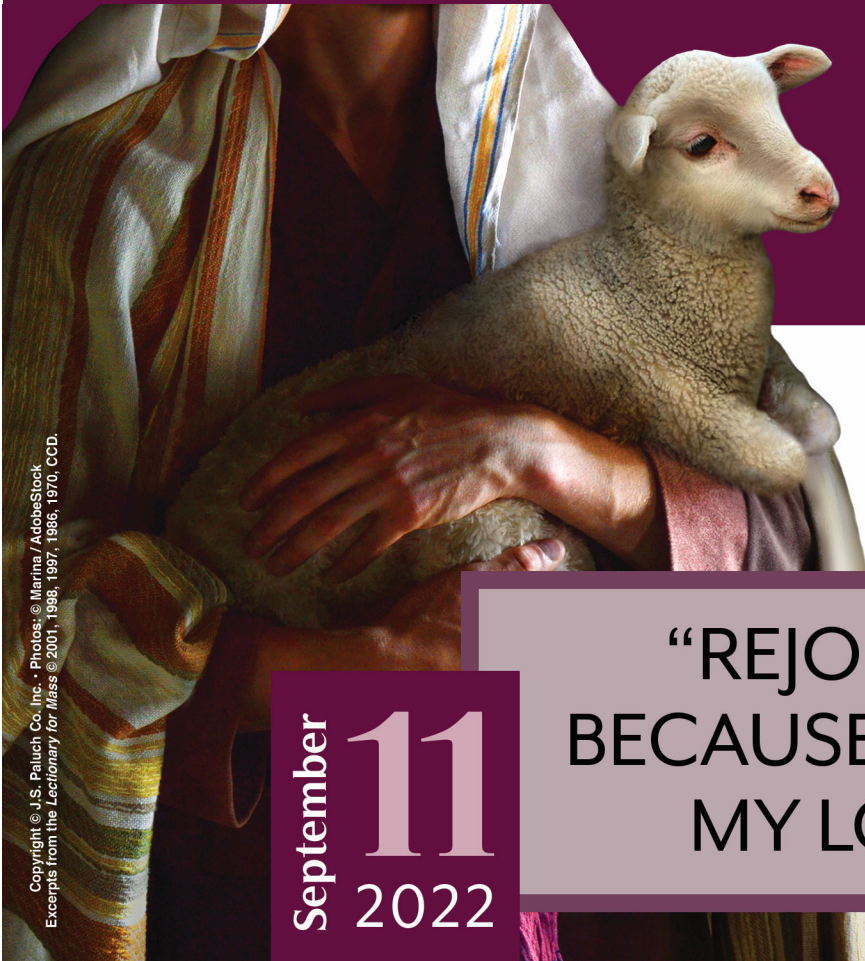


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St. Stephen Mass Times

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Sunday: 9:30am

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11:30am to 12 noon
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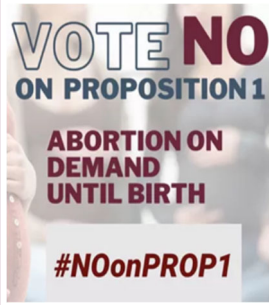
“TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

Dear Friends,

Every human life, including unborn human life, is unique and unrepeatable, a person with inherent dignity and an eternal destiny. The intentional taking of any innocent human life is a grave moral evil, and people of faith and goodwill have an obligation to protect human life and oppose all attacks against human life and dignity.



In California this year, voters are faced with a choice to keep the abortion law in our state as it is, or to vote in favor of a new constitutional amendment that would permanently expand and vastly increase abortions in our state, without doing anything to give vulnerable women a real choice.



The governor and legislative leaders have vowed to make California an “abortion sanctuary.”

The California Legislature put Proposition 1 on the November ballot — an extreme proposal to amend the State constitution that, if approved by voters, would over-ride current law and will permanently allow taxpayer-funded late-term abortions without limit.

Our bishops are asking us to Pray for the Defeat of Proposition 1 and to End Abortion. The bishops of California are inviting all Catholics to engage in prayer and fasting to end abortion and for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to form the minds and hearts of California citizens to defeat Prop 1.

The sad reality is that California already has some of the most accommodating abortion laws and services in the nation. And by providing extensive funding for abortion services without any corresponding equitable funding for pregnant women and mothers, the state exercises a destructive, coercive power in favor of ending innocent lives. Enshrining this amendment’s language into the constitution will extend the danger of coercive abortion to babies with unquestioned viability.

The California Catholic Conference will be actively engaged in opposing the upcoming ballot initiative and asking the state’s 12 million Catholics to work to raise awareness and vigorous opposition in our dioceses, parishes, and communities. (The above statements are taken from California Bishops).

I am aware that some of us may find this writing objectionable and state that church should stay out of politics. The issue of life from conception to natural death is one that we Catholics have no grounds to compromise. Catholics believe each person is unique because God made them. The creation of humans was unlike the rest of creation because they were made in the Image of God. The Latin term for in the Image of God is Imago Dei. The Catholic Church teaches that all human life is sacred (sanctity of life) and that everyone has a right to life which should be protected and valued at every stage. The Catholic Church is against abortion in all circumstances. The Catholic Church teaches that life begins at conception. Abortion is therefore seen as murder, a great moral evil.

As a church we need to do more to support pregnant women and families. “I recognize there are people on both sides of the question in the Catholic Church,” said Baltimore Archbishop William Lori, who chairs the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities. “What we are finding though is that when people become more aware of what the church is doing to assist women in difficult pregnancies ... hearts and minds begin to change.”

We must urge legislators to protect the unborn, and we must provide compassionate support to women that will help them choose life.

