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SEE, I AM DOING SOMETHING NEW!
NOW IT SPRINGS FORTH, DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?
IN THE DESERT I MAKE A WAY,
IN THE WASTELAND, RIVERS. ISAIAH 43:19

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

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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

Can be found at ctkph.org

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

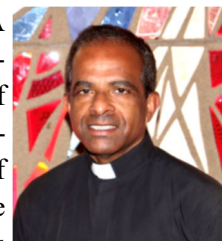
Drive-Thru Communion

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

“To hear the gospel and make a difference.”

Dear Friends,

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has created one of the biggest refugee crises of modern times. A month into the war, more than 3.7 million Ukrainians have fled to neighboring countries – the sixth-largest refugee outflow over the past 60-plus years, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of United Nations data. A number of countries have stepped up to welcome these poor folks. Pope Francis has been an outspoken champion for the refugees through his entire papacy. He has the heart of Christ, when he addresses the poor. After consecrating both Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, he sent his almoner to Ukraine with an ambulance, a gift from Pope Francis. This was his second ambulance sent to the war-torn country in 4 weeks.



There was another inspiring story I read recently. Irish Bishops are urging parishes on the island to offer a compassionate welcome to Ukrainian refugees, saying it was clear “the Gospel is calling on us to open our hearts and our homes.”



At the National Bishop's Council meeting last week all Irish bishops offered to take the lead on offering their homes to refugees. “The archbishop is encouraging priests where possible to offer a room in their home. The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the Right Reverend Martin Seeley said he hoped to provide a family with "safety, care and support". "When we saw the horrific scenes and continued to see the horrific scenes... and knowing that so many are seeking refuge and safety, the least we could do was to offer our home," said Bishop Seeley. I asked our priests here at CTK whether we can offer our extra room for a refugee family and the answer was unanimous.

The regularly scheduled collection on Ash Wednesday at CTK has been dedicated to Ukraine 100 percent. We have collected almost \$25,000 so far, and we intend to send the money next week. This is your last opportunity to donate to this collection to assist in the great humanitarian work, a crisis still evolving in that country.

The mayor of Kiev said that Ukraine will prevail because “we have God on our side.” In Exodus 19: 4, God said, “You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself.” Our prayers are working, God is listening to the cry of the Ukrainians. This courageous people are willing to fight and die for that long term peace. Let us continue to hold our fragile world in prayer.



Many of you have been inquiring about the status of our video and slide projectors in church. Many areas of the technology industry and supply have been severely affected by microchip and other parts and labor shortages and unfortunately the projectors we ordered are still on the backorder after several months of waiting. We do not know when we can expect these projectors, which is quite frustrating. According to economists, demand for semiconductors grew nearly 30% between August 2020 and August 2021, and some companies are seeing a backlog of orders growing well into 2023. At St. Stephens, we had

ordered one more set of lavalier microphones for the sanctuary, and an update to our choir mic-system, and that too is backordered. We are working on options as well. Thank you for your patience. May God bless us this Lent.

Fr. Paulson

Please Return Your CRS Rice Bowls!

Beginning next Sunday and through Holy Week, you can begin dropping off your CRS Rice Bowls in the baskets located in the back of the church. Or you can bring them by the parish office.

Please **do not** drop them off on Easter Sunday.

Thank you for your support to this important cause during Lent!

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

April 4	Mon.	9am	Joseph Dinh Luz Vallejo†
April 5	Tues.	9am	Mike O'Connell †
April 6	Wed.	9am	Anto & Ana Katana†
April 7	Thurs.	9am 6pm	Quyen Nguyen† Christian Anicoche
April 8	Fri.	9am	Rosa Pho'Ta'
April 9	Sat.	9am	Anto & Olga Peric†
April 9 & April 10	Week- end	Masses	Ivan Markotic† Ana Raos† Don Underwood† Tom Huynh† Edmund Costa Ven & Nena Navarro† Angelica & Roechelle Astudillo Joan & Ted Musik Dionisio Navarro (<i>Bday Blessings</i>)



CTK's Easter Egg hunt is back!
The Knights of Columbus are
holding their annual CTK
Easter Egg hunt on April 16th
On CTK's Lawn

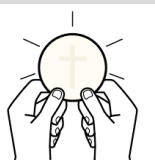
Join us for a morning of fun and excitement on the lawn. The Easter Bunny will be arriving at 10am and the Easter egg hunt will follow our usual schedule: 10am for 1-4 year olds, 10:30am for 5-7 year olds and 11am for 8-10 year olds. Bring your Easter baskets, get a picture with the Easter Bunny, participate in the Easter egg hunt and enjoy some light refreshments and games as we celebrate Easter weekend.



