Saint Stephen Parish

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November 1,2026
Solemnity of All Saints

First Reading
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
John describes his vision: those who have endured the trials worship the lamb.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Those who seek the face of the Lord shall be rewarded.

Second Reading
1 John 3:1-3
We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 5:1-12
Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

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 - 4:20 pm or 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass

Pastor's Corner

Getting to Know St. Stephen Together: A Parish Called to Holiness

Dear Parishioners of St. Stephen,

Peace and blessings to all of you!

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a beautiful reminder that holiness is not reserved for a chosen few. **Every one of us is called to become a saint.**

When we think of saints, we often imagine people with halos, statues in churches, or extraordinary lives of prayer and sacrifice. Sometimes we think, "I could never be like them!" But the saints were ordinary people who struggled, made mistakes, experienced difficulties, and learned to trust God along the way.

Holiness is not about being perfect. It is about allowing God to transform us, little by little, through His grace.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. He calls blessed the poor in spirit, the merciful, the peacemakers, and the pure of heart. These are not impossible ideals. They are invitations to live our faith in everyday life.

Here at St. Stephen, holiness can be found in the parent who patiently cares for a child, the teacher who guides students with love, the volunteer who serves without recognition, the elderly parishioner who faithfully prays, and the person who chooses forgiveness even when it is difficult.

Saints are not only people we admire. They are people we are called to become.

As we celebrate All Saints' Day, let us remember that our parish is not simply a place where we come to worship. It is also a community where we help one another grow in holiness.

Tomorrow, November 2, we commemorate All Souls' Day, remembering and praying for our beloved departed. Throughout November, we will continue to entrust them to God's mercy and the hope of eternal life.

May St. Stephen continue to be a parish where holiness is not only preached, but lived through simple acts of faith, kindness, mercy, and love.

A sincere presence. A kind word. A holy heart. These simple things can become doorways of grace.

All Saints of God, pray for us!

God bless you all,

Fr. Marvin Felipe

Parish Administrator

Sunday Collections
October 25, 2026

$ 2,957.95 Sunday Offertory
$ 1,987.57 Online Giving

$ 1,785.30 Second Collection
(All Souls Day Offering)

Thank you for your donation!

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Mass Intentions

Mon, Nov 02 8:00 am - All Souls
By: St. Stephen Parish

Tue, Nov 03 8:00 am - Francesca Malig Remollino - Birthday
By: Raquel Amora Malig

Wed, Nov 04 8:00 am - Claudio Hrvatin - †
By: Giovanna Hrvatin

Thu, Nov 05 8:00 am - Mita Pascual - †
By: Emma Sagala

Fri, Nov 06 8:00 am - Cecelia Prete - †
By: Patricia Prete

Sat, Nov 07 8:00 am - Rodel Rodis - Birthday
By: Edna Rodis
4:30 pm - People of the Parish

Sun, Nov 08 8:00 am - Lynn Boquiren - Spec. Intention
By: Fely Boquiren
10:30 am - Alberto Esteva - †
By: Betty Esteva
6:30 pm - Janelle Labiaga - Birthday
By: Roy Amora

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, Maricela Herrarte Barrera, Ana Caballero, Araceli Caparas, Sean Chan, Julie Burton, Tony Devincenzi, Genevie Dy, Kenneth Fambrini, George Farrales, Eden Finn, Larry & Carmelita Gallager, Mark Gutierres, Carry Keely, 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., Tina Yake, Alex & Marie.

Welcome to God's Family!

We joyfully welcome

Aliah Rae B. Cayas

who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on November 1, 2026 - All Saints' Day

May God bless Aliah and the family on this beautiful journey of faith!

Join us **Monday, November 2, 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

Archbishop Annual Appeal

Goal: $ 86,589 **Current:** $ 59,133.00 Needed: $ 27,456.00

This total may not include all donations mailed to or made directly to the Diocese.

68.29%

Thank you for making a difference!

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SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 23, 2027
FOLLOWING THE 4:30 P.M. MASS
TICKET INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

A little over a week ago, I finished my trek across Spain as I completed the Camino de Santiago. The Camino is a pilgrimage path going back hundreds of years, leading to the city of Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain. It is in the Cathedral of Santiago that tradition holds to be the tomb of the Apostle Saint James the Greater. Tradition says that after the Resurrection, he traveled to this part of Spain as he heeded our Lord's commission to preach the Gospel to the end of the earth, which during that time was thought to literally be the end of the earth. For hundreds of years, pilgrims have traveled to his tomb to seek his intercession. Over time, many different routes have developed from different directions. I walked what is considered the traditional route and most popular from Saint Jean Pied de Port along the French Pyrenees to Santiago. This route is around 770 km total, though I walked a little less than 700 km because I developed shin splints and had to take a bus a few days in the middle so as to have some extra rest time. In total my journey was 32 days long and I walked for 28 of those days, averaging 20-25 km/day. Some people start where I did, some people start closer, and some begin walking from farther away! There are people who may take a week every year and walk a stage or people who take months. There was a French family walking with their middle-school-aged daughters, young adults, retired couples, and solo walkers like myself. I constantly prayed for our parish community along the way. I cannot speak about the entire experience here and so I look forward to giving a presentation on the experience in the future. I will soon depart for the segment of my sabbatical by heading to Asia and a pastoral experience in the Philippines. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers and I look forward to seeing all of you when I return in January.

Father Schunk



