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*Then they opened their
treasures and offered him*

**GIFTS OF
GOLD,
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AND MYRRH.**

Matthew 2:11

January 8, 2023 • The Epiphany of the Lord

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Daily Mass Monday-Saturday

9am (Also Livestreamed)

Thursday

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

Every First Friday

5pm to 6pm Exposition
6pm Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday

4pm Vigil
(Also Livestreamed)

Sunday

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

St. Stephen Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am

Private Confessions

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
In the church

Drive-Thru Communion

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

Livestream Links

Can be found at ctkph.org

“TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

Dear Friends,

The Holy See Press Office announced that the Pope Emeritus died at 9:34 AM on Saturday morning in his residence at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery, which the 95-year-old Pope Emeritus had chosen as his residence after resigning from the Petrine ministry in 2013. During a briefing at the Holy See Press office, the director, Matteo Bruni, told journalists that Pope Francis will preside over the funeral of the Pope Emeritus on January 5 at 9.30 CET in St. Peter's Square.



Archbishop Gänswein, the personal secretary of Benedict XVI, has confirmed the last words of the Pope Emeritus: "Benedict XVI said in a whisper, but in an easily distinguishable way, and in Italian: 'Lord, I love you!'"

The diocese offered the following service on Thursday, January 5 in union with the funeral Mass for the Pope Emeritus in Rome. Mass was celebrated at the Oakland Cathedral at 12.10 pm, followed by the Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the afternoon. Benediction was at 5.45 pm. **The diocese is offering the following service:** Sunday, January 8, Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Mass will be offered in memory of Pope Benedict XVI, celebrated by Bishop Barber at 11 am. The Mass intention will be for the repose of the soul of the late Pope.

This year's Social Justice collection (January 14-15) will be donated to two amazing charities. Don Bosco Technical School Shillong and Homes of Hope. I have worked at Don Bosco Technical School for 12 years as a teacher and administrator. In 2023 *Don Bosco Technical School* is celebrating the centenary year of its foundation. The Institute was started with the aim of providing skills training to young people for their livelihood. This mission continues even today taking up vocational training with more trades than before, adapting to the demands of the job market. At the centenary of the Institute, they would like to reach out to the 100 poor youth (boys and girls) especially dropouts from high school in the rural and urban areas who do not have opportunity to get skills training.

Homes of Hope India was founded in 2007 with the express purpose of building orphanages, schools, training centers, and hostels for marginalized girls and young women, who are the poorest of the poor in India. Homes of Hope works in conjunction with eight congregations of Catholic nuns who otherwise would not have the funds to build critically needed structures. There are 29 Homes of Hope throughout India, which have provided a safe, loving home to thousands of girls. There are homes for AIDS orphans, war orphans, the handicapped, and sex-trafficked girls. Christ the King was one of the first parishes to support the work of Homes of Hope. Jack and Beverly Prosek have been their champions for years.



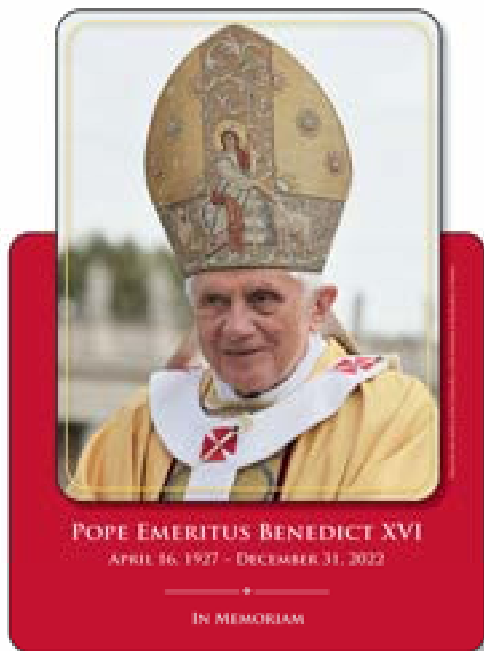
This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, the visit of the Magi with gifts for the Lord. In the words of St. John Chrysostom, "For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man." St. Edith Stein wrote about the three gifts the Infant Jesus asks of us for this Epiphany: "He wanted the **pure gold of a heart detached from all earthly goods; the myrrh of renunciation of all the happiness of this world** in exchange for participa-

