

St. Stephen Parish

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Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. or by appt. and 30 min. before each Sunday Mass
Weekday Mass: 8:00 a.m. Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 11, 2022

“Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5

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Advent Reconciliation Service

*St. Stephen Church
Thursday, December 15
6:30 p.m.*

Gratitude

Today, upon a bus,
I saw a very handsome man,
and wished I were as beautiful.
When suddenly he rose to leave,
I saw him hobble down the aisle.
He had one leg and wore a crutch.
But as he passed, he passed a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy,
The lad who sold it had such charm,
I talked with him, he seemed so glad,
If I were late, it'd do no harm.

And as I left, he said to me,
"I thank you, you've been so kind.
It's nice to talk with folks like you.

You see," he said, "I'm blind."
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two eyes; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go,
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With loving family friends to enjoy life
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine,
*I've been blessed indeed,
the world is mine.*

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

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

The past two Sundays, our church was adorned in violet for Advent. Today, it is in rose for Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means “rejoice,” and rose is a bright and beautiful color of rejoicing for this third Sunday of Advent, since we are more than halfway through our journey to Christmas.

But, did we not get the memo? Because it seems Christmas has already come. Outside of church there is no violet and rose, but red and green. There is Christmas music on the radio and Christmas specials on the screen. Our homes and communities are decorated.

Stores have been decked out for Christmas for weeks. The rejoicing has begun. So, why Gaudete Sunday now?

First, Gaudete Sunday affirms the value of rejoicing. Isaiah, in the first reading, rejoices heartily in the Lord, who is the joy of his soul. In the responsorial, we acclaim together with Mary: My soul rejoices in my God. In the second reading, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to rejoice always and do not quench the Spirit. The rejoicing we are experiencing and sharing with others is a good and holy thing. We can enjoy these times, and give thanks for the gift of family and friends.

Second, Gaudete Sunday gives us reasons for rejoicing. Isaiah rejoices as he brings glad tidings of God’s vindication for his people. Mary rejoices in the fulfillment of God’s promise to send a Messiah. John the Baptist cries out in the desert because the Lord is on his way. Paul rejoices as God prepares his people for the return of the risen Lord. Through Isaiah, Mary, John, and Paul, God gives hope to his people waiting for redemption. Given this hope, they can wait with rejoicing. We are God’s people today, waiting with rejoicing in what God has already accomplished and will yet accomplish through Christ. The hope God gives prepares our hearts and makes straight the way for Christ.

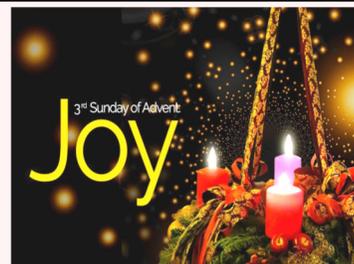
Finally, Gaudete Sunday means that Advent waiting is joyful, hopeful waiting, for Christmas and more. Often, the day after Christmas, the music on the radio stops, the decorations in the streets and stores come down, and the trees get thrown to the curb. Post-holiday clean-up and blues begin. But for the Church, the rejoicing goes on. Our Advent rejoicing becomes Christmas rejoicing up to the celebration of Jesus’ baptism, well into January. Rejoicing carries us into a new year, and new celebrations of God’s redeeming work.

No matter what the colors of the season – violet, rose, red, or green – every time we gather to hear God’s word and celebrate the Eucharist, we do so with rejoicing. Through the grace of Word and sacrament, our Lord sustains us in joyful hope, not only for Advent and Christmas, but for every season of the year as we await the coming of his Kingdom.

With the Nativity getting ever so close, enjoy the coming of the Kingdom. God bless you all.

Liturgy and Life

- During this Advent, how can you rejoice in God’s presence amid difficulties?
- How does someone in our parish or community provide testimony to the light of Christ? How does that affect you?
- As God’s anointed, where can you comfort the brokenhearted?



The Christmas Giving Tree

We are still looking for gifts for the Giving Tree to support the clients of The Healing Well which serves disadvantaged people in the Tenderloin district of San Francisco. They are hoping to create 90 gift packages.

