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WHO
IS MY

JULY 10, 2022

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LUKE 10:29

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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Daily Mass Monday-Saturday

9am (Livestreamed)

Thursday

5:40pm Rosary, 6pm Mass
(Livestreamed)

Every First Friday

5pm to 6pm Exposition
6pm Mass

Livestream Links

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday

4pm Vigil
(Livestreamed)

Sunday

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm
(10:30am-Livestreamed)

St. Stephen Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am

Daily Rosary, Monday-Friday

5:40pm on Facebook

Private Confessions

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
In the church

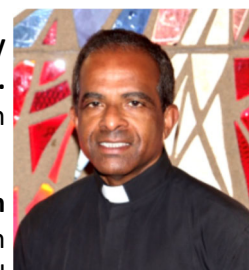
Drive-Thru Communion

11:30am to 12 noon
In front of the church

“To hear the gospel and make a difference.”

Dear Friends,

At the start of each month, the Worldwide Prayer Network in collaboration with the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life posts a short video of the pope offering his specific prayer intention. For the month of July, the pope dedicated his prayer intention to the elderly. The video link can be found here: thepopevideo.org



The Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly each July on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. The celebration



is July 24 this year. In his video message, the pope noted the high number of older men and women in the world compared to young people and said that today, there are "many plans for assistance for the old age, but few plans for existence."

Elderly men and women often have "a special sensitivity for care, for reflection and affection" that is sorely needed in today's war-torn world. The Pope who is struggling with age-related issues himself said, "We are, or we can become, teachers of tenderness. And indeed, we can!" He added, "In this world accustomed to war, we need a true revolution of tenderness."

The video shows images of an elderly man and woman baking a cake together, which they then share with their grandchildren. Pope said: "Let us remember: grandparents and the elderly are the bread that nourishes our lives, the hidden wisdom of a people. That is why we must celebrate them, and I have established a day dedicated to them."

Our communities of St. Stephen and CTK are blessed with elderly folks who are true champions of faith and tenderness. Imagine, what our churches will look like if we had no elderly folks. In addition, we are blessed with the ministry of retired priests and nuns, who inspire us with their wisdom and pastoral care. They continue their ministry well into their later years, and only slow down once illness forces them to. I have always believed that with age comes wisdom and our retired priests still have a lot to teach us. I am so grateful for our priests – Fr. Brian Timoney, Fr. Gerry Moran, Fr. Tom Burns and Fr. Mike Dibble. We are also blessed with other retired priests, Fr. Vince Cotter, Fr. Wayne Campbell to name a few.

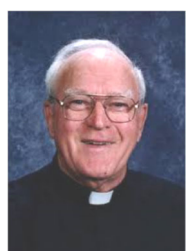
Our society is getting older and older, and yet it tends to exclude and isolate elderly people, putting their identity and social role in crisis, especially regarding their relations with younger generations. I see young couples making great sacrifices for the upbringing of their children. Will their children take care of them when they are old? Many of you, who are young adults, would have come across such a question in your life. But have we ever realized that our parents would have made similar sacrifices during our childhood?

Philo of Alexandria, a contemporary of our Lord, said, "When old storks become unable to fly, they remain in their nests and are fed by their children, who go to endless exertions to provide their food because of their piety." We live in a time when sacred duties are often turned over to the state. Some Christians expect public charity to do what private piety ought to do. Taking care of an aged parent is simply repaying the love they gave us in our time of need with love in their time of need.

The Pope is inviting us this month through prayer and reflection to embrace our older generation with love and care. Let us join the Pope in praying for the elderly this month. Let our elderly men and women inspire us with their wisdom, their tenderness and loving care.

Fr. Paulson

Let us continue to pray for our priests and nuns who have given so much. We are truly blessed!



CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

July 11	Mon.	9am	Francisco Santos †
July 12	Tues.	9am	Marciana Zabala † Norma King †
July 13	Wed.	9am	Jeff Brogan † Joseph Bosche † Anna Khoa, Michelle Linh
July 14	Thurs.	9am 6pm	Marlene Moeller † Audrey Danielle Parker †
July 15	Fri.	9am	Basil Rajakunaran †
July 16	Sat.	9am	Sr. Timothy Anne †
July 16 & July 17	Week- end	Masses	Mary Jane Costanza † Larry Copp † Giuse Long Nguyen † Deborah Heyer Mirch † Loretta Heyer Sagero † Castelli & Rozario Families



CTK Hymns for Mass - July 9 & 10

*Hymns can be found in the Music Issue
book in your pew*

Opening - All Are Welcome, All Belong (#314)

Psalm - "Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live."