tion in the life and suffering of Jesus; the **frankincense of a will that surrenders itself** and strains upward to lose itself in the divine will. In return for these gifts, the divine Child gave us himself." Let us continue celebrating the Christmas Season through the Baptism of Jesus on January 9.

Fr. Paulson

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 9	Mon.	9am	Regelia Lapuz † Christopher Wijakoon (Birthday Blessings)
Jan. 10	Tues.	9am	Frank Paura †
Jan. 11	Wed.	9am	Evelyn Davis †
Jan. 12	Thurs.	9am	Gloria Tengco †
Jan. 13	Fri.	9am	Charles Sherwood †
Jan. 14	Sat.	9am	Sr. Estrellita Lantin, SFIC (Birthday Blessings)
Jan. 14 & Jan. 15	Week- end	All Masses	Lucky Dias † Jack Cardoza † Gloria Mazzetti † Sr. Rosaria Jacinto † Gerry Sturm † Thomas & Carmela Xuereb † Auturo & Evangeline Malibiran † Trap Joseph Nguyen † Dinh Teresa Truong †



At this time, let us invoke the intercession of Mary, Most Holy, for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Let us all join together, with one heart and one soul, in thanking God for the gift of this faithful servant of the Gospel and of the Church.

~Pope Francis

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

Jan. 7	Sat.	5:00pm	Saint Stephen Parishioners
Jan. 8	Sun.	9:30am	Fr. Evan Howard †
Jan. 9	Mon.	8:00am	Jeannette Pauplis, Healing
Jan. 10	Tue.	8:00am	Michael Banducci, Healing
Jan. 14	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Stephen Parishioners
Jan. 15	Sun.	9:30am	Carl Nagel †

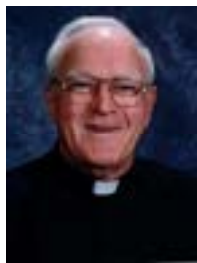
ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (Jan. 8) as we take down our Christmas decorations. Many hands are needed, especially a few able-bodied people to take down our Christmas tree and Nativity scene.

Also this weekend after both Masses, tickets are available for Fr. Timoney's 92nd birthday wine tasting event on Thursday, January 12. All are welcome to attend the Mass, no signup is needed if you are just coming for his Mass at 5:30 pm.

Did you lose your reading glasses at our 5:30 pm Mass last Saturday? If so, they are waiting for you in our usher's closet.

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



Save the Date!

**You are invited to Fr. Timoney's
92nd Birthday Celebration!**

Thursday, January 12th

St. Stephen Church and Parish Hall

5:30pm Mass

Followed by Wine Tasting

Call CTK's office to buy tickets!

\$35/Person

Dear Friends,

I got back from Ireland on the 29th to find a stack of Christmas cards on my desk along with many, many gifts. Big thank you to all the senders. Please accept this as my thanks, because I simply cannot write to everyone individually, I feel overwhelmed by the task and my handwriting has become illegible, even to me. I would just ask the good Lord to bless you abundantly in this New Year.

Sincerely,
Brian Timoney

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**CTK will kick off Catholic School Week with 9am Mass
on January 29th followed by an open house.**

All are Welcome!



**Do you feel called to share
God's word through song?**

We are seeking strong and spirit-filled vocal leaders to join our Cantor ministry. Cantor responsibilities include proclaiming the Responsorial psalm and other responses and acclamations as needed, announcing hymns at various parts of the Mass, and occasionally leading hymns solo when the choir is not present.

