



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 18, 2019

PASTOR

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Rev. Deacon Ronald Choo

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Tina Welch ~ Secretary

Celine Asato ❖ Marisol L. Chang

Sacristans

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday~Friday: 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

❖ A Catholic Community ❖

Diocese of Honolulu



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."

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



LUKE 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

St. Stephen The First Martyr

Knights of Columbus Council 16267



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Contact Worthy Grand Knight Randy Tom
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SUNDAY, August 25, 2019
Fellowship By:
KITCHEN CREW



Time, Talent, Treasure, Stewardship

St. Stephen Catholic Church

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

August 10 & 11, 2019: \$5,276.17

August 3 & 4, 2019: \$5,292.28

Mahalo!

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



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on **Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 6:00 PM**, in the SPAM building.



FUNERAL MASS

A funeral Mass will be said for Terrence G. Guerrero on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 11:00 A.M., at St. Stephen.



Attention Team Obon

Everyone please join us at a "Close Out" meeting on **Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.** in the SPAM Conference Room.

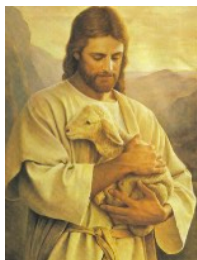
Let's "Talk Story":

What worked...

What could have worked...

What we can do to make it work...

See you on Tuesday!!!



✠ In Memoriam ✠

Jack Wong

August 14, 2019

He who follows me does not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life.

❖ MASS INTENTIONS ❖



Sunday, August 18, 2019

7:15 A.M. Mass

✠ Jack Wong

Sunday, August 18, 2019

9:30 A.M. Mass

✠ Hubert Griep

Birthday Blessings For:

Nohea George

Jennifer Tamayo

Monday, August 19, 2019

No Mass, Communion Service

8:00 A.M.

✠ Terrence G. Guerrero

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

✠ Kenneth Asato

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

Healing Prayers For Mary Souza

✠ Wilmina Loyola

Thursday, August 22, 2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

Birthday Blessings For:

Scott Bell

Friday, August 23, 2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

Healing Prayers For Steve Aki

Saturday, August 24, 2019

8:00 A.M. Mass

✠ Jack Wong

Birthday Blessings For:

Teresa Kottuppallil

Saturday, August 24, 2019

4:00 P.M.

✠ Doreen & Francis Chia

✠ Nancy & Raymond Tom

✠ Ron Asato

Healing Prayers For:

Betty Lowe

Prayer Requests

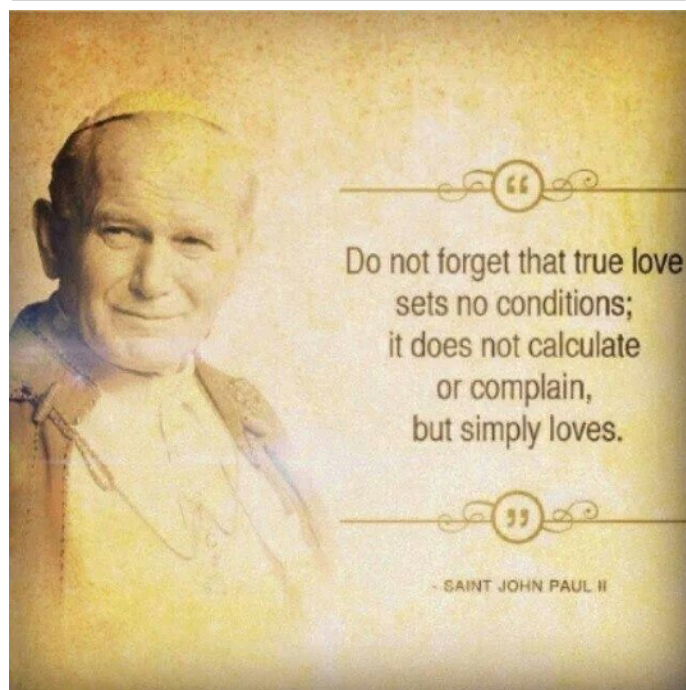


For The Sick & The Homebound

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

✠ For The Deceased Of The Parish ✠

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





Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotions

Saturday, August 17, 2019

'Oh, Your Goodness!'

