Saint Stephen Parish

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November 8,2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8
Our souls are thirsting for God.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
God will raise all those who have died.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive 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 - 4:20 pm or 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass

Pastor's Corner

Getting to Know St. Stephen Together: A Parish That Remembers with Love and Hope

Dear Parishioners of St. Stephen,

Peace and blessings to all of you!

Last Sunday, we celebrated All Saints' Day, remembering those who now share in the glory of heaven.

This Sunday, I would like to continue our reflection by remembering our beloved departed, especially during this month of November, when the Church invites us to pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

All of us have someone we miss. Perhaps a parent, a spouse, a child, a sibling, a relative, or a dear friend. Their absence is felt in many ways, an empty chair at the dinner table, a familiar voice we can no longer hear, a birthday or anniversary that brings back memories, or a simple moment when we wish we could talk to them again.

Grief reminds us how deeply we have loved. And our Catholic faith reminds us that death does not have the final word.

Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life." These words give us hope that our loved ones are not forgotten by God, and that through Christ, we look forward to the promise of eternal life.

One beautiful tradition of our Catholic faith is praying for the dead. We may no longer be able to hold their hands, hear their voices, or see their smiles, but we can still offer them something precious, our prayers, especially the Holy Mass.

Throughout November, we continue to accept All Souls' envelopes with the names of our departed loved ones. These names will be placed at the altar and remembered in our daily Masses. It is a simple but meaningful way of saying, "You are still loved. You are still remembered. You are still in our prayers."

As we continue getting to know St. Stephen together, may our parish always be a community that remembers with gratitude, comforts those who grieve, and prays with hope.

Love remembers. Faith prayers. Hope trusts in God's promise of eternal life.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

God bless you all,

Fr. Marvin Felipe

Parish Administrator

Sunday Collections
November 1, 2026

$ 5,731.80	Sunday Offertory
$ 2,066.02	Online Giving
$ 1,498.80	Second Collection (St. Patrick Seminary)
$ 1,294.00	All Soul's Day

Thank you for your donation!

50 PLUS CLUB

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

Enjoy an afternoon of Bingo, Bridge, tasty snacks, and great company.

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

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Mass Intentions

Mon, Nov 09 8:00 am - Cecelia Prete - †
By: Francis Prete Family

Tue, Nov 10 8:00 am - Cecelia Prete - †
By: Costa Langley Family

Wed, Nov 11 8:00 am - Cecelia Prete - †
By: John Prete Family

Thu, Nov 12 8:00 am - Jeremy Hanley - †
By: Kathy & Mark Morello

Fri, Nov 13 8:00 am - Cecelia Prete - †
By: Costa Langley Family

Sat, Nov 14 8:00 am - Edna Amora - †
By: Nathalia Riza Hizon
4:30 pm - Cecelia Prete - †
By: Ed Prete

Sun, Nov 15 8:00 am - People of the Parish

10:30 am - Cecelia Prete - †
By: Ed Prete
6:30 pm - Cecelia Prete - †
By: Nathalia Riza Hizon

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, Winifred Follin, Eden Finn, Larry & Carmelita Gallager, Mark Gutierres, Laura Harris, Carrie Keely, Robert Liam, Mary MacKinny, Tresa Matthews, Glenda Miller, Antoinette Mishirsky, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Byron Petty, Erlinda Ronas, 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.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens, friends and family members of the bride to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

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