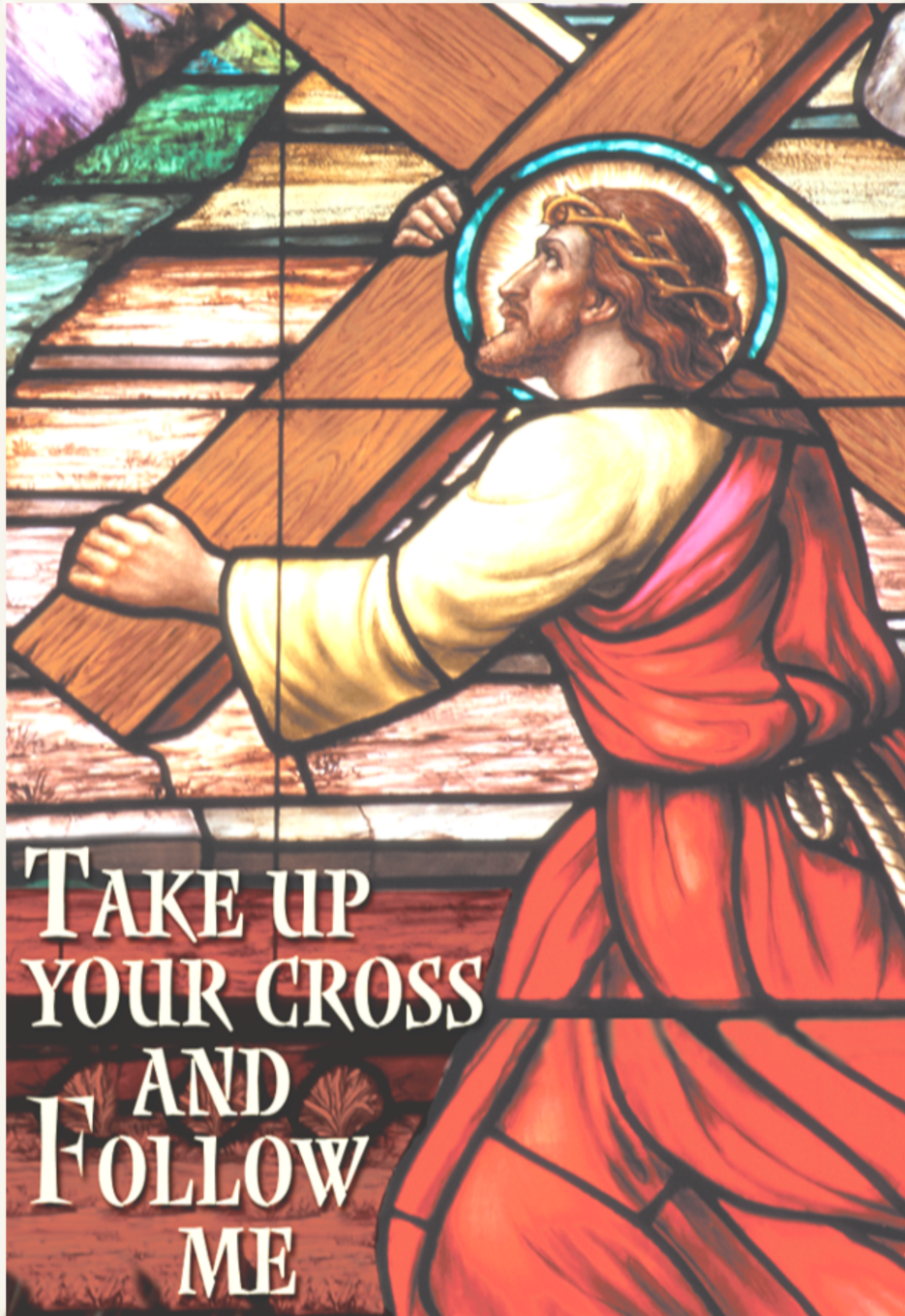


Saint Stephen Parish

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August 30, 2026

**The Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9

Our souls yearn for God.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

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 Service

Dear Parishioners of St. Stephen,

Peace and blessings to all of you! As we continue getting to know St. Stephen together, I would like to reflect this week on service.

