



1802 Bethel Rd.

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
Missa Pro Populo

Mass for The People of Our Parish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (ENGLISH)

211 South Main Street (Chapel)

MONDAY, MARCH 5

(No Mass on Monday)

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Mass 8:45am
All the Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Mass 8:45am
All the Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Mass 8:45am
All the Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Mass 8:45am
All the Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Mass (English) 5:30pm
Alan Caldwell, RIP
Heather Holland, RIP

Mass (Spanish) 7:00pm
Private Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Mass (English) 8:00am
Lee Perkins, RIP
Maura Reilly & Family

Mass (English) 10:45am
Andy & Paula Allen, 34th Anniversary

Mass (Spanish) 12:30pm
Juana Prado, RIP

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.

Support our bulletin sponsors

PASTAFINA

Italian Ristorante

“A Chance to Turn It All Around”

BEST LENT EVER

Transcript from Day 9 Lent Reflection by Matthew Kelly.

Too often we spend our days and weeks wishing our lives away; waiting for some future experience that we have fantasized will erase all of our problems and make us happy. In the meantime, we are missing out on life, moment by moment. I think, very often, when we do come to sort of watershed moments in our lives, we come to God, and we say, “Alright God, I’ll do whatever you ask me to do...” sometimes our expectation is God then is going to turn around and just show us the whole plan so that we can go off and do the whole plan. But God reveals the plan one step at a time. And as we fulfill the plan, that step—as we are faithful in that one step—then he reveals the next step. And it takes great patience, I think, to cooperate with God, to collaborate with God, in that way.

One of the things that prevents us from cooperating with God, from collaborating with God, in that patient, one-step-at-a-time way, is . We worry about things. We worry about, “Well what if this happens?” Or, “What if that happens?” Or, “What if this other thing happens?” And God is constantly calling us back from that and saying, “Focus on the moment. Focus on the moment. Be completely present in the moment. Be completely aware of what’s happening to you, in you, around you in this moment.”

That present-moment awareness... Wow, that’s a beautiful thing. That present-moment awareness is an incredible gift. A very, very powerful spiritual gift. You want to ask God to give you something? Ask God to give you present-moment awareness. Ask him to give you the awareness to be aware of what is happening when it’s actually happening.

Most of us have awareness in hindsight. We can look back at something that happened last week and be aware of what was happening, but to be aware of something while it’s actually happening... When my little girl comes running up to me and crash-tackles me with a hug and wraps her arms around me—that’s a beautiful moment. And if my head is off thinking about something else somewhere else in that moment, that’s a tragedy.

And so let’s pray today, asking God to give us present-moment awareness, asking God to make us aware of things while they’re actually happening.



STEWARDSHIP NEWS UPDATE



2nd Sunday of Lent Time
Feb. 24-25\$17,550.00
Spanish Dinners
to date\$223,811.14
Children’s Collection... \$38.00



St. Stephen Annual Irish Pallottine Fund Drive

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.

MASS JOURNAL

What Have You Been Writing In Your Mass Journal?

Some entries from parishioners...

**Help me become more like an angel towards the people around me. Showing compassion rather than judgement.*

**Like Peter I try to control too much of what goes on around me. Teach me to let go and trust that God knows better than I do.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/ Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 42:3]/ Lk 4:24-30
- Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/ Mt 18:21-35
- Wedn: Dt 4:1, 5-9/ Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/ Mt 5:17-19
- Thurs: Jer 7:23-28/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/ Lk 11:14-23
- Fri: Hos 14:2-10/ Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/ Mk 12:28-34
- Sat: Hos 6:1-6/ Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/ Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21.
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY MARCH 4

- 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 Religious Education 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 MARCH 5

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

TUESDAY MARCH 6

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 7

- 8:15 am Individual Confession (Chapel)
- 8:45 am Daily Mass (Chapel)
- 9:30 am Parish Pantry
- 10:15 am Yoga Classes (Clubhouse)
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)
- 6:15 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet/Adoration/Youth Mass (Church)
- 7:00 pm Youth Group Dinner (Parish Hall)
- 6:30 pm RCIA (Rm 1-2)
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:00 pm ESL Classes (Holy Spirit Center)