If you'd like to learn more about cantoring and/or request an audition, please contact Jennifer Bennett at jenniferbennett1011@gmail.com. We'd love to add your voice to our vibrant parish music ministry!



2023 Calendars are Here!

Please pick up your calendar today in the back of the church.

Or come by the parish office
Mon. - Fri. 9am to 5pm.



Save the Date!

We are BACK!
Come join us for the 2023 CTK
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March 11, 2023



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Social Justice Collection - January 15th

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More information about these charities can be found in today's bulletin letter.



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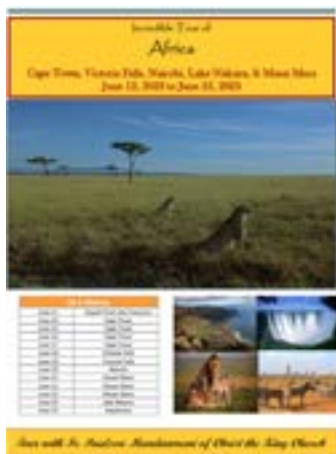
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Parishioners are cordially invited to join again this year:

The walk begins at the Civic Center Plaza at 12:30pm and after the Rally, will proceed down Market Street to Justin Herman Plaza.

For more information please visit www.WalkforLifeWC.com
This is America's second largest pro-life event.



Tour with Fr. Paulson to Africa

Join Fr. Paulson on an incredible tour of Africa (Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Nairobi, Lake Nakuru and Masai Mara National Park). There is an additional package of Madagascar for those who want to continue for another 7 days. The trip will take place in June, 2023. For more information please contact the Parish Office at 925-682-2486.



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SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Epiphany is a day when popular customs mostly overshadow scriptural accuracy. Matthew's Gospel never refers to kings coming to see Christ, nor to their number (only the gifts are enumerated), nor to their names. Matthew tells us only that some "magi" came with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Magos referred to members of the Persian priestly class; later it had the connotation of magicians and astrologers. Matthew's magi report that they have seen a star rising; its light was visible to them far beyond the boundaries of Israel, an early and significant symbol for Jesus, the Light of the World. At the end of Matthew's Gospel (chapter 28), the followers of Jesus worship him, an act foretold in the actions of the Magi today. The eleven are told to make disciples of "all nations," nations symbolized by the Magi. Today we hear our own mission: to worship Jesus Christ, and to spread his Good News everywhere, every day.

STAR OF WONDER

In our day-to-day lives, we can experience epiphanies: new perceptions, unexpected insights, sudden changes in direction. In the liturgical year, Epiphany celebrates the appearance of a star in the heavens, a remarkable star followed by the Magi to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are not so different, our daily epiphanies and the Epiphany celebrated today. The arrival of the Magi certainly changed Mary and Joseph's perceptions of the world, the same way a helpless, tiny baby likely altered the Magi's insights as to what a star in the heavens would reveal. The story of the Magi—and the story of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—is filled with unexpected changes in direction, as God's plan continues to vary when it encounters people who cooperate with it, and others who attempt to thwart it. A deep and long reflection on this day we call Epiphany will uncover numerous epiphanies.

STAR OF LOVE

Like all of the Christmas season, Epiphany celebrates God's eternal and infinite love. In a special way, this day shows how God's love is truly all-inclusive. The magi were not Jews, not part of the Chosen People who expected that the Messiah was coming to save only them. Early on in his Gospel, Matthew tells us that God's love will not be limited by our human presumptions or boundaries. We still struggle with the fact that God is constantly epiphan-izing us to grow beyond the limits of our experience or expectations, to move beyond the boundaries of the world around us. Let us pray that we might be given epiphanies to help us find grace where we didn't believe it existed, to aid us in understanding that God's love is most often shown by who is included, not who is excluded. May we open our eyes and hearts to know that the Christ-light shines everywhere.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1–6
Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13
Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6
Matthew 2:1–12

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