

# St. Stephen Parish

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

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Sunday Mass 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF

# Advent



NOVEMBER 27, 2022

**“You also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”**

MATTHEW 24:44

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"As it was in the days of Noah,  
so it will be at the coming of  
the Son of Man.

In those days before the flood,  
they were eating and drinking,  
marrying and giving in  
marriage, up to the day that  
Noah entered the ark.

They did not know until the  
flood came and carried them  
all away.

So will it be also at the coming  
of the Son of Man.

Two men will be out in the  
field; one will be taken, and  
one will be left. Two women  
will be grinding at the mill;  
one will be taken, and one  
will be left.

Therefore, stay awake!  
For you do not know on which  
day your Lord will come.

Be sure of this: if the master  
of the house had known the  
hour of night when the thief  
was coming, he would have  
stayed awake and not let his  
house be broken into.

So too, you also must be  
prepared, for at an hour you  
do not expect, the Son of Man  
will come."

**Mathew 24:37-44**

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Catholic Community that is called by God to follow Jesus Christ. We believe that we are called to worship God together, to lead God's people along the path of hope laid down by Jesus, to share his message through preaching, through the education and formation of our people, young and old, and through caring service and sensitive outreach to those in need.*

***Rev. Michael D Liliedahl***

November 27, 2022

## First Sunday of Advent

Adventus in Latin means to await the arrival of someone or something of great importance. For Christians, this season is very much identified with preparations for the birth of Christ, so much so that the second meaning of Advent is often diminished, that of preparing for the Second Coming of Christ in Glory. The readings that begin the Advent season capture that second meaning more than the first.

Isaiah was prophesying at a particularly dark time for Israel and Judah. It was nearly eight centuries before the coming of the Messiah. The chosen people were under attack from the Assyrians marching from their capital city Nineveh in the north. What was to follow would be a long period of war, exile and bloodshed. To shine a light into this darkness, Isaiah was given a message of hopefulness to help God's people keep the faith during their time of affliction.

Wars will end, the suffering will give way once more to glory, when swords would become plowshares and spears would be pruning hooks. Jerusalem will be restored, the Temple rebuilt and all nations shall stream toward it. Isaiah was given a double prophecy – the people would return to their land in the near future, but in the distance, God promised to bring them to the new and heavenly Jerusalem where it will be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. It is quite simply the hope of heaven, and in the Savior who will bring it about. Armed with that powerful hope, Isaiah tells his countrymen: Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

When Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome, for them it was also a time of darkness and uncertain futures. The Church was being persecuted in its infancy, something Paul knew well as he himself was once the cause of the Christian's pain. Like Isaiah, Paul points to a brighter future for those who endure the cross – they will one day wear the crown of righteousness. He encourages the Christians at Rome to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The same can be said for us today. Our suffering is earthly, but our hope is eternal. Advent calls us to put on the Lord Jesus Christ and let him guide us to himself and to the kingdom.

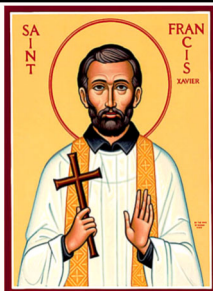
In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus is also facing a time of testing and challenge. It is Wednesday of Holy Week. He will soon experience betrayal and abandonment and will be put on trial, sentenced to die and led out to the cross. He knew the hour of his passing, the means by which it would occur, and by whose hand the deed would be committed. We, however, do not receive that same knowledge: for you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Therefore, Jesus admonishes all to be awake and alert, preparing for the end of our lives, the end of the world and his second coming in glory. We must learn from those in Scripture and throughout history who did nothing to prepare themselves.

Jesus wants us to use the Advent season wisely, not only to prepare for the coming of Christmas, but with prayer, penance and longing for God, to prepare for the coming of Christ, as a baby and as a king.

So remember, Advent is not just rushing through the malls or internet shopping. Take time to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Bless you and your journey.



