### Week At A Glance

**Sun, Oct 6**
- NO COFFEE & DONUTS after Mass

**Mon, Oct 7**
- 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Office Open
- 7 pm, Lector Practice

**Tues, Oct 8**
- 10 am-2 pm, Office Open

**Wed, Oct 9**
- 9:30 am, Scripture Study, Rm 5
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open

** Thurs, Oct 10**
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open
- 7 pm, Choir Rehearsal

**Sat, Oct 12**
- 10 am, David Loyd Funeral
- 6 pm, Bunco Night Social

### Upcoming Mass Intentions

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### Ministers Schedule: October 12-13

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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

### Mission Statement

To Live and to Love in Christ

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St. Stephen Church Email:
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195A Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
925-682-2486
Dear Friends,

One of my favorite seasons is autumn. A few years ago, together with Fr. Brian Timoney, I went on a tour to see the dynamic colors of a trillion trees along the highways, country roads and coastlines in the East. I have never seen anything like this in my life, and I reveled in the beauty of all the colors—red, purple, orange and yellow.

According to Christine Valters Painter, “Autumn is a season of transition, reminding us that our lives are constantly in flux.” As colors change, leaves fall and dryness gives way to the moisture of the rainy season, autumn brings us to the deeper awareness that we live in a continual cycle of dying and rising. Autumn is a time for letting go and releasing things that have been a burden.

Buddhist teacher Sharon Saltzberg, writes in Lovingkindness about one of the offshoots of letting go: "Generosity has such power because it is characterized by the inner quality of letting go or relinquishing. Being able to let go, to give up, to renounce, to give generously — these capacities spring from the same source within us. When we practice generosity, we open to all of these liberating qualities simultaneously. They carry us to a profound knowing of freedom, and they also are the loving expression of that same state of freedom." Fall, then, is the perfect season to give generously of your time and talents to others.

I would like to recommend some spiritual practices that we can integrate in our lives during this season. Consider making time for a contemplative walk to experience the beauty and magnificence of this season, as colors change and leaves fall. Look around, stop and breathe in God’s beauty. Open your eyes to the unseen. See what colors are shouting at you or what direction the wind is blowing. As you walk over the fallen leaves, or as you see leaves flying in the wind, think about the leaves—the burdens that you need to let go, for a new birth or renewal.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Rosary is a beautiful prayer that integrates the mysteries of our salvation. More than reciting numerous ‘Hail Marys’, the prayer invites us to contemplate the treasures of our faith. On your contemplative walk in this season, Rosary can be prayed even more beautifully. Archbishop Fulton J Sheen said: “The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful, and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual…”

U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, former head of the Vatican’s doctrinal congregation and retired archbishop of San Francisco and Portland, Oregon, died Sept. 26 in Rome. He was 83. May His Soul Rest In Peace!

Fr. Paulson
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**Women’s Day of Recollection**

**Bible Study Retreat**  
**Saturday, October 19**  
9 am - 1 pm  
**St. Stephen Parish Hall**  
**Speaker:** Toinette Eugene, Ph.D.  
**Topic:** Women of the Hebrew Scriptures Tell Their Stories  
Women in scripture, too long invisible, have rich stories to share! Explore how God’s actions in their lives have relevance for us today!  
Pick up a flier in church! Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Tickets are available through the parish office. Suggested donation: $20. Scholarships are available.

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**40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil...**

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**New parishioner?** We welcome those of you that are new to our parish. 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.

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**St. Stephen Facilities Committee** – Any questions, comments or requests regarding St. Stephen’s facilities (Church, Hall, or Grounds) should either be sent to St. Stephen email (saintstephenwc@gmail.com – Subject line: Facilities Committee), or put in a sealed envelope marked “Facilities Committee” and dropped off at the Parish Office (wall pocket next to the door).

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**Join Scripture Study on Wednesday, October 9, for a study of Ezekiel. Our last two studies, Revelation and Isaiah, often make reference to Ezekiel, so that book makes the natural progression to explore. Wednesdays in Room 5, 9:30 am - 11:00 am. All are welcome! Questions? Call Jeannette Holmes, 925-286-1507.**

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**There will be no Coffee & Donuts this Sunday, October 6, because no volunteer has come forward to take over the first Sunday donuts.**
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