or condone every behavior or attitude. It does mean that we see that each person is a child of God with infinite worth and is worthy of our love. Oneness in the body of Christ occurs when we make it a priority to work together, even though we are different. We must recognize that we need each other in order to be healthy members of Christ's body. We should be concerned for all the members of the body, especially those that are suffering.