

# St. Stephen Parish

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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. or 30 min. before each Sunday Mass

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 21, 2024**



**St Stephen Parish  
Community's  
Annual Fundraising  
Event**

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**SATURDAY,**  
**February 3, 2024**  
**6:00 pm — 9:00 pm**

**Donworth Hall**  
473 Eucalyptus Drive  
San Francisco, CA 94134

**RESERVATION FORM**  
inside



*Encounter Jesus Christ. Love Jesus Christ. Live Jesus Christ.*

## Third SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20*

Given these last several months, we don't need a prophet to tell us that this world won't last forever. As Saint Paul reminds us, the world in its present form is passing away. Jesus may return any moment at the end of time, but if it's not during our lifetime, each of us will one day die. If we have repented, continuously seeking God's forgiveness for our sins, believed in the Gospel, and done our best to follow Jesus, then, God willing, we will see the kingdom of God, where we will enjoy eternal life.

If heaven is the goal, how should we behave? Today's readings offer a few practical suggestions.

The Ninevites teach us that we should acknowledge our own sinfulness, repent, and seek forgiveness. This is important not only because it is right and just, but also because it is an exercise in humility. The glossary of the *catechism* defines humility as "The virtue by which a Christian acknowledges that God is the author of all good. Humility avoids inordinate ambition or pride, and provides the foundation for turning to God in prayer (2559)." Therefore, humility can help us grow in holiness.

Saint Paul tells us, essentially, to act in the opposite way as one would expect. We can take this to mean we should keep our focus not on the things and events of this world, but rather on heaven. We need to live each day knowing that we are preparing our souls to, hopefully, live in heaven with Jesus and all the saints and angels.

Finally, we see in the Gospel that Jesus tells us simply to repent and believe in the Gospel. He invites the first disciples, Simon and Andrew, to follow him. They do, and likewise with James and John. We learn from this Gospel that faith includes actively following Christ, even if that means leaving the good things of this world behind. Self-sacrifice is never easy, but following Christ is the most important thing we can possibly do in this life.

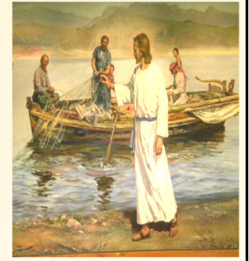
Therefore, let us ask the Eucharistic Lord we are about to receive to help us always remember to keep our eyes fixed on heaven, because this world in its present form is passing away.



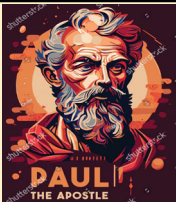
We have left a great deal behind us this past year, let us continue to put our best-foot-forward as we continue our journey and place our trust in the Lord, that we will continue to be safe and in good health because of our efforts.

### Liturgy and Life

- Do you picture God's ways as kindness and compassion or as strict adherence to law?
- How does your time on earth reflect a response to God's love?
- In responding to God's call, what are you afraid of leaving behind?



### Our Saint of the Week - The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle



St. Paul the Apostle was the greatest of the early Christian missionaries. He first appears in the Acts of the Apostles under the name of Saul. Saul was raised in the Jewish faith as a Pharisee trained in the strict observance of God's Law. He believed the Law should be obeyed by himself and all Jews. Saul was upset by the early Christian Church, believing that the early Christians had broken away from their Jewish traditions. He actively persecuted the Church in Jerusalem. As the first Christian martyr Stephen was being stoned to death, Saul watched the cloaks of the persecutors (*Acts 7:58*).