Offertory - The King of Love My Shepherd Is (#466)

Communion - Miracle of Grace (#356)

Closing - With One Voice (#383)

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Registration is now open for
Faith Formation Students for the
School Year 2022-2023

Registration is open for:

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Jr. High Grades 7-8

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Please visit our website at ctkph.org and click the
'Register Now' button to register on-line.

Faith Formation Needs Teachers!

Christ the King's Faith Formation needs teachers/catechists
for all grade levels.

Our program runs from the middle of September to May.

If interested in helping please contact Deacon John:

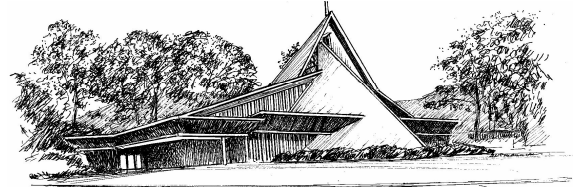
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ST. STEPHEN CORNER "To Live and to Love in Christ"

St. Stephen Church - Mass Times

Monday - Friday - 8am

Saturday - 5pm and Sunday - 9:30am



SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

July 9	Sat.	5:00pm	Sean Timoney †
July 10	Sun.	9:30am	Fr. Richard Hart †
July 16	Sat.	5:00pm	Walton Family
July 17	Sun.	9:30am	Madeline Gomes †

St. Stephen News

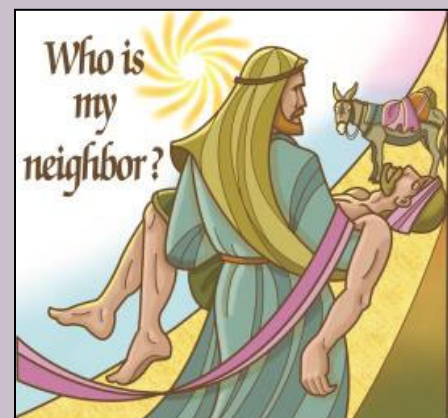
Plan on joining us for our St. Stephen Healing
Mass on Saturday, July 30, at 10:30 am.

In the meantime, please keep the following
parishioners in your prayers:

Barbara Costa, Carlota Dunhower, Deanna and
John Jury, Carl Nagel, Noreen Perscheid, Cathy
Pluta, Mary Lou Saunders, Rudy Stahl, Charlene
Tigri, Phil Wojtalewicz.

If you have a name you would like added to our
list, please contact our St. Stephen parish office.

**Office hours - Monday & Wednesday,
11am-2pm.**



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Excuses, Excuses

As the saying goes, ignorance of the law is no excuse. That is what Moses is telling the people in the first reading. The laws of God are not difficult to understand. Anyone with a conscience should be able to live with them.

By the time of Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees had added many more laws. The scholar who questioned Jesus about eternal life knew what was important: loving God with all your being and loving your neighbor as yourself. If he had stopped there, he would have been all right. But by asking "Who is my neighbor?" he implied that there are limits to love.

Even today, we find people making excuses for not doing what God asks of us. We judge people who need help, saying they choose to be poor or homeless. We sign our kids up for so many sports that we don't even go to church on Sundays. Before you start beating yourself up with guilt, remember that God expects us to take care of our families, to spend time with our children, and even to take time to rest and relax. If we are willing to look at our lives and bring them to God, asking for guidance, we are making the first steps to keep God's law of love.

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Need Prayer?

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Back-2-School Backpack Drive 2022

Containers will be in the
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weekend of
July 16-17

Backpack Donations will be
gratefully accepted:

Backpack Supply List (Kindergarten - 5th grade)

- 1-New Sturdy Backpack (no solid RED or BLUE)
- 2-Spiral Notebooks (wide rule)
- 1-Package of Dry Erase Markers
- 1-Large Eraser
- 1-12" Ruler
- 1-Pencil Sharpener
- 1-Box of Crayons (24 count)
- 1-Box of Colored Pencils
- 2-Pocket Folders
- 1-Box Colored Markers-Wide Tip
- 2-Large Size Glue Sticks

(Please put all Supplies in a Ziploc Bag)

Backpack Supply List (Middle/High School)

- 1-New Sturdy Backpack (no solid RED or BLUE)
- 1-New Binder: 1 & 1/2"
- 1-Package of College Rule paper
- 1-Package of Index Dividers
- 2-Spiral Notebooks (college rule)
- 1-Package of #2 Mechanical Pencils
- 2-Pocket Folders
- 2-Highlighters
- 1-12" Ruler
- 1- Pack of Pens (Blue or Black)
- 1- Box of Colored Pencils
- 1-Box of Fine Tip Colored Markers (No permanent or Sharpies)
- 1-Pack of 3 x 3 Post-It Notes

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