### Week At A Glance

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<td>• 6:00 pm, Potluck Soup Supper</td>
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<td>• 7:00 pm, Lenten Presentation in Hall</td>
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### Ministers Schedule:

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<td>COUNTERS: Mar 2</td>
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### Upcoming Mass Intentions

- **Sat Feb 29, 5:00 pm** - St Stephen/CTK Priests
- **Sun Mar 1, 9:30 am** - Saint Stephen Parishioners
- **Mon Mar 2, 7:30 am** - Katherine DuBeau †
- **Sat Mar 7, 5:00 pm** - Saint Stephen Parishioners
- **Sun Mar 8, 9:30 am** - St Stephen/CTK Priests

**Parish Mission:**

*To Live and Love in Christ*

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**Schedule of Masses**

- **Monday - Friday** 7:30 am (Chapel, Room 1)
- **Saturday:** 5 pm
- **Sunday:** 9:30 am
- **Confessions:** Saturday - 4:30 pm

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**Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.**

*Matthew 4:1*
Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Welcome to the First Sunday of Lent! In the gospel this weekend, Jesus gives us the ultimate example of how committed prayer leads us away from sin and into divine life. Forty days of fasting may seem a little extreme, but our Lord is not a person of half-hearted measures. He sets the example for us to follow. The great Lenten tradition of “giving up” something presents an opportunity for us to join with Jesus in growing our relationship with God the Father. Setting aside a favorite thing allows us to focus on the ultimate best “thing,” our eternal relationship with God. And when our resolve to make a small sacrifice starts to wane, let’s remember to turn our minor, temporary penance into a time of prayer.

“Let us pray.” I’m guessing (and hoping) that you’re more attentive to this often repeated invitation during every Mass, than I sometimes am. Unfortunately, I sometimes hear the invitation, but fail to focus on the words that the celebrant prays on our behalf. The mind wanders a bit, I guess. But right now, as you’re reading these words, I’m inviting you to, “Let us pray.”

The prayer intention I’m inviting each of us to embrace this weekend is for about 70 teenagers from our community who are away at their “pre-Confirmation” retreat. Since Friday evening, they have been at the Westminster Retreat Center in Occidental, CA, disengaging from schoolbooks, screens and cell phones, and engaging in that lifelong process of nurturing their relationship with Christ. Confirmation Coordinator Phil Tafoya, and his team, are helping our young adults learn how to incorporate Jesus into their everyday lives. The focus in making Him their guiding light beyond the retreat and beyond the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, so that Jesus’ abiding presence becomes their everyday and forever reality. Please join me in praying that their retreat experience will help grow our youngsters into “Soldiers for Christ,” who will evangelize their world in whatever educational, personal or professional endeavors they may pursue. Truly I invite everyone, “Let us pray!”

If you’re looking for an uplifting Mass experience, with prayerful contemporary music, you might want to check out our 6:00 PM Youth Mass on Sunday evenings. Our young people serve in all of the ministries at this Mass, from being lectors and ushers to being altar servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The Youth Mass has been a fixture in our community for 3 or 4 years now, with more upbeat music led by “Emeritus” Youth Minister, Rick Lejano. Nelson Gonzales, our current Youth Minister, and his “Friends of Jesus Band,” have built on Rick’s legacy and have incorporated more young voices and musical talents into the worship environment. Attendance at the 6:00 PM Eucharistic celebration has been growing over the years, and we are now joined by at least 250 parishioners every Sunday evening. Often the attendance exceeds 500 people, so you’re invited to attend our youthful celebration every Sunday evening. By the way, if you’re thinking, “Oh, that’s just for the young folks,” think again. Parishioners with every shade and amount of gray hair are always in attendance, and all are welcome.

Blessings and Peace to all during our first week of Lent!

Deacon John
There is no Coffee and Donuts this weekend, but it will be back next Sunday, plan on joining us then.

A few Little Black Book of daily Lenten meditations and the CRS Rice Bowls are still available in the back of the Church.

*IMPORTANT NOTE*
For this coming week while Fr. Timoney is still on vacation, daily Mass continues to be at 7:15 am instead of 7:30 am.

As you have probably noticed, we have plenty of space to fill in your special Mass Intentions. Contact the office to schedule 2020 Mass Intentions for your deceased or sick loved ones, or to celebrate special intentions like birthdays and anniversaries.

Join us for a bit of Spring Cleaning around our parish grounds on Saturday March 21 from 9:00 am to roughly 3 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church starting this weekend. A simple lunch will be provided.

New parishioner?
We welcome you to St. Stephen and look forward to getting to know you. Be sure to fill out a registration form found on the tables in the back of the church. You can drop it in a collection basket or bring it to the office in Room 2.

Prayer Works
Do you have a need that requires Divine intervention? Let us add our prayers to yours. Send confidential prayer requests to:
prayerline@ctkph.org.

14th Annual Knights of Columbus #5811 St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Saturday, March 14th 2020
5:30pm in the CTK Gym,
Dinner served at 7pm
Irish Dancers at 6:30 and Live Irish Music all night
Online Ticket Sales at: www.KofCPH.org
Adult Tickets $35 each
Child Tickets $15 each "no charge for infants"

Feeling the pain of loss? You are not alone. CTK provides a caring and supportive peer led Grief Ministry Group that meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the 1st Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center. This is a drop-in program and all are welcome. Please call Donna @ 510 381-3615 for more information.

Women’s Retreat - The Return of the Prodigal: Reflections on Creativity, Beauty and Prayer. Presenter: Toinette Eugene, Ph.D. All women are invited to join for our annual retreat to be held: Saturday, March 14 from 9 am - 4 pm. St. Stephen Parish Hall. $25 suggested donation. See information in vestibule of church. Registration required.

Men’s Retreat
Save the Date! Men’s Retreat will be held at San Damiano on April 3-5, 2020. More information to follow soon.

10th Annual Knights of Columbus #5811 St. Patrick’s Day Celebration
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We will be having the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at Noon.

Christ the King Church has Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30 pm.

All are welcome!

Stop by the office in Room 2 to see the new prayer screens and let us know how you like them.