The items we are collecting:

- * Women's pajama sets (sizes S, M, L, XL) *Men's sweat pants with t-shirt/thermal tops (sizes M, L, XL, XXL)
- * Art supplies: markers, colored pencils, adult coloring books, blank books and journals, word puzzle books
- * \$30 gift cards to Trader Joe's, Target or Walgreens *Christmas candies *Durable/non-breakable Xmas ornaments (we'll tie one ornament to each package) \$10 - \$20 gift cards to Lucky Supermarket

Gifts need to be turned in by **Tuesday, Dec. 13**. Thank you for your generosity.



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Dec 12

8:00 a.m.

† **Consolacion Salera**
(By: Becky Parini)

Tuesday, Dec 13

8:00 a.m.

† **Mila Espina**
(By: Dorothy Owen)

Wednesday, Dec 14

8:00 a.m.

Aikan Kyle & Melody *Sp. Int.*
(By: Papa & Mama)

Thursday, Dec 15

8:00 a.m.

† **Beatrice Abraham**
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

Friday, Dec 16

8:00 a.m.

† **Zenaida Sangalang**
(By: Sangalang Family)

Saturday, Dec 17

8:00 a.m.

† **Rochelle Celedon**
(By: St. Stephen Book Club)

4:30 p.m.

† **Denis O'Connor**
(By: Rose O'Connor)

Sunday, Dec 18

8:00 a.m.

St. Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)

9:30 a.m.

† **Albert Gagnani**
(By: Diane Gagnani)

11:30 a.m.

Noel & Donna Ysip *Sp. Int.*
(By: Mom & Dad)

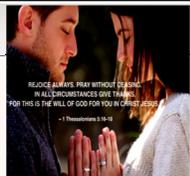
6:30 p.m.

Gemma Victorino *Sp. Int.*
(By: Grace Enriquez)

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. —
1 Thessalonians 5:16



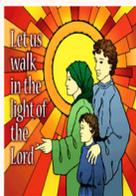
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (*Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10*).

Psalms — The Lord saves us when he comes (*Psalms 146*).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (*James 5:7-10*).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (*Matthew 11:2-11*).



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Third Sunday of Advent**
Monday: **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Tuesday: **St. Lucy**
Wednesday: **St. John of the Cross**
Friday: **Las Posadas begins**

St. Stephen Parish is offering an Advent Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 15
6:30 p.m. in Church



Symbols of the Season

Advent is rich with sacred symbols. The Scriptures are filled with images of light and darkness, cacophony and silence, waiting and fulfillment. The season's color is deep purple, reflecting the penitential and preparatory nature of the season. Watch for these symbols:



Candlelight – Christ is the light of the world

Evergreen – In Jesus, we are given the gift of eternal life.

Water – We recall our baptism and are born anew in Jesus.

Chant – We await the birth of the babe in the manger.

Angels – Witnesses to the Good News.

Star – The cosmic sign that the King of Kings has been born.

50+ Club is back!!!

Monday, January 9, 2023
Donworth Hall, Doors Open 12:30pm

Welcome back our parishioners and friends !!!

New members are most welcome!

For any questions/ concerns, please call:

Helga at 415-731-8211

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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.

Advent Meditation/Activity Week 3

We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us during the season. We see joy in the faces of children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations, or old conflicts, push joy the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up with us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. So today we open ourselves to joy, knowing that God has already planted the seed within us, all we need to do is give it care.

SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA AND ADVENT JOY

Through her ministry in Jesus' name, Mother Teresa brought untold blessings and joy to the poor who lay unattended and forgotten on our streets. When asked the source of her joy, Mother Teresa replied: "Joy is prayer -- joy is strength -- joy is love -- joy is a net of love. . . A joyful heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love . . . loving as He loves, helping as He helps, giving as He gives, serving as He serves, rescuing as He rescues, being with Him twenty-four hours, touching Him in His distressing disguise." When Advent arrived every year, Mother Teresa's life, continued to witness the joy which is true hallmark of every Christian and the rightful inheritance of all the poor.