Paul then traveled to Damascus to further persecute early Christians. On the road to Damascus Saul had an encounter with the Risen Jesus Christ (*Acts of the Apostles 9:1-19, Galatians 1: 13-14*). Jesus asked, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Paul replied, "Who are you, sir?" Jesus responded, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (*Acts 9: 4-5*). Jesus then sent Saul into Damascus to wait for further instructions. Saul was shaken and blinded by the experience. When a Christian named Ananias came and baptized Saul, his blindness went away. As a result of this encounter Saul became a follower of Christ. He was now convinced that fellowship with the risen Jesus Christ, not the observance of the Law, was all that was needed to receive God's promise of salvation. (*Galatians 1:11-12; 3:1-5*)

Saul, whose name now became Paul, went to Jerusalem to consult with Peter (*Galatians 1: 18*). After his first missionary journeys, Paul was called by Jesus to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles. He spent the rest of his life journeying on his missions, establishing local churches, and writing to them when he heard of their accomplishments and failures. Paul's letters are the earliest records of the life and history of the early Church. As inspired by the Holy Spirit Paul's letters are part of the Canon of the New Testament. As a record of the happenings in the early Church they are an invaluable record of the expansion of the Christianity.

### 2023 AAA Update

We have been blessed with some very generous responses to the Appeal and we would like to thank parishioners who participated and shared their treasures to meet our goal of \$86, 973.00.

Unfortunately, we are short of our 2023 AAA Goal by \$4,526.00 which shall be taken out of our savings. However, your support is truly amazing! THANK YOU! Fr. Michael

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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, Jan 22

8:00 a.m.

† Trevor Schwehr  
*(By: Hickey Family)*

## Tuesday, Jan 23

8:00 a.m.

† Cornelius & Bridget O'Callaghan  
*(By: O'Callaghan Family)*

## Wednesday, Jan 24

8:00 a.m.

Susan Muchier, *Sp Int*  
*(By: Lynn)*

## Thursday, Jan 25

8:00 a.m.

Fr. Ben Rosado  
*(By: Fr Michael, Staff & Volunteers)*

## Friday, Jan 26

8:00 a.m.

Martin & Cecille Mullaney,  
*Sp Int (By: Mary Molly Mullaney)*

## Saturday, Jan 27

8:00 a.m.

† Pete Diaz  
*(By: Debby Diaz)*

4:30 p.m.

† St Stephen Parishioners  
*(By: Fr Michael)*

## Sunday, Jan 28

8:00 a.m.

Regina Lirazan, *Sp Int*  
*(By: Fely Boquiren)*

10:30 a.m.

† William Nanry Jr  
*(By: Jessica Montgomery)*

6:30 p.m.

† Apolinario Reyes  
*(By: Liberty Mungcal)*



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. — Mark 1:15



*May she rest in peace*

**Josie Fernandes**

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah's message (*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*).

**Psalm** — Teach me your ways, O Lord (*Psalm 25*).

**Second Reading** — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

**Gospel** — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (*Mark 1:14-20*).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Day of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
 Tuesday: St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope  
 Wednesday: St. Francis De Sales  
 Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle  
 Friday: Ss. Timothy And Titus  
 Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Blessed Virgin Mary



You're ALL Invited!

## HOLY HOUR of EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Exposition, Adoration and Benediction  
*(Weekdays, right after the 8am Mass)*

Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

## Stewardship: A Way of Life December 2023

\$ 19,071.77 Sunday Collections (12/3, 10, 17, 24, 31)  
 \$ 7,038.00 Online Sunday Collections (12/1-31)  
 \$ 11,971.00 Donworth Hall DEC Rental Income  
**\$ 38,080.77 Total Income for December 2023**

**LESS:**

**\$ 50,942.82 Parish Maintenance for December 2023**  
**\$ 12,862.12 OVER/ Under**

**We thank you all for your generosity in our 2023 Xmas Collection of \$ 21,020.67 will be used to cover the difference. Pls continue to generously support your Parish!**

### Thank You

Special THANKS to all who contributed to the Winter Shelter Dinner last Monday (Jan. 15). The St. Stephen's Team, led by Dan Holper, served about 75 homeless people who were grateful for the hot and hearty meals. We are proud of the service all the volunteers provided by cooking and donating food, providing supplies, and helping serve at St. Mary's Cathedral Winter Shelter, they were the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth.



