



1802 Bethel Rd.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 24**

4pm Individual Confessions.....4:00 pm

Mass (English) ..... 5:30pm

Missa Pro Populo

Mass for The People of Our Parish

Mass (Spanish)..... 7:00pm

Private Intentions

**SUNDAY, FEB. 25**

Mass (English) ..... 8:00am

Thomas & Mary Rutko, RIP

Mass (English) ..... 10:45am

Pallottine Fathers

Mass (Spanish) ..... 12:30pm

Private Intentions

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (ENGLISH)**

211 South Main Street (Chapel)

**MONDAY, FEB. 26**

(No Mass on Monday)

**TUESDAY, FEB. 27**

Mass ..... 8:45am

Patricia & Jack Ralston, RIP

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28**

Mass ..... 11:00am

Jim Hickey, Sp. Int.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 1**

Mass ..... 8:45am

Alan Caldwell, RIP

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2**

Mass ..... 8:45am

Remy & Daisy Ancelin, RIP

Catholic Daughters of The Americas

Marge Hitner, RIP

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3**

Mass (English) ..... 5:30pm

Debra Yaniko Rogers, RIP

Jorge Fantin, RIP

Mass (Spanish) ..... 7:00pm

Private Intentions

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4**

Mass (English) ..... 8:00am

Gail Miller, Sp. Intentions

Mass (English) ..... 10:45am

Tom DeLozier Family, Sp. Int.

Jim & Pat Rasberry, 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mass (Spanish) ..... 12:30pm

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Mass for The People of Our Parish

*Until further notice the diocese has asked that we suspend the distribution of the Precious Blood and refrain from the Sign of Peace handshake during Mass to help prevent the spread of the flu. Refer to our web-site for more details.*

**Day 4 Lent "The Power of Progress" by Matthew Kelly**

**BEST LENT EVER**

For 25 years I've been talking about God's ultimate dream for us to become the-best-version-of-ourselves. One of the things that I've realized, and one of the things I speak a lot about in "Perfectly Yourself", is the idea of progress, not perfection. In some ways the idea of being the-best-version-of-yourself, I've realized, can be very intimidating to people. It can be... "I'm not going to get there; it's too far. You're asking too much of me." We become a-better-version-of-ourselves each day by reflecting on our days and saying, "Ok, where are the moments where I was the-best-version-of-myself and what was it that helped me do that? What set me up for that?" But also to look back at the day and say, "Ok, in what moments wasn't I the-best-version-of-myself? What set that up? What caused that?" Did I not get enough sleep? Did I eat too much food? Did I drink too much soda, or too much alcohol...? What was it? Be aware; have this incredible awareness. What was it that prevented you from being the-best-version-of-yourself in that moment? God has this incredible dream: he wants you to become the-best-version-of-yourself. Which is why, as we make our way through this Lenten journey together, as you read "Perfectly Yourself", you're going to see over and over this theme of progress not perfection. Because the reality is, we're imperfect beings striving for perfection, and we have to learn to celebrate our progress. To sign up for Dynamic Catholic's daily Lent email reflections go to [www.dynamic-catholic.com](http://www.dynamic-catholic.com) and make this your Best Lent Ever! Get your copy of "Perfectly Yourself" in the church foyer.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sun: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10
- Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
- Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
- Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/ Mt 20:17-28
- Thurs: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/ Lk 16:19-31
- Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Next Sun: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/ Ps 19:8, 9,10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
- Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**5 Minute Meditation Before Mass  
Second Sunday of Lent**

**Sacrifice:** that is what Christ did for us, to save us from the death caused by sin; that is what God did because He so loved us. As we prepare to celebrate the Mass, during which we will commemorate this sacrifice, let us reflect on the depth of this love, on the depth of this sacrifice.

**Love:** that is indeed the reason for sacrifice. Not only Christ's sacrifice for us, but also the sacrifice of others. The Bible contains numerous accounts of God's people suffering for the sake of their faith, for the sake of others. Even more than 2,000 years later, we still witness sacrifices made by God's people... maybe even by us – let us now take some time to call those sacrifices to mind, and to thank God for the love of those enduring them, and to ask Him for courage and strength.

**Question:** What about you? What have others sacrificed for love of you? What have you sacrificed for love of others? Have we experienced those sacrifices in imitation of Christ?

Where does this sacrifice lead? Where does following Christ lead? In today's Gospel, we hear about Jesus' transfiguration: on that mountain, He gave Peter, James, and John a glimpse into who He truly is, and, therefore, who we will be when we are fully joined to Him.

**Let us reflect on ways we can personally grow more fully into the image and likeness of Christ.**

In thanksgiving for this time of meditation before our Mass celebration, we pray:

**PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS**



The G.P.S Young Adult Group is sponsoring a candle light, quiet, reflective time of prayer centered around the Cross of Christ. Please join us Friday evenings during Lent in Rm 1-2 from 7:30-8:30pm.

**AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA.** Please come pray the Rosary with us for our Country 1st Saturday of each month at 3 pm in front of St. Stephen Chapel—211 South Main St. Questions—Bob Fronk 817-946-4229

Father, we thank You for calling us together as Your family. May Your Spirit touch our hearts to recognize Christ in the Eucharist, the Word and in this Community. We ask that You will strengthen us, restore us, and inspire us with Your love. We remember all who gather here, especially those who carry heavy burdens this day; that they may experience your grace, healing and light. Help us to give You praise, honor and glory at this Mass, for You are our Guide, our Hope, and our Light. Amen.

