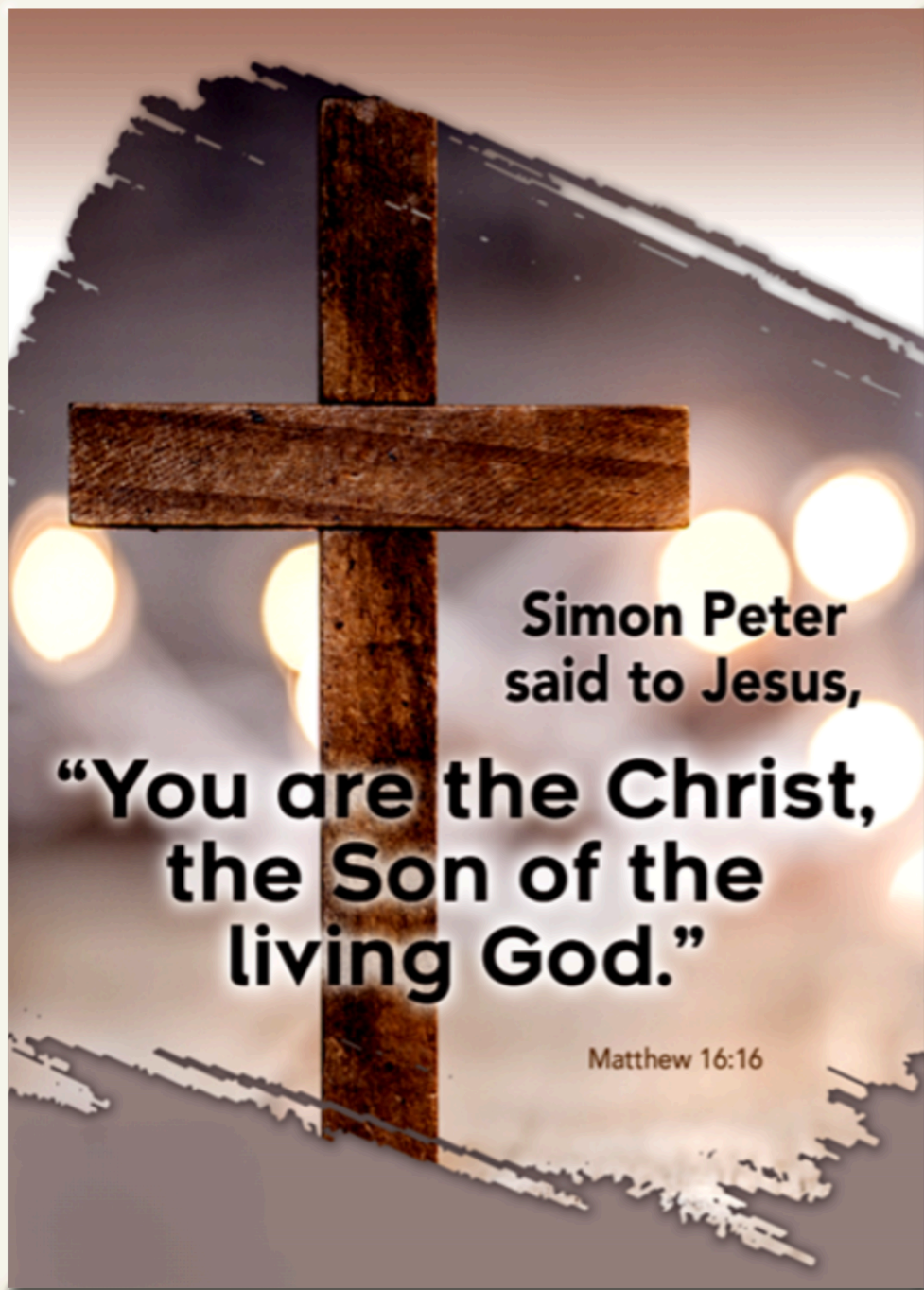


Saint Stephen Parish

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August 23, 2026
The Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 138:1-3, 6, 8

God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

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



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

Dear Parishioners of St. Stephen,

Peace and blessings to all of you!

This week, our students returned to school and began a new school year here at St. Stephen. We also had our Welcome Coffee, a gathering of parents, both old and new, as we welcomed new families into our school community.

Seeing the children, parents, teachers, and staff begin a new school year reminded me once again that a parish is not only a place where people come for Sunday Mass. A parish is also a spiritual home where families are welcomed, children are formed, faith is passed on, and community is built. One of the blessings of St. Stephen is that our parish and school share in the same mission: to help young people grow not only in knowledge, but also in faith, character, kindness, and love for God and others. Education is not only about books, grades, tests, and homework. It is also about forming the heart.