You are invited to attend
our Lenten
Reconciliation Service

Monday April 4 at 6pm
in the church

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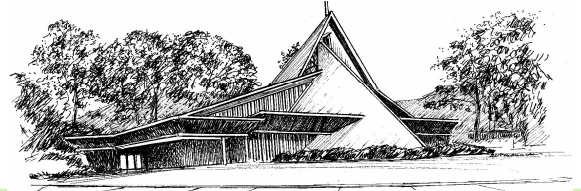
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass
 and speak to the sacristan to arrange this.
 Thank you!

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

April 2	Sat.	5:00pm	Blaise Russo †
April 3	Sun.	9:30am	Jim Vranesh †
April 4	Mon.	8:00am	Dick DuBeau †
April 8	Fri.	8:00am	Charlie Martinez †
April 9	Sat.	5:00pm	Saint Stephen Parishioners
April 10	Sun.	9:30am	Fr. Harry Morrison †

St. Stephen News

Lent sure seems to be flying past. Next weekend is Palm Sunday followed by Holy Week and Easter. Hopefully you have been praying and filling your CRS Rice Bowls. Your almsgiving will make a difference for families overseas trying to overcome hunger and malnutrition.

If you haven't, it is not too late to pick up a Rice Bowl to fill. If you don't want to spare your loose coins, you can always put in paper bills or checks to cover your donation. We will have baskets set up in the back of the church starting on Palm Sunday to collect your filled Rice Bowls.

Our Lenten and Easter Schedule is posted on our St. Stephen website. Our Lenten Friday Noon Stations of the Cross continue.

Office hours - Monday & Wednesday 11am - 2pm. Our office can be quite busy on those days. If you have time to spare and would like to volunteer to open the office on another day, contact Chris Lang.



**CTK'S ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
ANNUAL LADIES' TEA**
Saturday, April 30
St. Andrew's Church
Noon to 3pm

Members of the parish and their friends are invited to join us for a delicious tea luncheon lovingly prepared by our fabulous tea chef, Carole Padlo. Reservations are limited so send them in now to reserve your spot! Price for this fundraiser which supports our ICF charities is \$40 for adults and \$20 for children under 12. Contact Diana Mackinson for tickets and further information: 925-335-9712 or dijoed@comcast.net.

**We are thrilled to announce the
return of the
Christ the King Parish Festival,
Friday, June 3 & Saturday, June 4**



Our theme will be "CTK Roundup," and it is sure to be a knee-slappin', buckaroo-ropin', boot-scootin' hootenanny of a good time! The Festival Planning Committee has already held our first meeting, and we are all super excited to bring back this beloved parish tradition! It's not too late to get involved with Festival planning. We are always looking for creative new ideas and an extra set of hands. Festival Planning Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7pm via zoom so please email christthekingfestival@gmail.com if you are interested, and you will be provided the zoom link and more information. The next meeting is **Monday, April 4 at 7pm.**



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - April 14

7pm Mass
No 9am Morning Mass

Good Friday - April 15

12pm - Taize Prayer Around the Cross
1pm - Stations of the Cross
1:40pm - Preaching on the Passion
2pm & 6pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
No 9am Morning Mass

Easter Vigil - Saturday - April 16

7:30pm Mass
No 9am Morning Mass

Easter Sunday Masses - April 17

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon
(In the church)
10:30am - Children/Family Mass - Outdoors
(Please bring your own chairs for this outdoor Mass).
No 4pm Mass on Easter Sunday

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