



1802 Bethel Rd.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17**

Mass (English) ..... 5:30pm  
 Paul Lusk, Sp. Int.  
 Debra Yaniko Rogers, RIP  
 Richard Pena, RIP  
 Mass (Spanish) ..... 7:00pm  
 Private Intentions

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18**

Mass (English) ..... 8:00am  
 Tom DeLozier Family, Sp. Int.  
 Vi Verstraete, RIP  
 Mass (English) ..... 10:45am  
 Missa Pro Populo  
 Mass for the People  
 Mass (Spanish) ..... 12:30pm  
 Private Int.

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (ENGLISH)**

**211 South Main Street (Chapel)**

**MONDAY, MARCH 19**

(No daily Mass)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20**

Mass ..... 8:45am  
 Elise & Norbert Riehm, RIP  
 Alan Caldwell, RIP

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21**

Mass ..... 8:45am  
 Pallottine Fathers in East Africa

**THURSDAY, MARCH 22**

Mass ..... 8:45am  
 Banegas-Pena Family Members, RIP

**FRIDAY, MARCH 23**

Mass ..... 8:45am  
 Tom DeLozier Family, Sp. Int.  
 Maura Reilly & Family

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24**

Mass (English) ..... 5:30pm  
 For Thanksgiving, Lorena Pruemmer, RIP  
 Mass (Spanish) ..... 7:00pm  
 Private Intentions

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25**

Mass (English) ..... 8:00am  
 Margie Hitner, RIP  
 Mass (English) ..... 10:45am  
 Anne Neville & Family  
 Mass (Spanish) ..... 12:30pm  
 Missa Pro Populo



**STEWARDSHIP**

*A Disciple's Way of Life*

4th Sunday of Lent March 10-11... \$13,874.00  
 Children's Collection..... \$60.00  
 Spanish Dinners to date..... \$223,928.89

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**BIG PANTRY**

**Chrim Mass**

Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm  
 St. Patrick Cathedral, Ft. Worth

**Stations of the Cross**

3:00pm  
 Chapel (English)  
 Golf Course (Bilingual)

**Holy Saturday**

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:30pm  
 Easter Vigil Service

**\*\*incense will be used during this Mass**

**Good Friday**

March 30<sup>th</sup>



Holy Week

**Holy Thursday**

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**\*\*incense will be used during this Mass**

**Passion of Our Lord**

4:00pm (Spanish)  
 7:00pm (English)

**Easter Sunday**

April 1<sup>st</sup>  
 8:00am & 10:45am (English)  
 12:30pm (Spanish)

**\*Church Office closed March 29-30**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2018**

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15  
 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny:  
 Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/  
 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/  
 Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
**Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,  
 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/  
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/  
 Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53,  
 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/  
 Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6,  
 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd,  
 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56  
**Next Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/  
 Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



Friday, 5:30 pm  
 Holy Spirit Center  
 March 23: .... Youth Group



Ladies Altar  
 Society Spring  
 Bake Sale

March 24-25th  
 After all the Masses



**Source and Summit** is a weekend retreat focused on Christ in the Eucharist. The retreat takes place April 6-8 at Nolan High School and is open to teens in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Cost is \$130 per person and includes hotel and 4 meals. **Registration deadline March 18.** Please contact Angela Plumley for more information. [angela@saintstephenc.org](mailto:angela@saintstephenc.org)

**Youth Group** will meet Wednesday, March 21 in the Clubhouse. Doors open at 6 pm. **No meeting during Holy Week on Wednesday, March 28.**



**BLOOD DRIVE**

March 18 from 9am - 1pm.  
 Please contact Cathy Smalley to sign up.  
 817-228-9115 or [cathysmalley4@gmail.com](mailto:cathysmalley4@gmail.com)



**Just a reminder from the Knights of Columbus,** to place your loose change in the Pallottine Mission cans. Our Lenten promise to assist the Pallottine Fathers is at the halfway point; your support is greatly appreciated. We will collect them the weekend of April 7-8.



Join us for the final Friday  
 Stations of the Cross  
 on March 23  
 7:00pm English - 7:30pm Spanish

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY MARCH 18

- 7:30 am Sunday Morning Rosary (Church)
- 9:00 am Blood Drive (Bus in front of Clubhouse)
- 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)
- 4:30 pm Quinceañera Practice (Clubhouse)

### MONDAY MARCH 19

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

### TUESDAY MARCH 20

- 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)

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 21

- 8:15am Individual Confession (Chapel)
- 8:45am Daily Mass (Chapel)
- 10:15 am Yoga Classes (Clubhouse)
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)
- 6:00 pm Youth Group (Clubhouse)
- 6:30 pm RCIA (Parish Hall)
- 6:30 pm Catholic Daughters (Rm 1-2)
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice (Church)
- 7:00 pm Hispanic Pastoral Council (HSC)
- 7:00 pm ESL Classes (HSC)
- No ESL classes on Holy week.
- No clases de inglés en semana santa

### THURSDAY MARCH 22

- 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 23

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

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



**LIVE THE LITURGY. INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK.** We all fear losing that which is familiar. We fear dying. When our securities and familiarities are threatened, the anxiety of uncertainty can lead us into fear and despair. We have difficulty believing that new life comes from death. This is the basis of what it means to hope. There are no dead ends or final endings with God. Through his passion and death, Jesus opens up the possibility for new life and new beginnings for all believers. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." As our journey of Lent hastens to an end, the mystery of Christ's passion and death come before us to teach us valuable lessons both for this life and the next.



### WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

*Question:* Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

*Answer:* The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish and we tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed. All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year-round keeps us in spiritual shape!

**All are welcome!** If you are a visitor, we hope that you will find 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>.



St. Stephen church community has to offer you and your family. **The Hispanic Group 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!**

### ACROSS THE DIOCESE

**DIOCESAN MINISTRY WITH GAY/LESBIAN CATHOLICS.** The Fort Worth Diocesan Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics, other sexual minorities, their families and friends will hold their monthly meeting of prayer and conversation on Thursday, March 22 at 7pm in Classroom #1 at Most Blessed Sacrament Church, 2100 N Davis Drive, Arlington, TX 76012. Additional information contact Fr Bob Sieg at 817-292-3274, Ron and Rita Clegg at 817-795-9747 or parishioner Jim Hickey at 817-220-7521.

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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](http://www.saintstephenc.org) for class schedules. Las personas que quieren tomar platicas pre-bautismales, deben llenar y entregar la forma las pláticas son los 2º 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 regularly. 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