**Join the FUN!**

**Monday, February 5, 2024**

**Doors Open 12:30pm**  
**50+ Seniors are ALL INVITED!**  
 Enjoy camaraderie, snacks, Bingo games, Bridge, etc  
 For any questions/ concerns, please call: Helga at 415-731-8211

## Sick Relatives & Friends

**P**lease pray for the sick and homebound of our community and for all those written in our book of the sick. May they know the healing touch of Jesus.

**Ricardo Taylor, Perry Young, Antoinette Mishirsky, Maggie Harbison, Danilo Dacasin, Greg Lorio, Adelle Caunan, Debbie Nunes, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Francis Yiu, Edna Amora, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya, Robert Liam, Marino Tulao, Eden Finn, Edileide Jose Barbosa, Kenneth Fambrini, Larry Barbieri, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.**

*Please call the office to add or remove names of people that we should pray for this month.*



### “Follow the Leader”

Has any of you ever played "Follow the Leader?" Of course you have! I played the game when I was a child -- my father played the game when he was a child -- his father played the game when he was a child. Follow the Leader is a game that is played and enjoyed by children all over the world. The rules are very simple. You choose a leader and you follow him wherever he goes -- and do whatever he does.

In our daily lives, too, we play follow the leader. In school, in Church, in sports, in any activity we join, there are always leaders. Every day we are faced with making a choice of which leader we will follow. But we must be sure to choose a leader who will lead us in the right direction.

Today’s Gospel tells us how Jesus selected his first disciples and instructed them to follow him as the leader. As Jesus was walking along the seashore he saw two fishermen, Peter and Andrew, and called out to them, *"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."*

The Gospel tells us that they laid down their nets and followed Jesus. Jesus went a little farther and he saw two more men, James and John sitting in their boat mending their nets. Jesus called out to them and the Bible tells us that they left their boat and their father and followed Jesus (Mt 5:19-20). Jesus is still calling people to follow him today. He has called you and me to follow him. Now it's up to us to decide if we will follow the Leader.

**The best prayer I ever heard: “Lord please make me the person my dog thinks I am.”**

### “Follow Me”

Billy Graham was in a certain town years ago, and he wanted to mail a letter, but he had no idea where the Post Office was. So he stopped a little boy walking the street and asked him if he could direct him to the nearest Post Office. Well, the little boy said, "Yes sir, go down to the red light, turn right, go two blocks to the second red light, turn left, go one block, turn back to the right and you will be right there." Dr. Graham thanked him and said, "Son, if you will come to the Convention Center this evening, you can hear me telling everybody how to get to Heaven." The boy said, "Well, I don't think I'll be there, Mister; you don't even know your way to the Post Office." Well I want to tell you that Jesus not only knows the way to Heaven, He is the Way to Heaven. He not only knows how to live, He is Life more abundant. The very first command He ever gave to any disciple was: "Follow Me." For that is where discipleship begins and ends, in following Jesus.



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### St. Stephen Catholic Book Club

February book: **“Wake Up With Purpose!: What I’ve Learned in My First Hundred Years”** by Sister Jean Schmidt

Known to millions as simply "Sister Jean," the Loyola Chicago matriarch and college basketball icon invites you into her remarkable memoir filled with history, wonder, and common-sense wisdom for this century and beyond. As Sister Jean wisely says, "I've seen so many changes in the last 102 years, but the important things remain the same." Part life story, part philosophy text, and part spiritual guide, Sister Jean's wit, wisdom, and common sense has broad appeal and application that transcends religious creed, belief. The driving force inside Wake Up with Purpose! is the narrative of Sister Jean's fascinating life--from teaching at a Catholic school during the Second World War to serving on a Chicago college campus in the sixties and beyond to cheering from the sidelines of a men's basketball tournament in March 2018.

