

Saint 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.

August
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2025



*Take care to guard
against all greed,
for though one
may be rich,
one's life does not
consist of possessions.*
Luke 12:15

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



**Monday
August 11,
2025**

**1:00pm - Doors
Open 12:30pm**
All Seniors are
Invited to join the
50+ Club
for snacks,
camaraderie,
Bingo or Bridge.
Donworth Hall

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions
may be offered
for our loved
ones, living or
deceased, for
Masses on
Sundays or
weekdays, as we
remember and
pray for them in
our Lord's
Sacrifice.

*For scheduling
and additional
information about
availability,
please stop by
the parish office
or call
415-681-2444 for
more information.*



August 3, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I mentioned last week, this weekend we welcome Father Emmanuel Adams of the Diocese of Ilorin to give the mission appeal for our parish. He was able to furnish us with a brief autobiography of his background which I am including below.

Rev. Emmanuel Adams. JCL, LLB, ESQ.

The Catholic Diocese of Ilorin is located in Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria, West Africa. This is a predominantly Muslim territory. The primary tool of evangelization is education. The mission preacher Father Emmanuel Adams was born into the Muslim and polygamous family of Mr. Adams Sanni, who had six wives and 15 children. Emmanuel grew up as a Muslim and later converted to Catholicism through mission education. He was ordained as a Roman Catholic Priest on August 15, 2011. He studied Philosophy at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He is a First-Class graduate of Theology from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome. Also, he is a First-Class graduate in Civil Law from the University of Birmingham Law School, United Kingdom. For postgraduate studies, Emmanuel holds a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome. He has a certificate in Clinical Chaplaincy from the University of California, San Francisco, and a postgraduate degree from the Nigerian Law School. As an Attorney, Emmanuel was called to the Bar as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

To make a contribution to the Mission Cooperative, please use the special yellow envelopes that are provided in the pews. You may place them in the collection baskets or drop them off at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity in support of our brother and sister missionaries who continue the work of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ.

Father Schunk

Our saint of the week: Saint John Vianney

In 1805, John Vianney entered a seminary at age 19. After several months of study, he was still not prepared to attend lectures in Latin. He went to live with a friend who was a priest and who tutored him. This priest persuaded the bishop to ordain John not for his learning but for his holiness. After a few years, John was assigned to Ars, a village of about 50 families in France.



The people were careless about practicing their faith, so they were not happy with this priest who was eager to draw them back to God and Christian living. Some caused trouble by lying about John, by acting violently against him, and by refusing to cooperate with him. They hoped that he would give up and leave. Instead, Father Vianney increased his prayers, fasting, and penances.

Gradually, people came to celebrate the sacraments and listen to his homilies. Within a few years, Father Vianney was spending 10–15 hours a day in the confessional. People from all over France and other countries came to consult him.

The government built a railroad line to Ars to accommodate all the pilgrims. Father Vianney just continued his hard, yet simple, way of prayer, fasting, and penance. He was strict with his parishioners but a hundred times more strict with himself. John gave away his furnishings, his belongings, and the gifts of clothes and food that the neighbors brought him. Once he received a black velvet cape as an award and sold it to buy food for those who were poor. He died at age 73. John was canonized in 1925 and is the patron of parish priests.

The Collection At Mass

The collection taken up during Mass is an ancient tradition with the roots in the early church. Originally, the people brought forward bread and wine from their own homes to be used for the Eucharist. They also presented goods from their possessions – foods they harvested, livestock from their farms, household items from their own storeroom. These would be distributed by the deacons to those in need in the community as well as given for the material needs of the church.

Today, the people still ritually present bread and wine, though not usually from their own home. Also, the gifts for the poor and the church are now given in the form of money.

