

Saint Stephen Parish

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August 9, 2026

**The Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

The Lord appears to Elijah in a whisper.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9-14

The Lord is the source of salvation

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

Paul speaks of the blessings that have come to the Israelites.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.

Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 am.

Vigil Mass Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am | 10:30 am | 6:30 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 pm or 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass



**Pastor's
Corner**

Getting to Know St. Stephen Together: A Parish of Welcome

Dear Parishioners of St. Stephen,

Peace and blessings to all of you!

As I continue my first weeks here at St. Stephen, one thing I am learning is that a parish is not only known by its buildings, programs, schedules, or history. A parish is also known by the way people make one another feel.

Do people feel welcomed when they come through our doors? Do visitors feel noticed? Do longtime parishioners feel appreciated? Do new families feel that there is a place for them? Do those who come quietly, carrying hidden burdens, feel that this is a house of prayer and peace?

Hospitality is one of the simplest but most powerful ways we live our faith. Sometimes it does not require a big program or a long meeting. Sometimes it begins with a smile, a greeting, a kind word, opening the door for someone, moving a little in the pew, helping someone find the restroom, or simply saying, "Good morning, I'm glad you're here."

A welcoming parish does not happen only because of the priest, staff, ushers, greeters, or volunteers. It happens when everyone sees hospitality as part of their Christian calling. Every parishioner helps create the spirit of the parish.

I have been very grateful for the welcome I have received since arriving here. In fact, this week our parish staff prepared a BBQ lunch as a way of welcoming me. I was truly touched by that simple but meaningful gesture. It reminded me that hospitality is not only something we talk about; it is something we live.

Sometimes food, laughter, conversation, and time shared together can become signs of welcome, kindness, and Christian love. Your kindness has helped me feel at home, even though I am here only for a short time. And I believe that same kindness can be a gift we continue to share with one another and with everyone who comes to St. Stephen.

Sometimes people return to church after many years. Sometimes someone is grieving. Sometimes someone is searching for God. Sometimes a young family is trying to teach their children the faith. Sometimes a visitor is just looking for a place to pray. We may never know the full story of the person sitting near us at Mass. But a sincere welcome can remind them that they are not alone.

As we continue getting to know St. Stephen together, let us ask ourselves: How can I help make this parish a place where people feel seen, prayed for, and loved?

A sincere presence. A kind word. A thoughtful gesture. These simple things can become doorways of grace.

May St. Stephen Parish always be a community where Christ is worshiped, the Gospel is lived, and every person who enters feels the warmth of God's love.

God bless you all,

Fr. Marvin Felipe

Parish Administrator



Mass Intentions

Monday, Aug 10 8:00 a.m.	†	Cecilia Prete (By: Parish Front Desk Vol.)
Tuesday, Aug 11 8:00 a.m.	†	Nilo & Angiolina Seghetti (By: Giovanna Hrvatin)
Wednesday, Aug 12 8:00 a.m.	†	Cecilia Prete (By: The Hrvatin Family)
Thursday, Aug 13 8:00 a.m.	†	Emma J Alojipan McPhee (By: Alice Paz Grimes)
Friday, Aug 14 8:00 a.m.	Sp. Int.	Tina Yake (By: The Diaz Family)
Saturday, Aug 15 8:00 a.m.	Sp. Int.	Catherine & Tony Kunkel (By: Elizabeth Mamon)
4:30 p.m.		People of the Parish
Sunday, Aug 16 8:00 a.m.	†	Harry Over (By: Dorothy Over)
10:30 a.m.	†	Cecilia Prete (By: Ed Prete)
6:30 p.m.	†	Alfrieda Flocchini (By: The Flocchini Family)

Remembering sick Family & 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.

Tomas Arceo, Marie Bachand, Larry Barbieri, Julie Burton, Ana Caballero, Araceli Caparas, Sean Chan, Tony Devincenzi, Genevieve Dy, Kenneth Fambrini, George Farralles, Eden Finn, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, Mark Gutierrez, Robert Liam, Mary MacKinny, Tresa Matthews, Glenda Miller, Antoinette Mishirsky, Byron Petty, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Joel Rivera, Franz Tittiger, Jim Thompson, Jovita & Richard Thompson, Al Vicente Jr., Michelle Vicente, Gwendolyn Walsh, Michelle Weeks, Daniel W., Perry Young, and Alex & Marie

Faith Formation for Children Registration is now open

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, 4:15-5:30 pm, during the school year. We also prepare students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation (8th grade).

Please reach out to Mary Molly Mullaney in the parish for more information

email: faithformation@saintstephensf.org



Sunday Collections August 2, 2026

\$ 5,585.07 Sunday Offertory
\$ 1,632.77 Online Giving

Thank you for your donation

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you, or someone you know, is interested in the Catholic faith, or has been baptized but never completed the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation, you are encouraged to contact Mary Molly in the parish office to learn more about what our parish has to offer.

Our adult faith formation program (OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) welcomes those who are exploring the faith, wanting to learn more, and/or seeking the Sacraments.

For more information, please call or email Mary Molly Mullaney:

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Children's Liturgy for all children in preschool thru 1st grade begins Sunday, September 13th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. No registration required.

Faith Formation for Children in grades 1st thru 8th who attend non-Catholic schools begins Monday, September 14th. Register online: www.bit.ly/FF26-27



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August 2 2026

Dear Fr. Marvin and Parishioners of St. Stephen

On behalf of my Diocese of Kabale - Uganda, I extend my gratitude for your generous support of our mission appeal.

Your generosity will help us continue the work of proclaiming the Gospel, saving lives and caring for the poor & vulnerable children, forming our seminarians and strengthening our pastoral ministries.

Many thanks to the ~~Arch~~diocese of San Francisco and to Fr. Marvin for welcoming us to your parish and for the extraordinary generosity this weekend.

Please pray for us and be assured of our prayers for you and your families.

May God reward you a hundred-fold and may the intercession of St. Stephen keep your parish strong in faith, hope and charity.

Gratefully,

Fr. Fortunatus Mugisha

One thing I ask of the Lord ... to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Ps 27.4