

Saint Stephen Parish

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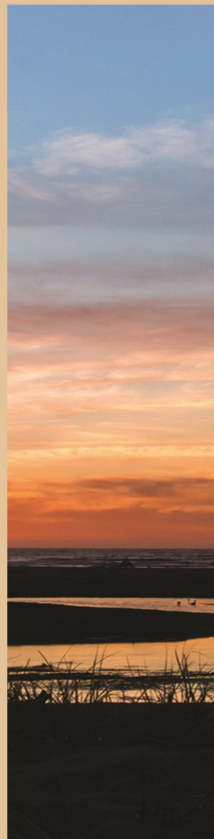
Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

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

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 26, 2025

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



Jesus said to them,
“I tell you, the tax collector went home justified,
not the Pharisee; for whoever exalt themselves
will be humbled, and those who humble
themselves will be exalted.”

Luke 18:14



October 26, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

If you are like me, we are all filled with gratitude for the wonderful celebration of our parish last weekend. A particular thank you to the members of our parish who have been working on our jubilee committee this past year: John Celedon, Connie D'Aura, Lydia Floccini, Vicky Francisco, Nellie Hizon, Sally Brien-Holper, Renzo Hrvatin, and Ruby Roque-Quan. We want to thank our musicians John Michael Reyes and Andrew Roubal who brought our choir together and created the special music program for our Mass. We are thankful to all the parishioners who helped to decorate the church and prepared us for the special liturgy. Regarding the luncheon, it was a blessing to see so many of you able to attend the event. We need to recognize the Francisco Family, Dan Holper, the Men's Club and Women's Guild, our student volunteers, the parish staff, and the aforementioned members of the jubilee committee who made the luncheon an enjoyable afternoon for so many of us. The event last weekend was not a fundraiser so much as it was a friendraiser – a reason to come together as a community and enjoy the fellowship of one another. I know many of you could not attend because of previous plans and commitments but there will be future opportunities so we hope you will be able to join us then.

If you attended the luncheon, you noticed we were selling some commemorative glasses for the 75th anniversary. We still have some left and after the dust settles from our big event, we will work to make those available for sale. Stay tuned for future details.

As we have been announcing, you may turn in your All Soul's envelopes as we remember our bellowed dead brothers and sisters during the month of November. For those of you who receive the offertory envelopes, there is one included in the packet. If you do not receive envelopes, we have extras placed in the vestibule of the church.

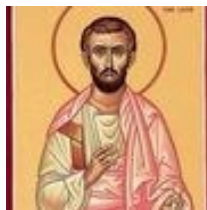
The Mass Intention book for 2026 is now open. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please stop by the parish office.

Finally, as we announced last weekend, our former pastor Father Tony LaTorre died on October 16. His vigil and funeral are coming up this week. Please see the bulletin for the details on the service. If you plan to attend the funeral at Saint Philip's, I highly recommend that you take either rideshare or Muni as parking in the area around Saint Philip's is extremely limited.

Father Schunk

Background on the Gospel

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There is a show on public television in which people search their attics for heirlooms, dust them off, and trek them downtown for ruthless evaluation by teams of antique experts. Occasionally the owners are surprised to learn they have been harboring priceless artifacts: a Tiffany bowl used to catch the car keys, a Van Gogh in the downstairs bathroom. What they lugged downtown in a paper bag, they carry home in bubble wrap and receiving blankets.

It's the same way with treasures in Church life. Lots of things were lugged up into the attic years ago, and it was inevitable that some treasures ended up in the trash. Many Catholics tucked the sacrament of penance away in a dusty corner. We know it's there if we need it, but it is not the weekly routine it once was, like the Saturday bath

St. Stephen School

Now Accepting Applications!

St. Stephen School is accepting applications for the August 2026-2027 Kindergarten Class. Please call the school office at **(415) 664-8331**, if you are interested in obtaining an application and scheduling a school tour. Children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2026 and be currently enrolled in a five day Pre-K or Kindergarten Program.

We welcome all applicants in current K-5 especially our Faith Formation Families.

2026 Mass Intentions

Our 2026 Mass Intention Calendar is open. Stop by the office to set up date/time.

In order to be fair to the needs of all our parishioners, we ask you to limit your mass intentions to 8 masses at different mass times.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Oct 27

8:00 a.m. † **Noreen O'Keeffe**
(By Liam & Mary Frost)

Tuesday, Oct 28

8:00 a.m. **William & Alice Grimes,
Wedding Anniversary**
(By Alice Grimes)

Wednesday Oct 29

8:00 a.m. † **Lois Gardner**
(By: a friend)

Thursday, Oct 30

8:00 a.m. † **Al Vicente**
(By: Elvie Ysip)

Friday, Oct 31

8:00 a.m. **Madonna Sabisor, Sp Int**
(By: Carlota & Fam)

Saturday, Nov 1

8:00 a.m. † **Father Tony P. LaTorre**

4:30 p.m. † **All the Faithful Departed**

Sunday, Nov 2

8:00 a.m. † **All the Faithful Departed**

10:30 a.m. † **All the Faithful Departed**

6:30 p.m. † **All the Faithful Departed**



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time *October 26, 2025*

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.