Taking up a collection has significant meaning for what we do at the Eucharist. Giving money at Mass is not, as some might treat it, a measure of one's satisfaction with the liturgy or with the church in general. Our Christian sacrifice cannot be some vague theoretical idea. We have to give something of ourselves that is areal sacrifice – something we would rather not give up. For most of us today, that's money. Beyond simply being a way to help the parish pay its bills, the collection is one way to bring ourselves – "the work of human hands" along with the "fruit of the earth – to the altar. That's why the collection is brought forward with the bread and wine we use at Mass. The money we put in the basket helps the church do the mission of Christ not only by keeping the lights on but also by funding the activities and people of the church who help the poor, teach the faith, prepare the liturgy, visit the sick, and more.

Finally, giving money at Mass is also a way we express our trust in God. WE give the fruit of our own labor back to God, acknowledging that every good gift we have been given comes first from God.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Aug 4

8:00 a.m. † **Elsie Viera-Ribeiro**
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

Tuesday, Aug 5

8:00 a.m. † **Helen Mendiola**
(By: Josephine Mendiola)

Wednesday, Aug 6

8:00 a.m. † **Dodge Espina**
(By: Dorothy Over)

Thursday, Aug 7

8:00 a.m. † **Rafael Bernabe**
(By: Beck Mercado)

Friday, Aug 8

8:00 a.m. **Linda Javier, Sp Int**
(By: Family)

Saturday, Aug 9

8:00 a.m. **Teresa Devincenzi, Sp Int**
(By: Parish Staff)

4:30 p.m. † **Denis O'Connor**
(By: Rose O'Connor)

Sunday, Aug 10

8:00 a.m. † **Sylvia Jacobitz**
(By Helga D'Arcy)
10:30 a.m. † **Michael Gragnani**
(By: Diane Gragnani)
6:30 p.m. **People of the Parish**
(By: Fr. Schunk)



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
— Psalm 90:12

TOAY'S READINGS August 3, 2025

First Reading *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*

Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 95:1-2,6-9*

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-5,9-11*

There is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all in all.

Gospel Reading *Luke 12:13-21*

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: **Saint John Vianney**
Tuesday: **The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**
Wednesday: **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
Thursday: **Saint Sixtus II and Companions**
Friday: **Saint Dominic**
Saturday: **Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**
Sunday: **Saint Lawrence**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections July 26 -27, 2025

\$ 4,492.50 Sunday Collection
\$ 1,411.20 Online Offering

Faith Formation for Children Registration



Our parish offers religious education for children in our Faith Formation Program

for students who attend public schools or non-Catholic private schools. Children in grades 1st thru 8th meet Monday afternoons, 4:15-5:30pm, during the school year. We also prepare students to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation (8th grade).

We have now opened the online registration process for the 2025-2026 school year. As Mary Molly Mullaney is still on medical leave, please reach out to Father Schunk (fr.schunk@saintstephensf.org) in the parish office for

75th Anniversary Fund

Our Goal: **\$250,0000**

Total received to date: **\$70,545**

We are looking to raise \$250K for our Anniversary Fund this year to help pay for critical maintenance issues. Flyers are in the vestibule with more info. Households who donate at least \$1000 to the fund during the year will have the opportunity to engrave a leaf on our donation tree. For donations of \$10k or more during the year, the priests will cook you dinner!

No gift is too small as we hope everyone in the parish will participate to strengthen Saint



Sick Friends & Relatives

Please 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.

Daniel W., Edna Amora, Donny Clark, Cristina Young, Tresa Matthews, GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young, Araceli Caparas, Larry & Carmelita Gallager, George Farrales, Al Vicente Jr, Antoinette Mishirsky, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Robert Liam, Larry Barbieri, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

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

Celebrate the Assumption of Mary

Friday, August 15, 2025 - 6:00 pm

Come for Mass - Concert immediately follows

Contributing artists

Phoebe Chee, Soprano Soloist

Griselda MacDonald, Organ, Piano

Vaughn Jones, Organ

Compositions by Gounod, Schubert, Mozart, Chepponis, Foster, Alstott

Free Admission - Donations much appreciated!
Light reception follows



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