One thing I am learning and appreciating more deeply is that a parish does not run by itself. It is kept alive by people who pray, give, serve, and quietly do small things with great love.

So much of parish life happens behind the scenes. Someone opens the church, prepares the altar, arranges the flowers, sings, proclaims the Word, prepares coffee and donuts, teaches our children, visits the sick, answers the phone, fixes what is broken, or helps prepare and print our parish bulletin. Someone stays after everyone else has gone home.

Many of these acts of service are unseen and may never receive applause or recognition. But they matter—and most importantly, God sees them. A parish is built by hidden hands and generous hearts.

Jesus reminds us that greatness is found not in being served, but in serving. This is not always easy in a world where people often seek recognition or reward. Yet in the Church, some of the most beautiful acts of love are humble, quiet, and faithful.

I am grateful to everyone who serves St. Stephen, whether visibly or behind the scenes. Some of you have served for many years; others serve weekly, occasionally, or through prayer and support from home. Please know that your service matters. Your generosity helps make St. Stephen a place of worship, welcome, faith, and community.

As we continue this journey together, perhaps each of us can ask: How is God inviting me to serve? What gift can I share? What small act of kindness can I offer? Not everyone can do everything, but everyone can do something.

May St. Stephen continue to be a community where we do not only come to receive, but also to give; not only to be welcomed, but to welcome; not only to be served, but to serve.

A sincere presence, a kind word, a generous heart, and a willing hand can become powerful signs of God's love.

God bless you all,

Fr. Marwin Felipe

Parish Administrator

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic faith, or has been baptized but has not received First Communion or Confirmation, contact Mary Molly in the parish office to learn more about our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

OCIA welcomes adults who are exploring the faith, seeking to learn more, and/or preparing to receive the Sacraments.

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

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, Aug 31 8:00 am - Chris Opena - Birthday
By: Zeny Amora Opena

Tuesday, Sep 1 8:00 am - Grace Mullaney - †
By: Mullaney Family

Wednesday, Sep 2 8:00 am - Stephen Inglefinger - †
By: Mary Molly Mullaney

Monday, Aug 31 8:00 am - Jeanie Barry - †
By: Nancy Smith

Monday, Aug 31 8:00 am - Richard Faziola - †
By: Hilda Faziola

Saturday, Sep 5

8:00 am - Ian Hull - Birthday
By: Roy Amora

4:30 pm - Rosalio Dy - Birthday
By: Dy Family

Sunday, Sep 6

8:00 am - Bob Drucker - Deceased
By: Davey Family

10:30 pm - Alberto Esteva - Deceased
By: Betty Esteva

4:30 pm - People of the Parish

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 Barbiere, Ana Caballero, Araceli Caparas, Sean Chan, Julie Burton, Tony Devincenzi, Genevie Dy, Kenneth Fambrini, George Farrales, Eden Finn, Larry & Carmelita Gallager, 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.

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Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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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

Weekly Schedule

Student Mass

Sun @ 6:30 pm | Mon - Wed @ 8 am | Thurs @ 5:30 pm

Prayer: Holy Hour + Rosary

Mon - Wed @ 8:45 - 9:45 am | Thurs @ 4:30 pm

Sunday Supper

Sundays @ 7:30 pm

Join us after 6:30 pm Mass for dinner!

Newman Nights

Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

Lunch on Campus

Every Wednesday @ 12:30 pm

Bible Studies

Varying times throughout the week.

Click on the Get Connected link in our bio!



Find us at 601 Eucalyptus Dr.

Looking for a Perfect Venue?

Our 20,000 Sq.Ft. Parish Event Center,
Donworth Hall & Gym is
Available to Rent



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