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY FEB. 25**

- 7:30 am Sunday Morning Rosary (Church)
- 9:30 am Religious Education Classes English (HSC)
- 9:30 am Post Confirmation Classes for Teens (Rm 7)
- 9:30 am Adult Class (Rm 4)
- 9:30 am Gospel of Matthew (Rm 14)
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Rm 1-2)
- 11:15 am Religious Education Classes Spanish (HSC)
- 1:30 pm Young Adult Group (Clubhouse)

**MONDAY FEB. 26**

- 6:00 pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament (Church)
- 7:00 pm Cursillistas Ultreya (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Citizenship Classes (Rm 11)

**TUESDAY FEB. 27**

- 8:15am Individual Confession (Chapel)
- 8:45am Daily Mass (Chapel)
- 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study (Rm 1-2)
- 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion (Church)
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (Clubhouse)

**WEDNESDAY FEB. 28**

- 10:15 am Yoga Classes (Clubhouse)
- 11:00 am Mass & 60+ Covered Dish Luncheon (Bethel Rd)
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)
- 6:00 pm Life Night (Clubhouse)
- 6:30 pm RCIA (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:00 pm ESL Classes (Holy Spirit Center)

**THURSDAY MARCH 1**

- 8:15am Individual Confession (Chapel)
- 8:45am Daily Mass (Chapel)
- 9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Quilting Group (Pro Shop)
- 12:30 pm Connect Camp for Adults with Dementia (Clubhouse)
- 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
- 6:30 pm English Baptism Instr (Rm 15)
- 7:00 pm Saturday Mass Spanish Choir Practice (Rm 1-2)
- 7:00 pm Sunday Mass Spanish Choir Practice (Church)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2**

- 8:15am Individual Confession (Chapel)
- 8:45am Daily Mass (Chapel)
- 5:30 pm Soup & Sandwich (Hispanic Group)
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English)
- 7:30 pm Prayer Around the Cross (Clubhouse)
- 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
- 7:30 pm 1st Friday Adoration (Chapel)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3**

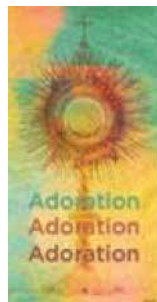
- 4:00 pm Individual Confessions (Church)
- 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Rosary (Church)



**STEWARDSHIP NEWS UPDATE**

**1ST Sunday of Lent Time**

Feb. 17-18 .....	\$17,716.00
Ash Wednesday .....	\$3,263.00
Spanish Dinners to date .....	\$223,249.14



Need Some Quiet Prayer Time? Each moment you spend in Christ's Eucharistic Presence will increase His Divine Presence within you. Come and adore our Lord Jesus in the **Most Holy Eucharist 1st Friday Adoration at the Chapel 211 South Main St. 7:30pm.** Many blessings and graces are received through spending intimate time with Christ in Adoration and Benediction.

**SOUP & SANDWICH DURING LENT**

**Friday, 5:30 pm – Holy Spirit Center**

- March 2 Catholic Daughters
- March 9 Hispanic Group
- March 16 Hispanic Council
- March 23 Youth Group



**60+ LUNCHEON.** Join us after 11am Mass **Wednesday February 28** in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite main dish, vegetable, salad or dessert for good food and fellowship.



We are meeting at **6pm Feb 28 in the clubhouse.** The high school Life Night will be all about St. Patrick. The middle school Edge Night will be a combined parent and teen night and we'll be introducing a new semester about the liturgy.

**Hike for Life:** Thanks to all who promoted the Culture of Life by hiking, donating, and praying. We raised almost \$15,000 and had an estimated 300 hikers, including 15 local churches. Funds will go to the Grace House. **"Never tire of defending life. Christ is with you. Be not afraid." - St John Paul II**

**St. Stephen Annual Irish Pallottine Fund Drive**



*Your Generous Donation Will Support Formation of Students to the Priesthood*

There are eleven parishes in East Africa, staffed by Pallottine priests who have secured their education entirely through the donations. With your support, the Pallottine houses of formation will continue to provide a philosophical studies center for the formation of young men in the Archdiocese of Arusha. They operate alongside the house of Theology in the Archdiocese of Nairobi. These are places where young men discern God's call and allow the seeds of their own vocation to grow and develop. The program equips the students with a healthy, critical, and moral view of religious life. It will enable them to respond with dedication and commitment as future priests, and to empower them to respond to the needs of the society and communities in which they will be working in the future.

**A Panel Presentation on Medjugorje**

Learn what the church is saying

- ❖ Testimonies
- ❖ Messengers
- ❖ Why it is called the confessional of the world

*Holy Redeemer Catholic Church  
Thursday, March 1st, 2018 6:30PM – 8:30PM  
(followed by pot luck social)*



**All are welcome!** If you are a visitor, we hope that you will found our parish to be vibrant and spirit filled! Please consider becoming part of our parish family. If you would like to know more, go online at <http://saintstephenc.org/new-to-st-stephen>. Fill out our contact form and we will contact you and discuss what the St. Stephen church community has to offer you and your family. The Hispanic Committee will be providing breakfast in the parish hall between the Sunday Masses this weekend. Please join us and get to know our faith community even better!



Let the Holy Spirit acknowledge and increase our love for our spouses while we participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend on Apr. 13-15, 2018. Dates fill fast. To apply, visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org/apply>. For more information e-mail [apply@dfwme.org](mailto:apply@dfwme.org) or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [emmdfw@gmail.com](mailto:emmdfw@gmail.com) o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org/>