— Sirach 35:17-18a

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading *Exodus 17:8-13*

Joshua and the Israelites defeat Amalek with the help of God and his servant, Moses.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8*

The Lord is the Guardian of Israel.

Second Reading *2 Timothy 3:14—4:2*

Paul exhorts Timothy to continue to preach the word Timothy received from his teachers.

Gospel Reading *Luke 18:1-8*

Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: **Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Saturday: **All Saints Day**

Sunday: **All Souls Day, Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Stewardship: A Way of Life *Sunday Collections October 18 - 19, 2025*

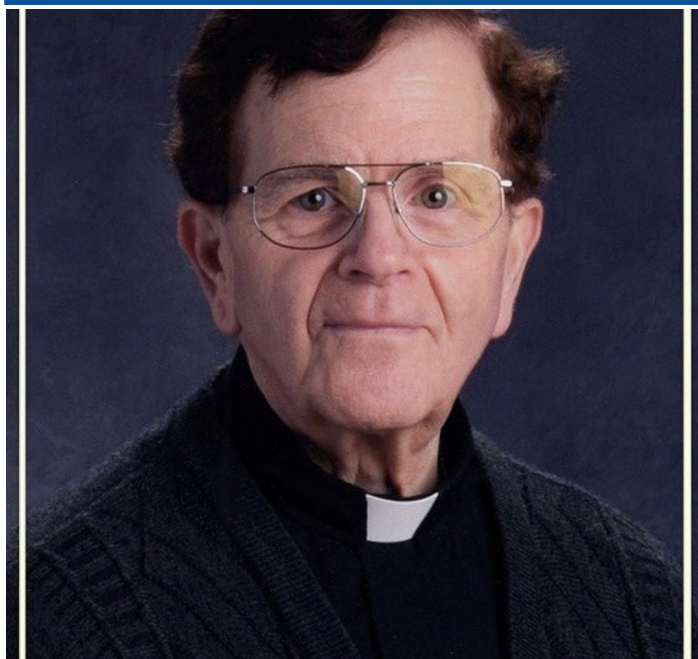
\$4,791.25 Sunday Offertory
\$1,371.80 Online Giving
\$95,030.00 75th Anniversary Fund
\$ 934.00 World Mission Sunday

SICK FRIENDS & RELATIVES

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.

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

Please call the office to add or remove names of people that we should pray for this month.



Father Tony P. LaTorre Funeral Information

Vigil:

Monday, October 27th at 6:00 pm
Duggan's Serra Mortuary

Funeral Mass:

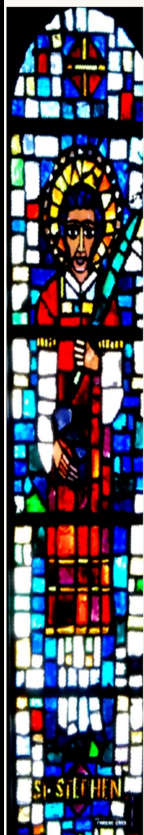
Tuesday, October 28th at 10:00 am
St. Phillip the Apostle Church

Followed by a Reception

725 Diamond St. San Francisco, CA

Burial:

2:00 pm at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery. 1500
Mission Rd, Colma, CA



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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2025-2026

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• Bridge Group	Virginia Stefanelli
• Caritas	Nellie Hizon
• Eucharistic Lay Ministry (Word & Eucharist)	Mary Molly Mullaney
• Fifty Plus Club	Helga D'Arcy
• Finance Council	Laura Birsinger
• Front Ofc Lead Volunteer	Fely Boquiren
• Grief Support	Clergy
• Head Sacristan	Ed Quan
• Liturgy Committee	Pastor
• Marriage Preparation	Clergy
• Men's Club	Patrick Kennedy
• Newman Campus Ministry	Fr Michael Liliedahl
• Parish Council	Vicky Francisco
• Religious Education (Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality)	Mary Molly Mullaney
• Ushers	Pastor
• Women's Guild	Mandy Fesko & Jen Garlasco

Saint Stephen 75th Anniversary Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give thanks
for 75 years of faith, love, and service
at Saint Stephen Parish.

Bless all those who came before us
who built this community
through their faith,
devotion, and sacrifice.

May Saint Stephen continue to be a place
where your people gather
to celebrate the Eucharist,
encounter your love,
and be given the grace
to be true missionary disciples,
bringing your love to the world.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Marriage Support

Marriage is not always easy
and sometimes couples
struggle with various as-
pects of their relationship.
For couples who may be
struggling and looking for a
resource to help build up their marriage, **The Third Op-
tion** offers a lifeline for spouses still hoping for a better
future. Join a supportive community online and learn
skills that have healed thousands of difficult marriage
situations. It takes place Tuesday nights (ongoing and
online) 6:30pm –8:30pm. For questions and registration
information contact the coordinator:



*Donate Online To St.
Stephen's*



50+ Club

Monday, November 3rd at 12:30 pm
Join us on the first Monday of each month for
a lively and welcoming gathering of St. Ste-
phen seniors! Enjoy an afternoon of Bingo,
Bridge, tasty snacks, and great company.