THURSDAY MARCH 8

- 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)
- 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
- 7:00 pm Saturday Mass Spanish Choir Practice (Rm 1-2)
- 7:00 pm Sunday Mass Spanish Choir Practice (Church)

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

- 8:15am Individual Confession (Chapel)
- 8:45am Daily Mass (Chapel)
- 5:30 pm Soup & Sandwich (Hispanic Council)
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English)
- 7:30 pm Prayer Around the Cross (Rm 1-2)
- 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

- 2:00 pm Wedding (Bethel)
- 4:00 pm Individual Confessions (Church)
- 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Rosary (Church)

SOUP & SANDWICH DURING LENT

Friday, 5:30 pm – Holy Spirit Center

- March 9.....Hispanic Group
- March 16.....Hispanic Council
- March 23.....Youth Group



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Can you recite the Ten Commandments by heart? Several years ago a national US survey found more people could identify the ingredients in a Big Mac and name the children in the Brady Bunch television show than recite the Ten Commandments. Of course, being able to recite them is not nearly as important as living a life in harmony with them. However, if we simply live to not break them then we are only living out half of our discipleship. Every commandment calls us to action beyond the simplicity of its words. We are not to kill, but we are also called to support life. We are not to steal, but we are also to share what we have freely. We are to have no other Gods before our God, but we also need to actively praise and glorify Him. To live a moral life is to do more than follow rules and laws. It is to actively live in a way that gives witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This way of living is stewardship. As we focus more on the penitential message of Lent, we need to not just reflect on what we have done wrong, but equally what we have failed to do. To be given so much by a loving God and not share those things with God and His people is wrong as well. Perhaps as we reflect on these things we might find ourselves adding something to our lives that will last for many Lenten seasons to come.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Join us in the church at 6:15 for the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass or Adoration. We will then move to the parish hall for dinner and fellowship. Families are welcome to join us.

"I found my way back to a loving God! I know He forgives me and I know He still loves me."

- Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat



Come on a Rachel Weekend Retreat for healing after abortion and receive His healing mercy and love.

Rachel Ministries
817-923-4757
Next Retreat
September 28, 2018

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The Sacraments

Marriage – one-year notice required; Contact Fr. Mike. Aviso para el Matrimonio - se requiere un año Por favor contacte al Padre Mike.

Baptism Instruction – Please contact the Church Office to register. Check web-page calendar www.saintstephenc.org for class schedules. Las personas que quieran tomar platicas pre-bautismales, deben llenar y entregar la forma las platicas son los 2° lunes de cada mes a la 7:00 pm, al diacono.

RCIA – "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults". Call Elaine Hall 682-229-3628

Prayer Chain Coordinators - Ann Allen (817-594-8637) Martha Nowak (817-441-9223) Bonnie Kunath (817-599-3865).

Visitation of the Sick & Shut-Ins. Contact the church office 817-596-9585 to schedule.

Marriage Cases - Need help with a marriage case, please call the church office 817-596-9585.

Casos Matrimoniales - Si necesita ayuda en un caso matrimonial, favor de llamar a la oficina de la parroquia para mayor información.

Quinceañera -Six-month notice required - girl must be attending Religious Education

Classes and Mass . Contact Deacon Carlos Frias 817-757-8985.

Clubhouse Facility available for rent for small events such as: birthdays, showers, family dinners. Please contact Parish Office for information.

Census Information – Please contact the church office if you are new to our Parish, change address or phone number, or relocate.

Bulletin Notices - Submit one week in advance. Wednesday, 12 Noon deadlines. Call the church office or email dorothy@saintstephenc.org



All are welcome! If you are a visitor, we hope that you will found our parish to be vibrant and spirit filled!. If you would like to know more, go online at <http://saintstephenc.org/new-to-st-stephen>. The Altar Society will be providing breakfast in the parish hall between the Sunday Masses this weekend.