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:

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In honor of.....

My name is

Phone no.

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

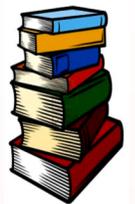
Simbang Gabi at St. Stephen Church in San Francisco, CA began in 1996. A multi-parish collaboration was launched in 2003, where a neighboring parish hosts a day of the novena: St. Finn Barr, St. Gabriel, and St. Emydius, then followed by St. Brendan, St. Cecilia, St. Anne of the Sunset, and Star of the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



Celebrant Schedule

Friday, Dec. 16	St. Stephen	Rev. Michael Liliedahl	Tuesday, Dec. 20	St. Gabriel	Rev. Tom Hamilton
Saturday, Dec. 17	St. Stephen	Rev. Michael Healy	Wednesday, Dec. 21	St. Finn Barr	Rev. Raymond Tyohemba
Sunday, Dec. 18	St. Stephen	Rev. David Schunk	Thursday, Dec. 22	St. Elizabeth	Rev. Charles Puthota
Monday, Dec. 19	St. Brendan	Rev. Michael Oringa	Friday, Dec. 23	Mission Dolores	Rev. Francis Garbo
			Saturday, Dec. 24	St. Stephen	Rev. Michael Liliedahl

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, who 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 : \$ 55,079.00 (156 Households as of 12.06.22)
Campaign Balance : \$ 41,837.00

Our thanks to those households who have already made their pledge/donation to the Appeal.

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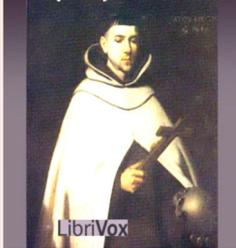


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"What does love look like?"

• 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*



Our Saint of the Week Saint John of the Cross (c. 1542-1591)

John's father had been disowned by his wealthy Spanish family when he married a poor weaver rather than a woman of equal economic status. Living in poverty proved to be too much for him, and he died shortly after John was born.

John spent much of his youth in an orphanage, where he was clothed, fed, and given an elementary education. At the age of 17, he found a job in a hospital and was accepted into a Jesuit college. In 1563 he entered the Carmelite Order. Eventually he enrolled in another university, where he did so well that he was asked to teach a class and to help settle disputes.

When he met Teresa of Ávila and learned from her about the reform of the Carmelite Order, John decided to help with it. As part of this decision, he wore sandals instead of shoes and lived very simply in prayer and solitude. In 1577 the attitude toward the reform shifted.

John was caught up in a misunderstanding and imprisoned at Toledo, Spain. During those months of darkness in that little cell, John could have become bitter, revengeful, or filled with despair. But instead, he kept himself open to God's action, for no prison could separate him from God's all-embracing love. During this time he had many beautiful experiences and encounters with God in prayer. Later he would describe these experiences in poetry. In 1578 John escaped to southern Spain to join the reformed Carmelites. There he held leadership positions and wrote reflections on his experiences, which showed his deep spirit of prayer. When he became ill, he chose to go to the city of Ubeda, where no one knew him. It was there that he died.

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.
3. Mass intentions cannot be reserved by phone or via SMS. Requests must be submitted in writing or via email. You may drop your requests together with your donation payment at the Collection basket or at the Parish Mailbox or slow mail to the Parish Office.
4. Not all dates are available, so we ask that you be prepared with alternate dates and times. If your requested date is not available, an alternate date shall be chosen.
5. Mass Intentions are at least \$10 each. If you're paying by check, Check Memo should indicate - Mass intention on xx/xx/23 (date) OR Mass intention for xxx (name) OR No. of Mass intentions;
6. Allow time for processing and provide your email or phone no. to confirm your masses

For questions, please call Carol Cagalingan, 415-681-2444 x3 or email carol@SaintStephenSF.org.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlatzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady's identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop's request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter's cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his tilma (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his tilma to present the roses, Mary's image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We make transitions along life's journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager's direction, and by God's grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation.

Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on "holy ground." Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and — always on the common holy ground of a community's life.

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