Fr. Paulson

Please pray for Fr. Paulson and his family as he grieves the sudden loss of his beloved sister Elsy.

Fr. Paulson has traveled to India to be with his family during this time.



CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 12	Mon.	9am	Estanislao Banaag†
Sept. 13	Tues.	9am	Jacqueline Roque (<i>Birthday Blessings</i>)
Sept. 14	Wed.	9am	Angela Sherwood† Virginia Villanueva†
Sept. 15	Thurs.	9am 6pm	Le Family - In Thanksgiving Joel Agustin
Sept. 16	Fri.	9am	Emlyn Lejano Ugot & Jeff Ugot- <i>Birthday & Anniversary Blessings</i>
Sept. 17	Sat.	9am	Vickie Menzhuber†
Sept. 17 & Sept. 18	Week- end	All- Masses	John Robert Keating † Carlos Lopez† Felicidad Magtibay† Alfonzo Quintans, Jr.† Ester Parungao† The Castelli & Rozario Families Liam Agustin, Grace Luares



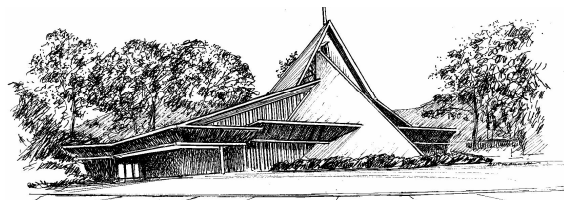
We pray for our nation as a whole this September 11th. Let us not lose sight of what is important in this life and help us love one another as You truly love us. Lord, we pray for our leaders today. We pray that You would give them wisdom and discernment as they tackle events and dilemmas as they unfold. We pray that You would inspire this nation to be a nation under God, one that seeks to glorify, honor, and praise You. Amen.

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

Sept. 10	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Stephen Parishioners
Sept. 11	Sun.	9:30am	Carl Nagel †
Sept. 12	Mon.	8:00am	Fr Richard Hart †
Sept. 13	Tues.	8:00am	Elsy Anthony †
Sept. 14	Wed.	8:00am	John Henry, (<i>Birthday Blessings</i>)
Sept. 15	Thur.	8:00am	Mary Beth Alban, (<i>Healing</i>)
Sept. 16	Fri.	8:00am	Rodger Powers, (<i>Healing</i>)
Sept. 17	Sat.	5:00pm	Barbara Vuletich, (<i>Healing</i>)
Sept. 18	Sun.	9:30am	Pasqualina & Nick Mammola †

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Next weekend, Sept 17-18 we will have a 2nd collection for the Mission Cooperative Plan. This year we will be visited by Fr. Alando Williams from the Diocese of Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Eastern Caribbean). For those using envelopes, there is no envelope in your packet for this collection, but there will be envelopes available on the counters in the back of church. As this collection will be combined with our regular collection, be sure to note the appropriate 2nd collection on your checks or use an envelope.

Our parking lot is finally going to be repaved. The actual repaving will take place on Sept 19-20, but we will not have use of our parking lot through that Friday, Sept 23. Therefore our Church and office will be closed that week, reopening for the weekend Masses. For those attending our morning Mass, instead you are welcome to join Christ the King's morning Mass at 9:00 am (which is also live-streamed.)

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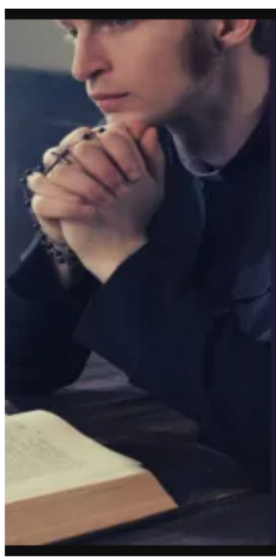
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All are invited to the Christ the King Parish Italian Catholic Federation dinner on Saturday evening, September 17 in the gym. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$15 for children under 10. There will be Italian music and fun for the whole family. Please plan to join us. **Tickets are being sold by ICF members after all masses at CTK this weekend.** (check or cash), or by contacting Diana at 925-519-4711 or dijoed@comcast.net. We hope you plan to join us for this very enjoyable evening!

The monthly meeting of the Italian Catholic Federation will be held next Sunday afternoon, September 11 at 1 pm in Rooms A and B of the church hall. All parishioners interested in joining us are welcome! For more info contact Diana Mackinson at 925-519-4711 or dijoed@comcast.net.



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Second Collection Today - Priest Retirement

This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our faithful and dedicated priests for their long and loving service to our Diocese. Please consider making a donation. We are blessed to have two priests at CTK in retirement, Fr. Brian Timoney and Fr. Gerry Moran. Thank you for your support!



New Musical Opportunity - CTK Family Choir

Do you enjoy singing? Would you love to share the joy of singing with your children, grandchildren, or other kids in your extended family? We are looking to launch a Family Choir at CTK later this fall, to sing at our 9:00am mass on selected weekends. The Family Choir is open to all children and their families (children must come with an adult), and will feature fun and learnable music that the whole family can enjoy. No formal musical training necessary - just a love of music and the ability to attend rehearsal one evening per week

If you'd like to learn more, please e-mail Jennifer Bennett at jenniferbennett1011@gmail.com.



Join Our Cantor Ministry!

We are seeking strong and spirit-filled vocal leaders to join our Cantor ministry. Cantor responsibilities include proclaiming the psalm, announcing and leading the congregation in hymns and acclamations, and occasionally leading hymns solo when a choir is not present. An ability to read music is strongly preferred, but plenty of training and rehearsal will be available in order to accommodate singers at various levels. Please contact Jennifer Bennett at jenniferbennett1011@gmail.com to learn more.

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