Children were brought to Jesus that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:13-14

We discover that we belong to the kingdom of heaven, that state of God's presence right here with us, when we are like children. This can happen when we realize our total dependence on God, to be kept from ultimate harm, to have our spirit fed, to be held in love awake and asleep. It can especially happen in a moment of experiencing unexpected goodness when we respond in childlike wonder, "Wow!"

Yesterday, seeing a double rainbow after a storm, I exclaimed, "Oh, my goodness!" Then laughed and prayed, "Oh, Your goodness, thank you!"

Beloved Jesus, we are so grateful that you lay your hands on the child in us, assuring us that we belong to your kindness

~Patricia Livingston

Pat Livingston, writer and retreat director, is a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

~ www.livingfaith.com



Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotions

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Loving Others In The Race

...let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus... Hebrews 12:1-2

In discerning how to persevere in this important "race," we can be distracted by selfish motivations, false comforts and judgmental thoughts. Sin, as Paul says, weighs us down as we make daily decisions, big and small, interfering with the mission that God has given us. How easily sin creeps in when I fool myself into thinking I know what I need or, worse, what will solve someone else's problems. Self-absorption becomes the only reality, a burden that blinds me to the needs of others.

Jesus has shown us that our relationship with God and loving others must be the primary focus of life. Free from the burden of our selfish desires, we can more easily follow Jesus, our constant companion in the race. We become, then, examples for others who will see Jesus clearly in our loving words and actions.

~ Deborah A Meister



The humble, simple souls, who are little enough to see the bigness of God in the littleness of a Babe, are therefore the only ones who will ever understand the reason of His visitation. He came to this poor earth of ours to carry on an exchange; to say to us, as only the Good God could say: 'you give me your humanity; and I will give you my Divinity; you give me your time, and I will give you My eternity; you give me your broken heart, and I will give you Love; you give me your nothingness, and I will give you My all.'

~Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Respect Life

Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator

"The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and culture." Evangelium Vitae

Mission Statement of the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Honolulu

"Through its ministry to parishes, schools, youth groups, colleges and universities, religious and secular media, legislators and all people of good will, the Respect Life Office seeks to transform society into a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected from the moment of fertilization until natural death. Human life must be respected because it is *sacred*. From its beginning human life involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. It is not lawful for anyone directly to destroy an innocent human being. This is gravely contrary to the dignity of the person and the holiness of the Creator. "Do not slay the innocent and the righteous" (*Exodus 23:7*). | *Further reading: CCC 2258-2262, 2318-2320*

"The Respect Life Office for the Diocese of Honolulu seeks to convert hearts and minds on a wide range of life issues including Abortion, Post-abortion Healing, Euthanasia, Chastity Education, Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Human Cloning, Capital Punishment, Ethical Vaccines, Fertility Issues and Artificial Contraception."

If you wish to get more local information on Respect Life issues, go to www.facebook.com/DioceseofHonolulu

~ catholicahawaii.org

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 22, 2019



Father,
you have given us
the mother
of your Son
to be our queen
and mother.
With the support
of her prayers
may we come
to share
the glory
of your children
in the kingdom
of heaven.