Of course, children learn many things in school. They learn math, science, reading, writing, history, and many other subjects. But they also learn by watching adults. They learn kindness when they see kindness. They learn respect when they are treated with respect. They learn prayer when they see people pray. They learn generosity when they see people give. They learn faith when they see faith lived with joy. That is why parents, teachers, parishioners, and the whole community have an important role. The formation of children is never the work of one person alone. It takes a family. It takes a school. It takes a parish. It takes a community.

At the Welcome Coffee, I was happy to see parents gathering, meeting one another, and beginning the year with a spirit of hospitality. For new families, a simple welcome can mean so much. It says, "You belong here. We are glad you are with us. You are part of this community."

That same spirit of welcome is something we are called to extend not only in our school, but also in our parish. Every family that comes through our doors carries its own hopes, struggles, questions, and dreams. Some parents are doing their best to raise their children in faith. Some are returning to church after many years. Some are looking for a community where their children can feel safe, loved, and guided.

As we continue getting to know St. Stephen together, let us ask ourselves: How can we better support our families? How can we encourage our children and young people? How can we make our parish a place where every family feels welcomed, prayed for, and accompanied? The beginning of a school year is always a new start. New classrooms. New teachers. New classmates. New routines. New possibilities. But it is also a reminder that God is always beginning something new in us.

So this week, I invite all of us to pray in a special way for our students, parents, teachers, school staff, and all families of St. Stephen. May this new school year be filled with learning, friendship, patience, safety, joy, and growth in faith. May St. Stephen Parish continue to be a community that walks with families, welcomes children, supports parents, encourages teachers, and helps everyone grow closer to Christ.

A sincere presence. A kind word. A welcoming heart. A prayer for our children. These simple things can become doorways of grace.

God bless you all,

Fr. Marwin Felipe

Parish Administrator



Mass Intentions

Monday, Aug 24

8:00 a.m.



Cecilia Prete
(By: John Prete Family)

Tuesday, Aug 25

8:00 a.m.

Birthday

Jeffrey Maravilla
(By: Sonia Maravilla)

Wednesday, Aug 26

8:00 a.m.

Sp. Int.

William A. Grimes
(By: Alice Grimes)

Thursday, Aug 27

8:00 a.m.



Josie Fernandes
(By: Joe Fernandes)

Friday, Aug 28

8:00 a.m.



Catalina A. Magsino
(By: Tony, Katy, Jison & Family)

Saturday, Aug 29

8:00 a.m.



Ignazio & Giuseppina
(By: Giovanna Hrvatin)

4:30 p.m.



Cecilia Prete
(By: Ed Prete)

Sunday, Aug 30

8:00 a.m.

Marriage Annv.

Charlotte & Moises Bautista
(By: Bautista Family)

10:30 a.m.

People of the Parish

6:30 p.m.



Cecilia Prete
(By: Francis Prete 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.

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

Contact: Mary Molly Mullaney in the parish center for more information



email: FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org

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.

Contact: Mary Molly Mullaney (415)681-2444 ext. 3
FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org

Sunday Collections August 16, 2026

\$ 4,331.97 Sunday Offertory
\$ 1,831.82 Online Giving

\$ 4,081.00 Total collected for
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Uganda

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Join us Monday, September 14, 2026,
for the monthly meeting of the
50+ Club!

This friendly and welcoming group is
open to St. Stephen seniors, and guests
from outside the parish are welcome as well.

Enjoy an afternoon of Bingo, Bridge, delicious snacks,
and great fellowship. Each meeting also features
specialty desserts and popcorn, and every Christmas
season we celebrate with a catered holiday lunch.
We are currently looking to bolster our bridge
group so definitely stop by if you like to play.

The 50+ Club meets on the first Monday of each
month, or on the second Monday when a holiday
falls on the first Monday.

Contact St. Stephen Parish Office (415) 681-2444.

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB



AT SAN FRANCISCO STATE

Events at our Newman Center

Find us at 601 Eucalyptus Dr.

THIS WEEK:
Thursday | Aug 27 | 6-8 pm
Back to School BBQ
We're giving away an electric scooter!

Every Week:

Sundays

Mass | 8 am, 10:30 am, 6:30 pm (student Mass)
Sunday Supper (dinner after Mass) | 7:30 pm

Thursdays

Adoration | 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Student Mass | 5:30 - 6 pm
Newman Nights | 6:30 pm



WELCOME WEEK 26



1st Day of School Polaroids

Monday Aug 24 | 10:30 am - 1 pm
FREE film picture near the quad!



Boba + Milk Tea

Tuesday Aug 25 | 10:30 am - 1 pm
FREE milk tea & boba in the quad!



Mini Flowers + Stickers

Wednesday Aug 26 | 10:30 am - 12 pm
FREE flowers and stickers in the quad!



Energy Drinks + Refreshers

Thursday Aug 27 | 11 am - 1 pm
FREE energy drinks in the quad!



Back to School BBQ

Thursday Aug 27 | 6 - 8 pm
FREE barbecue at the Catholic Center!
(see back for details)

