

Dear Friends,

Last week Tuesday, we officially blessed and opened the St. Stephen New Rectory. I would like to thank Very Rev. Richard O'Rourke, MSC dean of Killeen/Temple deanery for officiating in the liturgical service of blessing. I thank all those who have given their time, talents and resources in making the project a reality. May God reward your sacrifices and generosity.

I would like to welcome Agueda Robert and Virgie Estrada, who are joining St. Stephen Administrative team as Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper respectively. Please feel free to contact these staff members, should you need any information in the office. I would like to thank all those who helped us in the office before now; may God reward your generosity and time.

November is around the corner and it is a very special Month. On November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> the church celebrates All Saints and All Souls Day respectively. It is a solemn moment in which the whole church comes together in prayer and is united in a unique way. We who are alive and on our journey of faith (The Church Militant), celebrate the victory of the saints who are now with God in heaven (the Church Triumphant), and prays for our deceased member who due to the effects of sin already forgiven are now experiencing purification in purgatory before their entrance into heaven (the Church Suffering). These three dimensions of the church also points to the unity of the church. We are all one in Jesus Christ. The scripture reminds us that whether alive or dead, we belong to Christ; for the souls of the just are with God.

During this month of November, praying for a departed loved one is a way of letting go of the person, leaving the person in the hands of God who will unite us all on the last day. I encourage those who can, to visit the grave of their loved ones to pray. If that is not possible, just raise your mind to God in prayer for your deceased loved one. Death is not the end. As Christians, we believe in the resurrection from the dead. That is why we pray for the dead and the greatest prayer of the church is the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. That is why the church encourages offering masses for the repose of the souls of the dead. I will be visiting the Salado Cemetery nearby, at 9:00am after the morning mass, to have a prayer service for All Souls Day. You are welcome to join in the prayer service.

For our departed loved ones, we pray: Eternal rest grant unto them O'Lord, and let your perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace! Amen.

Have a blessed weekend

Fr. Jude Uche, MSP.

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we hear the story of Zacchaeus, a man so interested in seeing Jesus, he gave up his dignity and climbed a tree. The people of his town saw Zacchaeus as a traitor and a cheat, but Jesus saw a man desperate for love and mercy. Zacchaeus saw in Jesus, someone who did not judge him and saw only his best and truest self. How do we see others? Do we see as God sees? Do we see the full dignity of every person as beloved of God and treat them with that dignity? What can we do this week to see people differently?

### 31er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy escuchamos la historia de Zaqueo, un hombre tan interesado en ver a Jesús que renuncia a su dignidad y se sube a un árbol. La gente de su pueblo ve a Zaqueo como un traidor y un tramposo, pero Jesús ve en él a un hombre desesperado por amor y misericordia. Zaqueo vio en Jesús a alguien que no lo juzgaba y veía sólo lo mejor y verdadero de su ser. ¿Vemos como Dios ve? ¿Vemos la dignidad completa de cada persona como amada de Dios y tratamos a todos con tal dignidad? ¿Qué podemos hacer esta semana para ver a la gente de manera diferente?

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 30**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 31**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1**

All Saints Day  
8 am Fellowship of Catholic Men  
12 pm English Mass  
6 pm Bilingual Mass  
Office close

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2**

All Souls Day  
9 am Women's Bible Study  
5:30-8 pm Faith Formation Classes  
6:45 pm Spanish Women's Group  
7:00 pm Adoration Church

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3**

6 pm RCIA—*St. Stephen Rm*

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4**

7 pm Grupo de Oración  
High School Fifth Quater

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5**

**Office Closed**

The Office will be Closed on Tuesday November 1st. in Honor of All Saints Day.



**All Saints Day**  
Tuesday Nov. 1st

12 pm English Mass  
6 pm Bilingual Mass

**All Souls Day**  
Wednesday, Nov. 2nd

8:30 am Mass  
7 pm Adoration

**BAPTISM CLASSES**

Baptism classes are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 pm. The next class will be on **Thursday, November 3**. Parents must be registered. **Please call the office to register for the class—254-947-8037.**

**CLASES DE BAUTISMO**

Clases de Bautismo, son el primer Jueves de cada mes a las 7 pm. La siguiente clase es **el 3 de Noviembre**. La familia necesita estar registrada. **Hablen a la oficina para registrarse para asistir a la clase 254-947-8037**

**Monetary Stewardship**

Collection Last Week:

**Regular: \$ 2952.00**  
**Online: \$ 743.36**  
**Total \$ 3695.36**

*Second Collection—October 22-23*  
**World Mission Sunday**  
*\$796.00*

*... remembering the words of the Lord who said, It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).*

***Building for Our Lord Campaign***  
***Construyendo Para Nuestro Señor***

Total Pledge To Date:  
**\$1,421,876.00**

Amount Collected To Date:  
**\$781,084.05**

Pledges to be Redeemed:  
**\$644,174.95**

Paid Diocese Month of September  
**\$15,000.00**

Loan Balance to Date:  
**\$618,000.00**

Original Loan Total  
**\$800,000.00**

**CONFIRMATION MEETING**

Sunday, November 6  
1-3 PM

There will be a Confirmation Meeting for ALL parents and students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation this year on Sunday, November 6 from 1-3 PM in the Parish Hall.

*Confirmation will be on Sunday, February 12, 2017 9:00 AM Mass*

**Respect L.I.F.E** response to the election: support, fortify and educate women in crisis pregnancies. Attend our MONTHLY meeting every first Wednesday of the month.

Next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 2** at 5:30 pm in the youth room.

**Mass Intentions**

Sat.	Oct 29	5:30 pm	Ken Mueller +
Sun.	Oct 30	9:00 am	New St. Stephen Staff
		11:00 am	Cristian Ortiz (16th Birthday)
Mon.	Oct 31		No Mass
Tues.	Nov 1	6:00 pm	St Stephen Parishioners
Wed.	Nov 2	8:30 am	All Souls
Thurs	Nov 3	8:30 am	Brent Romero+
Fri	Nov 4	12:00 pm	Leonard Lazarte +
Sat	Nov 5	5:30 pm	Jerry Soto Jr +
Sun	Nov 6	9:00 am	Orlando Lopez +
		11:00 am	Nacario and Manuela Chavez +

**Ministry Schedule for November 5-6 2016**

Mass	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers / Greeters	Ministers of Eucharist
5:30 PM	T Schatte R Schatte	M Markham E Markham	C Kowlwesi S Ervin M C Ervin	Deacon Ernie P Watson N Handorf
9:00 AM	T Grace J Fulfer	I Dworaczyk L Hossfield K Konarik K Konarik	L Nix G Reihsen J Wilson	G Pritchett A Mazoch E Mazoch M Riley K Cross
11:00 AM	R Urquiza A Robert	A Arias A Ortiz S Villafranco D Villafranco M Sanchez D Villasana	A Perez B Martinez Diana A	E Olalde L Perez S Villarreal C Tovar M de la Hoya

**SALADO COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN/FALL FESTIVAL**

**Monday, Oct. 31, 5-7pm Wildfire Arena**

FREE candy, food, games, inflatables. Bring the whole family. Come in costume. Canned food donations for the area food bank will be accepted at the entrance, but by no means a requirement for entry.

**ST STEPHEN 5TH QUARTER**

St Stephens will be hosting 5th quarter Friday November 4th. We are accepting snack food donations, please leave in the Marian room or office. All High Schooler's are invited to attend!



Meet our new St. Stephen Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper

**Agueda Robert**  
**Virgie Estrada**