**Book Club meets Sat., Feb. 10, 10:00 a.m. in the parish office. Contact Mary Molly for more info.**

### NOTICE to the PUBLIC

#### U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, Case No. 23-30564

Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims:  
**February 20, 2024**

#### YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the “Debtor”), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”)

**If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.**

**Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.**

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF>, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor’s claims agent via email at [RCASFInquiries@omniagnt.com](mailto:RCASFInquiries@omniagnt.com) or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

\*\*If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing\*\*

St. Stephen Parish Presents  
Culinary Culture 2024

# A Taste of the Philippines

Traditional Filipino Cuisine featuring  
Folk dance group - Parangal Dance Company



St. Stephen Donworth Hall  
473 Eucalyptus Drive SF 94134

Saturday, February 3 2024  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

\$80 Adult/\$30 Child under 14  
\$600 - Table for 8

For more information:  
[info@saintstephensf.org](mailto:info@saintstephensf.org)



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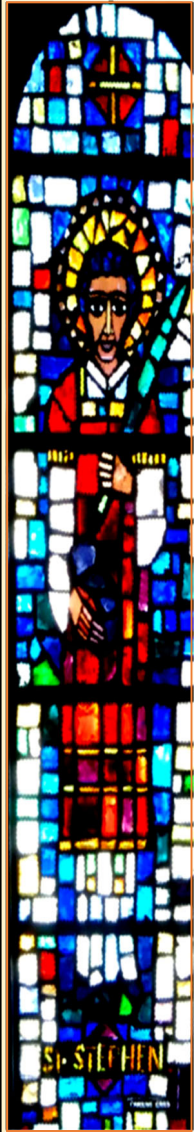
Serving surf and turf Filipino delights such as *Lechon* (Roast Pig), *Lumpia* (Pork & Vegetable), *Bangus Sisig* (boneless milkfish sautéed with Garlic), *Pancit* (Combination & vegetarian noodles), *Chop Suey* (stir-fried vegetables) and many more with unlimited steamed rice!

Raffle tickets on sale at the event. Prizes include 65" TV along with other gift baskets.

Purchase tickets online using the QR Code on this form OR visit the parish office to drop off a check along with this form.

For more information call (415) 681-2444 or [info@saintstephensf.org](mailto:info@saintstephensf.org)

RESERVATION FOR AMOUNT	QTY	Names on Reservation	
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CHILD - \$30.00			
TABLE for 8 - \$600.00			
<b>CHURCH DONATION:</b>			
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>		<b>Table Reservation Name:</b>	



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| • Communion Ministers        | Mary Molly Mullaney        |
| • Faith Formation            | Mary Molly Mullaney        |
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| • Grief Support              | Clergy                     |
| • Head Sacristan             | Ed Quan                    |
| • Lectors                    | Mary Molly Mullaney        |
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| • Marriage PreparationClergy |                            |
| • Men's Club                 | Marcus Lam                 |
| • Parish Council             | Vicky Francisco            |
| • RCIA                       | Mary Molly Mullaney        |
| • St. Stephen Book Club      | Mary Molly Mullaney        |
| • Ushers                     | Jim Scheg                  |
| • Women's Guild              | Jamie Allen<br>Naomi Kelly |

**Parish Office Phone 415.681.2444**

### *Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!*

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Weekly Sunday envelopes , circle one: Yes No, but commit to participate thru Online Giving.

*You will receive in the mail within a week, a Parish Registration Form to complete the registration process. Or just get the paper Parish Registration in the vestibule. Thank you!*

### **Be sure to REGISTER in the parish!**

As we approach year-end, if you're a regular donor but not a registered parishioner, take a moment to be sure your giving history will be complete for your tax letter.

Go to <https://saintstephensf.org/parish-registration-form> to REGISTER ONLINE OR use the paper Registration Forms provided at the church's vestibule or drop by the parish office to inquire and familiarize yourself with the Pastor's office and his parish staff.

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We are working to make your gift-giving easier. We're on the way to using VENMO and PAYPAL for your convenience. Stay tuned as we work on this process!