

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

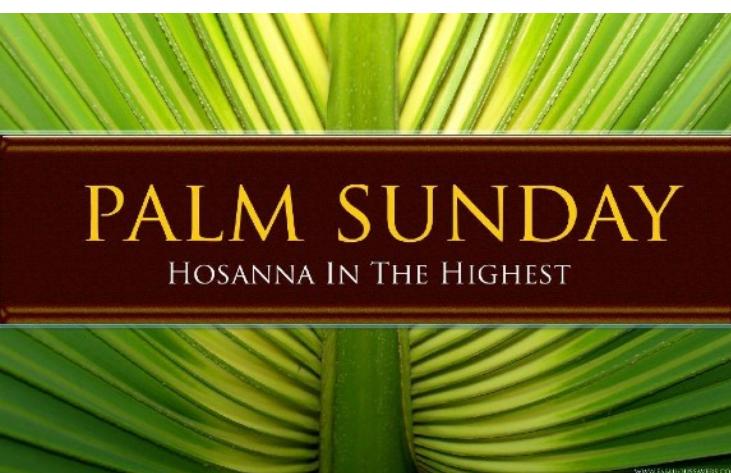
Sunday, April 14, 2019 ♦ PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord



Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples. He said, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will answer, 'The Master has need of it.'"

So those who had been sent off and found everything just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying this colt?" They answered, "The Master has need of it."

So they brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to



mount. As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed:

*"Blessed is the king
who comes in the
name of the Lord.*

*Peace in Heaven
and glory in the
Highest."*

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent the stones will cry out."

Luke 19:28–40 (37C)

❖ 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 ~ Communion Service Only
Tuesday ~ Saturday ~ 8:00 A.M.
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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Food Pantry

The Knights of Columbus continue to accept your kind donations to the parish food pantry. We have been supporting the Veterans Administration by providing food to the homeless veterans who are transitioning to permanent housing. Since July 2018, we have collected and distributed 705 pounds of non-perishable food.

Donations may be left at the Church Office or below the table in the back of the Church.

Again, thank you and we look forward to your continued support.

Randy Tom, Worthy Grand Knight

Lenten Lessons

The Profession of Faith

Rev. Fr. Francis J. Hoffman

On Sundays, holy days of obligation, and solemnities, the people stand after the homily and make the Profession of Faith. This is also known as the Creed because the first word is Credo, which means "I believe" in Latin.

Typically we recite the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, which capsulizes the dogmatic formulations of the Council of Nicea (325 AD) and those of Constantinople (381). It is simply called the Nicene Creed. When confirmation students are present at Mass, the people can recite the shorter and more ancient creed known as the Apostles' Creed. The Apostles' Creed has 12 articles of faith.

We stand for the Creed to show respect and attention for what we believe and also to honor all martyrs who died for these beliefs.

If you are ever confused about what you believe as a Catholic, or if anyone ever asks you what you believe, you can simply recite the Nicene Creed for them.

Announcements



SUNDAY, April 21, 2019
Fellowship By:
KITCHEN CREW

MASSES INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 14, 2019

7:15 A.M. Mass

For All The Souls In Purgatory

Sunday, April 14, 2019

9:30 A.M. Mass

† Nolan George

Monday, April 15, 2019

No Mass, Communion Service

8:00 A.M.

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Tuesday, April 16, 2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

For the Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

Birthday Blessings For:

Phyllis Santos

Thursday, April 18, 2019

7:00 P.M. Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

Prayers for the Homebound

Friday, April 19, 2019

No 8:00 A.M. Mass

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 P.M.

Healing Prayers for Steve Aki

Saturday, April 20, 2019

No 8:00 A.M. Mass

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 20, 2019

7:00 P.M.

EASTER VIGIL

† Doreen & Francis Chia

† Betty & Albert Chong

† Nancy & Raymond Tom

† Daniel Akaka

† Stephen Fujii

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 Kamo, Gladys Wong, Kenneth Asato, Tomiko Asato, Doreen & Francis Chia, Betty & Albert Chong, Priscilla & Dr. Joseph Chang, Frederick Lum, Steve Fujii



Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019
The Passion of the Lord



7:15 A.M. ~ Blessing of the Palms
at the Church Entry

9:30 A.M. ~ Blessing of the Palms
at the Courtyard



SUNDAY, April 21, 2019
Fellowship By:
KITCHEN CREW

Saint of the Day

St. Damien de Veuster



The man who would become St. Damien of Molokai, was born in rural Belgium, on January 3, 1840. His name was Jozef De Veuster, and he was the youngest of seven children. Growing up on the farm, Jozef was prepared to take over for his family, but he did not want the responsibility.

Instead, he wanted to follow his older brother and two sisters who took religious vows.

Jozef attended school until the age of 13 when his help was needed on the family farm full-time. He aided his family until he was old enough to enter the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He took the name Damien, after a sixth century martyr.

In 1864, Damien's brother who was also in the same order of religious, was ordered to Hawaii. But his brother became ill, so Br. Damien offered to go in his place.

The brothers worried that Br. Damien was too uneducated to become a priest, although he was not considered unintelligent. Br. Damien demonstrated his ability by quickly learning Latin from his brother. He was also devoted in prayer, Br. Damien prayed each day before an icon of Saint Francis Xavier to be sent on a mission.