### Our Saint of the Week : *St. Francis Xavier*



Francis Xavier had planned to devote himself to the intellectual life, but at a strategic moment he surrendered to God, who had long and patiently pursued him. That surrender changed the course of his life—and the course of history as well.

In 1534, Francis Xavier was among the first seven men to decide to formally join Ignatius of Loyola's community. They were the first Jesuits, and Francis was ordained a priest three years later. Loyola had long-term plans

to deploy Xavier as a scholar and teacher, but circumstances derailed them. From the beginning, the Jesuits were in high demand, and Ignatius had to scramble to meet all the requests. King John III of Portugal asked for six men to do missionary work in the Portuguese territories in India. Ignatius said he could spare two: Simon Rodriguez and Nicholas Bobadilla, who were to sail to Goa in 1541. At the last moment, however, Bobadilla became seriously ill. With some hesitation and uneasiness, Ignatius asked Francis to go in Bobadilla's place. Thus, Xavier accidentally began his life as an apostle to the East.

### St. Stephen

#### Annual Christmas Giving Tree

Please help someone less fortunate by taking an ornament off the Christmas trees located in the vestibule of the church. By taking an ornament for an adult in need, you will be making their Christmas brighter. For most of these adults, this may be the only gift they will receive. The gifts will be going to the

**Healing Well** that serves the poor in the Tenderloin.

Please return your wrapped gift and tape the ornament to the outside of your package by **December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, Nov 28

8:00 a.m.

† Patrick Dempsey

(By: Mary Molly Mullloney & Marilyn)

## Tuesday, Nov 29

8:00 a.m.

† Naty Cheng

(By: Shirley Dee)

## Wednesday, Nov 30

8:00 a.m.

† Mary Lou Tucker

(By: Solis-Tucker Family)

## Thursday, Dec 1

9:30 a.m.

Theresa Abrahan *Sp. Int*

(By: Carolyn Yiu)

## Friday, Dec Nov 2

8:00 a.m.

† Humberto Aparicio

(By: Rebecca S.Rogue)

## Saturday, Dec 3

8:00 a.m.

Gregory & Declan Teshara

*Sp. Int. (By: Peggy Teshara)*

4:30 p.m.

Aisa Hara & Gulmohar Chayande

*Sp. Int (By: Papa & Mama)*

## Sunday, Dec 4

8:00 a.m.

† Sylvia Bramante

(By: Solis-Tucker Family)

9:30 a.m.

† Paddy Corrigan

(By: Carmel Fogarty)

11:30 a.m.

† Rudy Constantine

(By: Peggy Teshara)

6:30 p.m.

St. Stephen Parishioners

(By: Fr. Michael)

## First Sunday of Advent



November 27, 2022

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— Matthew 24:44

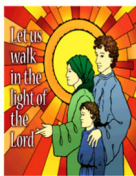
## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD’S house (*Isaiah 2:1-5*).

**Psalm** — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord’s house (*Psalm 122*).

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (*Romans 13:11-14*).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (**Matthew**



## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **First Sunday of Advent**

Wednesday: **St. Andrew**

Thursday: **World AIDS Awareness Day**

Friday: **First Friday**

Saturday: **St. Francis Xavier;**

**First Saturday**

## Advent Prayer

“For you I wait all day long” (*Ps 25:5*)

Dear Lord,  
please flood me with your peace  
so that when I’m surrounded  
by the busyness of the Christmas season,  
I can remain ready to meet you.  
Amen.

## 50+ Club is back!!!

Monday, December 5, 2022

Donworth Hall, Doors Open @ 12:30 pm.

Welcome back our parishioners and friends !!!

New members are most welcome!

For any questions/ concerns, please call:

Helga at 415-731-8211



Don’t miss this awesome opportunity to pray with your St. Stephen Parish Community.

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- Pope St. John Paul II

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## Sick Relatives & Friends

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.

Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Francis Yiu, Edna Amora, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, James T. Brady, Michelle Weeks, Rev Bill McCain, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya, Robert Liam, Marino Tulao, Eden Finn, Edileide Jose Barbosa, Kenneth Fambrini, Larry Barbieri, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scossieria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

St. Stephen Men's Club Proudly Presents  
**2022 ANNUAL HOLIDAY  
 PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, December 11th at  
 Donworth Hall  
 following the 9:30 Mass**

Guests are treated to:

**Photo Booth, Arts & Crafts, Gin Fizz & Mimosa  
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**Bring your appetites! Bring your friends and family!**

**Bring an unwrapped toy to support the SFFD's  
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This event sells out quickly. You can pay via PayPal at @ststephenmensclub or return the bottom of this form with your payment to the school office by **Thursday, December 8th**. Please make checks payable to the St. Stephen Men's Club. Thank You!

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

As we prepare for the solemnity of Christmas, we look forward to the joy of the birth of Christ. We hope to express our joy by filling the church with a bountiful display of Poinsettias/Christmas flowers.

If you would like to have one or more Poinsettia/Christmas flower placed in the church in memory of loved ones, or to honor someone special, please fill out this form and return to the O'Reilly Parish Office by

**Friday, December 23**

**I would like to have a Poinsettia /Christmas flower placed in the church in loving memory of:**

.....  
 .....

**In honor of**.....

**My name is** .....

**Phone no.** .....

**Enclosed is \$20.00 to cover the cost of each Poinsettia/Christmas Flower.**

**Simbang Gabi at St. Stephen Church in San Francisco, CA** began in 1996. A multi-parish collaboration was launched in 2003, where a neighboring parish hosts a day of the novena: St. Finn Barr, St. Gabriel, and St. Emydius, then followed by St. Brendan, St. Cecilia, St. Anne of the Sunset, and Star of the Sea, with the last three celebrating on their own in their respective parishes.

Simbang Gabi is now held in approximately 45 parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, with an annual Simbang Gabi Commissioning rites at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption.

Historical accounts show that **Simbang Gabi novena Masses, introduced in the early 1600**, came from the original novena Masses in preparation for Christmas in honor of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that have existed for hundreds of years in Spain. "...*In the New World, which included the Americas, and the Philippines, the original permission for the Misas de Aguinaldo was granted to churches under the Augustinian Order where they could be accessed by the faithful through the indulgences granted by Pope Sixtus V.*" (from Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines News Service)



**St. Stephen's Book Club** In honor of the Book Club's former hostess, Rochelle Celedon, the Book Club is having the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, December 17, said for the repose of her soul. The Book Club will meet at the 8:00 a.m. Mass in St. Stephen Church, then afterwards we will go to the parish office to share coffee and donuts and discuss the book. We will share memories of our lovely and talented hostess, Rochelle.

Rochelle joined the Book Club in the early years. When she was unable to attend the meetings held in the church, she decided to have the book club come to her and she started to host the monthly meetings. Her lovely home was always decorated for each holiday, and she offered delicious snacks, while her husband, John, was always hospitable, making sure we had enough coffee. She shared her home as well as her talents, often displaying her handmade greeting cards. We miss you Rochelle!



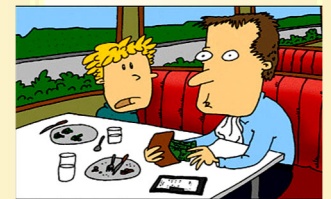
**Starlight: Beholding the Christmas Miracle All Year Long** by John Shea Renowned theologian John Shea provides a "freewheeling exploration of the spiritual life through the images, stories and ideas associated with Christmas." While some of the stories are based around Christmas, others contain related themes. This revised edition contains a new Introduction and new stories as well. The reflections in this book try to let things happen. They bring together Bible, tradition, experience, culture, reason, and imagination, but not in a systematic way. Each element makes a surprise appearance, says more than was in the script, and then wanders off stage.

## Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

**Campaign Goal** : \$ 96,916.00  
**Total Amount Recd** : \$ 51,696.00 (156 Households as of 11.8.22)  
**Campaign Balance** : \$ 45,220-.00

Our thanks to those households who have already made their pledge/donation to the Appeal.  
 (Pls note that there may be a delay in posting an updated Donor List from the Archdiocese by a week or two after receiving your donation)

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**“What does love look like?**

- It has the hands to help others.
- It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.
- It has eyes to see misery and want.
- It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.
- That is what love looks like.” *St Augustine of Hippo*

## Additional Scripture Thoughts . . . . .

**How do we prepare for the unexpected coming of the Son of Man?** In Jesus' parable, we have an example of the proper and improper methods of waiting. The faithful slave who, with sincerity and good management, has faithfully carried out his master's instructions to ensure the welfare of his fellow-slaves (20:26-27), is always ready for his master's coming. In contrast, the wicked servant is primarily concerned with power, food and drink. The master is the image for Jesus. To be prepared for his coming (Matt. 24:3, 36-43), we must be obedient to the Divine will, which means that our actions must serve the community. The question we might ask is: "Am I being faithful and wise in caring for others while waiting for Christ's return?" The text reminds us that our preparation for the Incarnation of our Lord is only one aspect of our Advent preparation, and not necessarily the most important. Let us remind ourselves of our need to be prepared for our Lord's return in judgment without "doomsday paranoia" on the one hand or complacency on the other.

**An Advent project: How to be alert and watchful in the spirit of today's Gospel.** Every morning when we get up, let us pray, "Lord, show me someone today with whom I may share your love, mercy and forgiveness." St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), once said, "Whatever you do in your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife, you do for Jesus." Every night when we go to bed, let us ask ourselves, "Where have I found Christ today?" The answer will be God's Advent gift to us that day. By being alert and watchful, we'll be getting an extra gift: Christ himself. There is a saying about being saved which goes back to St. Thomas Aquinas: "Without God, I can't. Without me, He won't."

**We need to be wakeful and watchful:** We are so future-oriented that we frequently forget the present entirely. We spend too much time trying to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. We save for a rainy day, to get married, to buy a home, to send the children to college, to retire in comfort and to protect ourselves against future misfortunes with varieties of insurance. But we need to be more spiritually wakeful to prepare for our eternal life. Let us make this Advent season the time of such preparation.

### 2023 Mass Intention Book Now Open!

Due to a large volume of Mass requests and in order to be fair to the needs of our parishioners, the following is the Mass Book Policy:

1. Only registered Parishioners can request up to a maximum of 10 masses/year.
2. Only 2 of those Masses may be on weekends depending on availability - this makes it fair to all parishioners who wish to have a weekend Mass.
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For questions, please call Carol Cagalingan, 415-681-2444 x3 or email [carol@SaintStephenSF.org](mailto:carol@SaintStephenSF.org).

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago in northern Europe, the growing dark and winter weather in Advent forced people to remove the wheels from their carts and replace them with snow runners. The wheels were hung high in the rafters of the house, fitted out with lanterns, and wound tightly with evergreen boughs. The first wreaths were windows into heaven, a source of light, a comforting sign of the victory of the light of Christ over our world's dark wildernesses, its mountainous obstacles, its valleys of need. The Advent wreath started in the home, and only later appeared in church. Its four candles represent the four Sundays of our journey: typically three purple, one rose. Why not set a wreath in your own home as a place for Advent prayer? Don't let a shortage of purple candles discourage you: some use a deep blue, others have white candles and weave blue and purple flowers, seashells, and pine cones into the green. When the sun sets tonight, light a single candle, sing a verse of a well-loved Advent hymn, and name a mountain to be leveled, a valley to be filled.

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