Taken from the Mass
Of the Queenship of Mary



Daily Readings



Monday, August 19

Judges 2:11-19

St. John Eudes, Priest



Tuesday, August 20

Judges 6:11-24

St. Bernard, Abbott



Wednesday, August 21

Judges 9:6-15:

St. Pius X, Pope



Thursday, August 22

Judges 11:29-39

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Friday, August 23

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22

St. Rose of Lima



Saturday, August 24

Revelation 21:9-14

St. Bartholomew, Apostle



SUNDAY

August 25, 2019

**21st Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21 (123C)

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Responsorial Psalm

*Go out to all the world and tell the
Good News.*

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Second Reading

Hebrews 12:

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Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

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Sts. Of The Day

St. Louis, King of France

St. Joseph Calanz

MEDITATION OF THE DAY



The Fire He Wants to See Blazing

Deus inis consumens. Our God is consuming fire, that is, a fire of love which destroys, which transforms into itself everything it touches. The delights of the divine enkindling are renewed in our depths by an unremitting activity; the enkindling of love in a mutual and eternal satisfaction... Certain souls have chosen this refuge to rest there eternally..

For these souls, the mystical path of which St. Paul spoke (df. Gal 2:20)...becomes so simple and sweet! They think much less of the work of destruction and detachment that remains for them to do than of plunging into the furnace of love burning within them which is none other than the Holy Spirit the same love which in the Trinity is the bond between the Father and his Word....

I have come to cast fire upon the earth and how I long to see it burn. It is the Master himself who expresses desire to see the fire of love enkindled. In fact, all our works and all our labors are nothing in his sight... That is why he demands from the soul the tribute of its love, for the effect of love is to make the lover equal to the beloved as much as possible. The soul in possession of this love appears on an equal footing with Christ because their mutual affection renders everything common to both. *I have called you my friends because all things that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you* (Jn 15:15).

But to attain to this love the soul must first be entirely surrendered, its will must be calmly lost in God's will so that its inclinations, its faculties, move only in this love and for the sake of this love. I do everything with love, I suffer everything with love: this is what David meant when he sang, *I will keep all my strength for you.* Then love fills it so completely, absorbs it and protects it so well that everywhere it finds the secret of growing in love, even in its relations with the world, in the midst of life's cares it can rightly say, "My only occupation is loving!"

~ Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity

Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity (†1906) was a French Carmelite nun and mystical writer.

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MEDITATION OF THE DAY for August 18, 2019



**Because both belong fully to God,
nothing separates mother and
Son. Her assumption is the
clear echo of his resurrection.**

americanmagazine.org



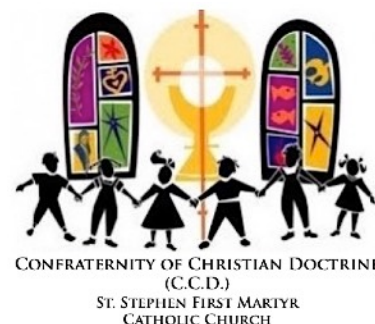
PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP

The **9:30 A.M. Wednesday** Parish Scripture Group meets in the SPAM Conference Room.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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



August 18, 2019 ~ CCD Registration begins. Forms are at the back of the Church.

August 25, 2019 ~ CCD Registration continues.

September 15, 2019 ~ Catechetical Sunday — "Stay With Us." Commissioning of Catechists at the 9:30 A.M. Mass.

September 22, 2019 ~ CCD begins. Breakfast at 8:00 A.M. ~ Parent Meeting at 8:15 A.M.

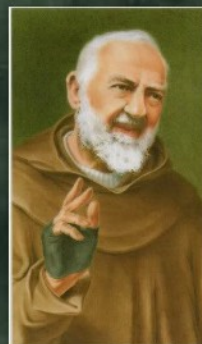
COMING SOON



R.C.I.A.

*New Participants
are always welcome.*

Questions? Please speak with Tina in the Church Office. Classes begin September 22.



Be careful never to become discouraged when you see yourself surrounded by spiritual infirmities. If God lets you fall into some weakness, it is not to abandon you, but only to establish in you humility and make you more careful in the future...

Walk with simplicity in the ways of the Lord and do not torment your spirit. You must hate your faults, but with a quiet hate, not troublesome and restless.

St Padre Pio

www.worksbyfaith.org

"And every day, when your heart especially feels the loneliness of life, **PRAY.** ~ St. Padre Pio