Br. Damien arrived in Hawaii in March 1864, and was ordained as a priest on the island of Hawaii two months later. For nine years, he worked on the island as a priest, leading an important, yet undistinguished life.

In 1866, Hawaii established a leper colony on the Kalaupapa Peninsula. It was still mistakenly believed that leprosy was highly contagious. This belief resulted in the forced quarantine of leprosy patients.

These people still needed spiritual and medical care, so to Fr. Damien discerned his call to serve them. In 1873, Fr. Damien made the trip to be with these people in their colony.

Upon arrival, he found the colony was poorly maintained. Anarchy reigned among the people living there. Many patients required treatment but had nobody to care for them. Other patients took to drinking and became severe alcoholics. Every kind of immorality and misbehavior was on display in the lawless colony. There was no law or order.

Fr. Damien realized the people needed leadership, so he provided it. He asked people to come together to build houses and schools and eventually the parish church, St. Philomena. The church still stands today.

He was supposed to only work in the colony for a time then he would be replaced by one of three other volunteers for the work. But the leper colony was to become his permanent home. After working with the people for a time Fr. Damien grew attached to the people and his work. He asked permission to stay at the colony to serve. His request was granted.

He contracted leprosy in 1885, after several years of work.

After sixteen years in the colony, Fr. Damien succumbed to leprosy on April 15, 1889. He was first buried nearby, then his remains were transferred to Belgium in 1936. His right hand was returned to Hawaii in 1995 to be reburied in his original grave at Molokai.

He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Brussels, Belgium on June 4, 1995. His sainthood was confirmed on October 11, 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. His feast day is May 10.

RESPECT LIFE

Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. For nine days this month, let's join them in praying that the vulnerable are protected from abuse, and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

Novena

Day 1: May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation.

Day 2: May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing.

Day 3: May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.

Day 4: May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.

Day 5: May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.

Day 6: May all those who have committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God.

Day 7: May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported.

Day 8: May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse.

Day 9: May our Holy Father, Pope Francis, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.

Prayers

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Prayer for Healing

Prayer for Healing

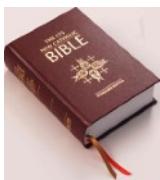
God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Daily Readings

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Monday, April 15

Isaiah 42:1-7

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Tuesday, April 16

Isaiah 49:1-6

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Wednesday, April 17

Isaiah 50:4-9

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Thursday, April 18

Isaiah 61:1-3, 6, 8-9

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**Friday, April 19
GOOD FRIDAY**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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Saturday, April 20

HOLY SATURDAY

Genesis 1:1-2:2

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First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,
37-43(42ABC)*

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Responsorial Psalm

*This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad.*

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Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

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Gospel

John 20:1-9

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Saint Of The Day

St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor



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

Profit & Loss Statement:
(APRIL 6 & 7, 2019)

Ordinary Income/Expense

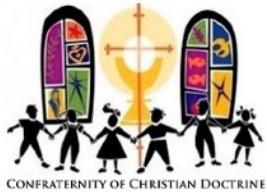
Income

Baptism Donation	\$50.00
Debt Reduction	\$404.00
C.C.D. Fund	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$75.00
Elevator Fund	\$1,265.00
Mass Intentions	\$110.00
Sr. Marykutty Fund	\$65.00
Sunday Offerings	\$1,881.00
Tai Chi Fund	\$130.00
Votive Candles Fund	\$48.25
Total Income	<u>\$4,128.25</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$4,128.25</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>\$4,128.25</u>
Net Income	<u>\$4,128.25</u>

Last Week: **\$2,942.16**

Mahalo

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



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE
(C.C.D.)

ST. STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Sunday, April 14, 2019 - Class
Palm Sunday - Easter Activity**

Sunday, April 21, 2019 - NO Class

*Easter Sunday - Fellowship after 9:30 A.M.
Mass - Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard*



(Rite Of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sunday, April 14, 2019

HOLY WEEK

And Paschal Triduum

*Jesus reconciled us to the Father
by dying for our sins.*

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New participants are always welcome!

Living Catholic in the 808: Triumphant Reception and Tragic Rejection

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

As we begin the holiest week of our Church's year, Jesus enters Jerusalem to shouts of praise and acclamation. He is acknowledged as King and palm branches are waved in worship. Five days later, many of those who praised him will severely persecute him and call for his death. The story of Christ's triumphant reception and then his tragic rejection has been told for almost 2000 years because it reminds us of how we can act in the same way.

It is easy to acclaim Christ as Lord when things seem to be going well or when the prevailing public opinion is supportive of such an acclamation. We are happy to welcome him and sing his praises. But when the tide of public opinion shifts, or when we recognize that supporting Christ might cost us dearly, we often change our tune. We condemn his presence in our lives or we run away from him.

His story invites us to see in it our story as well. When we speak a consoling word or do what is popularly acceptable, others sing our praises. But when we speak a challenging word or confront evil, we too will often be persecuted. We will be, at best, judged negatively and, at worst, condemned.

During this Holy Week, we are invited to journey with Jesus. His Passion challenges us to be passionate about his love even when it is difficult. His cross challenges us to be courageous. Even though we may be tempted to reject him or leave when things are deadly, we know that he will never leave us.

We invite you to join us for our Holy Week Services. "If we have died with Christ, we know that we shall live with him".

*He wants you entirely for
Himself; He wants you to place all
your trust and all your affection in
Him alone.*

~ St. Padre Pio

