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Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord

“Blessed is the
king who comes
in the name
of the Lord.”

Luke 19:38



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April 10, 2022

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

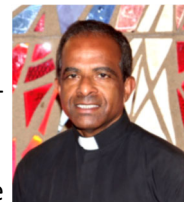
Private Confessions
Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm

Drive-Thru Communion
11:30am to 12 noon
In front of the church

“To hear the gospel and make a difference.”

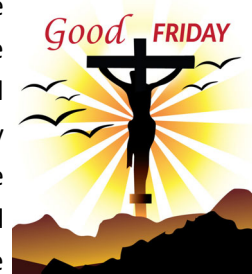
Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you the text of Pope Francis' explanation of each day of the Triduum, delivered on March 31, 2021. I found his reflections on Good Friday deeply moving.



Holy Thursday: On the evening of Holy Thursday, as we enter the Easter Triduum, we will relive the Mass known as *in Coena Domini*, that is, the Mass in which we commemorate the Last Supper, there, in that moment. This is the evening when Christ left his disciples the testament of his love in the Eucharist, not as a remembrance, but as a memorial, as his everlasting presence.

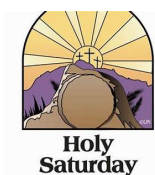
Good Friday is the day of penance, fasting and prayer. Through the texts of the Sacred Scripture and the liturgical prayers, we will gather as though we were on Calvary to commemorate the redemptive Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. In the intensity of the rite, through the Liturgical Action, the Crucifix will be presented to us to adore. Adoring the Cross, we will relive the journey of the innocent Lamb sacrificed for our salvation. We will carry in our minds and hearts the sufferings of the sick, the poor, the rejected of this world; we will remember the “sacrificed lambs,” the innocent victims of wars, dictatorships, everyday violence, abortions.... Before the image of the crucified God, we will bring, in prayer, the many, the too many who are crucified in our time, who only from Him can receive comfort and meaning in their suffering. And nowadays there are many: do not forget the crucified of our time, who are the image of Jesus Crucified, and Jesus is in them.



Ever since Jesus took upon himself the wounds of humanity and death itself, God's love has irrigated these deserts of ours, he has enlightened our darkness. Because the world is in darkness. Let us make a list of all the wars that are being fought in this moment; of all the children who die of hunger; of children who have no education; of entire populations destroyed by wars, by terrorism. Of the many, many people who, just to feel a bit better, need drugs, the drug industry that kills ... It is a disaster, it is a desert! There are small “islands” of the people of God, both Christian and of all other faiths, that hold in their heart the desire to be better.

But let us tell the truth: in this Calvary of death, it is Jesus who suffers in his disciples. During his ministry, the Son of God disseminated life by the handful, healing, forgiving, reviving... Now, in the hour of his supreme Sacrifice on the cross, he brings to fulfillment the task entrusted to him by the Father: he enters into the abyss of suffering, he enters into these disasters of this world, to redeem and transform. And also to free every one of us from the power of darkness, of pride, of resistance to being loved by God. And this, only God's love can do this. By his wounds we have been healed (see 1 Pt 2: 24), the apostle Peter says, by his death we have been reborn, all of us.

And thanks to him, abandoned on the cross, no one will ever again be alone in the darkness of death. Never, he is always beside us: we need only open our heart and let ourselves be looked upon by him.



Holy Saturday is the day of silence, lived by the first disciples in mourning and bewilderment, shocked by Jesus' ignominious death. While the Word is silent, while Life is in the tomb, those who had hoped in him were put to a difficult test, they feel like orphans, perhaps even orphaned by God.

This Saturday is also Mary's day: she too lived it in tears, but her heart was full of faith, full of hope, full of love. The Mother of Jesus had followed her Son along the path of sorrows and remained at the foot of the cross, with her soul pierced. But when it all seemed to be over, she kept watch, she kept vigil, in expectation, maintaining her hope in the promise of God who raises the dead. Thus, in the world's darkest hour, she became the Mother of believers, the Mother of the Church and sign of hope. Her witness and her intercession sustain us when the weight of the cross becomes too heavy for each one of us.

Thank you for reflecting on the mysteries of our faith with Pope Francis.

Fr. Paulson

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

April 11	Mon.	9am	Pero & Angela Baban †
April 12	Tues.	9am	Miro Colic † Lucija Bilic †
April 13	Wed.	9am	Jim Anthony † Eduardo Ang †



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



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

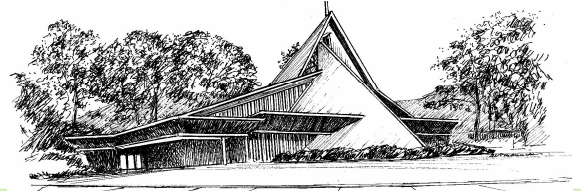
Join us for a morning of fun and excitement on the lawn. The Easter Bunny will be arriving at 10am and the Easter egg hunt will follow our usual schedule: 10am for 1-4 year olds, 10:30am for 5-7 year olds and 11am for 8-10 year olds. Bring your Easter baskets, get a picture with the Easter Bunny, participate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

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 9	Sat.	5:00pm	Saint Stephen Parishioners
April 10	Sun.	9:30am	Fr. Harry Morrison †
April 14	Thur.	7:00pm	Beatrice Kurpinsky †
April 16	Sat.	7:30pm	Helen Spahr †
April 17	Sun.	9:30am	Blaise Russo †
April 23	Sat.	5:00pm	Saint Stephen Parishioners
April 24	Sun.	9:30am	Blaise Russo †

St. Stephen News

Holy Week is now upon us. Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm will be our Holy Thursday Mass followed by a procession to the Altar of Repose in our parish hall. This temporary altar will be available for you to sit and pray for an hour after Mass.

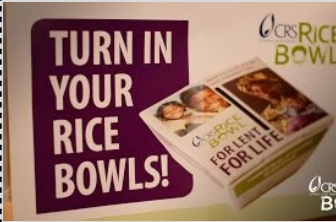
On Good Friday, plan on attending services at Christ the King. At St. Stephen, Fr. Paulson will be guiding us through our Outdoor Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm.

Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil service will be at 7:30 pm; and our Easter Sunday service will be at 9:30 am.

Your filled CRS Rice Bowls can now be returned to the church. There will be baskets in the back of the church to receive your Rice Bowls.

Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 11am - 2pm



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Saturday, April 30

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Noon to 3pm

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