

Christ the King and St. Stephen Parishes

Christ the King Church

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December 26, 2021



The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents
found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and
asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday
9am (Livestreamed)

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

Livestream Links
Can be found at ctkph.org

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday
4pm Vigil
(Also Livestreamed)

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

Masks are required in the church.

Daily Rosary, Mon-Fri.
5:40pm on Facebook

Private Confessions
Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm

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

St. Stephen Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00pm and Sunday at 9:30am
Monday - Friday 8am

“To hear the gospel and make a difference.”

**To all of our fellow parishioners at CTK,
this is your opportunity to get to know those of us at your sister parish, St. Stephen.**



St. Stephen Church was founded in 1966 under the guidance of our first pastor, Father Joseph F. Keaveny, and was comprised of segments from Christ the King, St. Mary and St. Perpetua parishes. It was designed by Aaron Green, student and eventual partner of Frank Lloyd Wright. Its architectural character draws many visitors who come to view its unique beauty. Now we have completed the circle as we have joined back together with CTK as sister parishes.

Those of us that have been here from the beginning have fond memories of “St. Thrifty”, named because while the church was being designed and built, we were in temporary space next to Thrifty Drug Store in the Palos Verdes Shopping Center. Our former space is currently occupied by Do Sit Thai Restaurant.

The church was finally finished in 1971. Our first Mass in the new church was on September 11, 1971. I remember coming to Midnight Mass for the first Christmas in the new church, 50 years ago this weekend.

Sunday is the Feast Day of St. Stephen. St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr. Because of his defense of Christianity, he was condemned to be stoned to death.



You will find this beautiful icon of St. Stephen prominently displayed in our church. It was written specifically for us by Father Damien Higgins, a priest-monk of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and internationally known iconographer. In the background, above the pile of stones you will see Mt. Diablo.

How appropriate that we are celebrating the Feast of St. Stephen on the same day that we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family. Because of our smaller size, we have always looked at our parishioners as one family. We might be small, but we have a strong community. From the earliest days of the Parish, there has been a high degree of lay person involvement in Parish life. The commitment to service that built the community of St. Stephen from its beginning 55 years ago is still evident today. Our unique beginnings, where our volunteers taught religious education to 300 children in 29 homes helped contribute to this strong lay involvement. For many years we were admired as a progressive parish, especially with our religious education program. Unfortunately, since we are surrounded by other parishes with schools, many young families have followed their children to participate in the parishes schooling their children.

We invite you to join us this Sunday, December 26, for our 9:30 am Mass as we celebrate 50 years of Feast Days of our patron in our church (55 years as a parish). After Mass, we will meet in our parish center to socialize, sing Christmas Carols and enjoy light refreshments.

May everyone continue to have a blessed Christmas season,
Chris Lang, St. Stephen Volunteer

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

December 27
Vic Steil †
Luigi Delucchi †
Reynoldo Ordonez †

December 28
Francisco Villamora †

December 29
Jeremias & Salome Romana †
Winifred Spurs †
Nandy DelRosario †

December 30
Claro & Rosario Caraos †
Pablo Aquino †
Vilma Ordonez †
Efran & Heidi Salvosa
(*Wedding Anniversary*)
Erlinda Indick - *Birthday*

December 31
Helen Black †

December 26
(**Sunday**)
Alonzo Posadas †
Alfredo Quintans, Jr. †
Adelwisso & Vilma Badong
(*51st Wedding anniversary*)

January 1/2
(**Saturday and Sunday**)
Paula Feil †
Diana Rose Duque
(*Intention*)
Jose Y. Garcia †



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary that celebrates Mary's motherhood of Jesus.

Join us for Mass at the following times:

New Year's Eve, Friday December 31

4pm Mass

Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

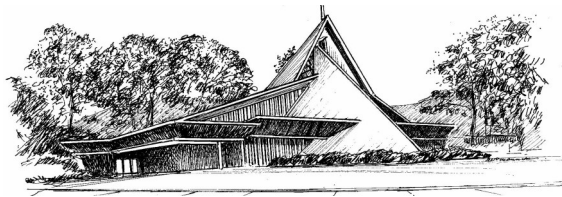
New Year's Day, Saturday January 1

9am Mass

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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

Dec. 25	Sat	9:30am	Names listed with Christmas Flower Donations †
Dec. 26	Sun	9:30am	St. Stephen Parishioners
Dec. 28	Tues	8:00am	Charles Brady †
Jan 1	Sat	5:00pm	Diana Rose Duque, Successful MCAT exam
Jan 2	Sun	9:30am	Diana Rose Duque, Successful MCAT exam

St. Stephen News

Join us after the 9:30am Mass this weekend (Dec. 26) as we celebrate St. Stephen Day with Christmas Caroling and a light brunch. More information can be found on our website:

saintstephenparish.org/ststephenday-2021/

Proof of vaccination or negative Covid test required. What a better way to start the New Year then by attending Mass. Join us at 9:30am on New Year's Day as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary.

Office hours:

Monday and Wednesday, 11am - 2pm



STAYING CONNECTED



Do you receive our weekly newsletter by email?

If not, go to our website at

ctkph.org and click on sign up for email updates.



"Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan."

—Amoris Laetitia, 325

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family today - the first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

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There has been so much grief over this past year and we want to make sure that everyone knows there is a place to come together as one community for care and support. Our meetings are still done via Zoom, so you can participate in the comfort of your own home. Please contact Donna at 510-381-3615.

**Grief Ministry Support Group now meets
On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm.**

There are many ways to donate to Christ the King or St. Stephen. Scan this QR code on your phone to connect with our donation site.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



CATHOLIC WOMENPREACH

Catholic Women Preach presents Emily Garvey as CWO preacher for Sunday, December 26, 2021, the Feast of the Holy Family. Ms. Garvey is a graduate of St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. She also obtained a Master's Degree in Systematic Theology from Notre Dame University.

<https://www.catholicwomenpreach.org/preaching/12262021>

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