

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.



September 28, 2025

TWENTY-SIXTH
Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Lying at his door
was a poor man
named Lazarus.

Luke 16:20

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass, we will have a special prayer and blessing for our 8th graders who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation later in the year. It is a reminder to us of the importance of preparation in our lives. We all prepare for types of things. We prepare to take a trip by planning our itinerary. We prepare for exercise by stretching. We also prepare ourselves to receive the sacraments as we understand that to receive a sacrament is an important moment to receive a gift from God. We plan because we desire to receive this gift fully aware of what the Lord is doing in our lives and how he is changing us. For many of us, we may do this on a regular basis like at Mass before we receive Communion or with an Examination of Conscience before celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation. For our 8th graders, these final months of preparation are a time when they reflect how God has been at work in their lives and how in the future they desire for him to continue to accompany them. May you and I participate in their preparation by holding them and their families in our prayers this year. Next week our 10:30 AM Mass will be outside in the plaza where we will have the blessing of the animals/pets in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi at the conclusion of the Mass. If you attend another Mass that weekend, please feel free to bring your pet for a blessing just at the conclusion of the Mass.

The Archdiocese of San Francisco's Office of Human Life and Dignity is sponsoring the 2025 White Mass for Medical Professionals celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone at Saint Dunstan's in Millbrae on Friday, October 3 at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to participate, particularly doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals! For more information, email: lifeanddignity@sfarch.org

We are continuing to receive registrations for the anniversary luncheon on October 19. A reminder that on Sunday, October 19, we will just be having the 10:30 AM Mass. There will not be the usual 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM Masses that day. We will still have the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass Saturday evening, October 18.

Father Schunk

Background of the Gospel Reading

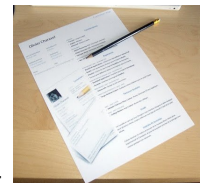
A significant theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of caring for the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man with that of Lazarus, a poor man who lives in the shadow of the rich man's wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven, the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way but acted differently. The story of the rich man and Lazarus illustrates the importance of caring for the poor and serves as a reminder to those who follow Jesus of the insignificance of wealth in God's eyes.

St. Stephen School

Now Accepting Applications!

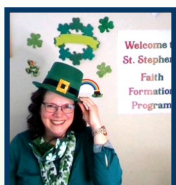
St. Stephen School is accepting applications for the August 2026-2027 Kindergarten Class. Please call the school office at **(415) 664-8331**, if you are interested in obtaining an application and scheduling a school tour. Children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2026 and be currently enrolled in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



St. Stephen School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origins to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Stephen School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

Faith Formation at St. Stephen Parish

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 afternoon from 4:15-5:30 pm. We also prepare students to receive the Sacraments of reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation (8th Grade).

The online registration process for the 2025-2026 school year is open. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Molly, the direction of Faith Formation at Faithformation@saintstephensf.org

Faith Formation is now looking to add new teachers to their team! If you are interested in guiding the next generation on their religious path, please contact Mary Molly.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Sep 29

8:00 a.m. † **Josefina C. Hogue**
(By: Emma Salgala)

Tuesday, Sep 30

8:00 a.m. **Teri Mercurio Sp. Int.**
(By Liam & Mary Frost)

Wednesday Oct 1

8:00 a.m. **Yelba Delgado, Sp Int**
(By: Hugo Delgado)

Thursday, Oct 2

8:00 a.m. **Alaia Dean, bday blessing**
(By: Mama & Papa)

Friday, Oct 3

8:00 a.m. **Belinda Mistica**
(By: Fr. Schunk & parish staff)

Saturday, Oct 4

8:00 a.m. † **Carlota Plondaya**
(By: Plondaya family)

4:30 p.m. † **Denis O'Connor**
(By: Rose O'Connor)

Sunday, Oct 5

8:00 a.m. † **Froila De Leon**
(By: Conchita DeGuzman)

10:30 a.m. † **Michael Gragnani**
(By: Diane Gragnani)

6:30 p.m. **People of the Parish**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Amos 6:1,4-7

God will judge the complacency of the people and their leaders.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 146:7-10

Happy are those who find solace in God, the help of the poor.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Paul exhorts Timothy to stay faithful to God in all things.

Gospel Reading Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Tuesday: **St. Jerome**

Wednesday: **St. Terese of the Child Jesus**

Thursday: **Guardian Angels**

Saturday: **St. Francis of Assisi**

Sunday: **St. Faustina Kowalska**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections September 20 - 21, 2025

\$5,099.99 Sunday Offertory
\$1,318.00 Online Giving
\$ 752.00 Priest Retirement
\$88,976.00 75th Anniversary Fund

St. Stephen 75th Anniversary

Celebration

October 19, 2025

Mass 10:30 AM

**Luncheon to Follow the Mass in
Donworth Hall**

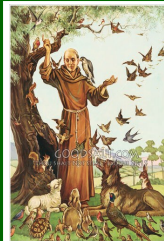
Purchase Tickets for Luncheon

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintstephens/forms/75th-anniversary-bbq>

Adults: \$35 Children: \$15
Mass Schedule for Weekend
Saturday 4:30 PM Mass
Sunday 10:30 AM Mass



**No 8:00 AM or 6:30 PM on
Sunday, 10/19.**



NEXT SUNDAY!

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi the name-sake of the City of San Francisco and co-patron of our Archdiocese. As is our tradition, *we will bless your animals on this day the after the 10:30 Mass*, which is celebrated with an outdoor Mass on the front plaza.

2025 White Mass for Medical Professionals

Friday, Oct. 3, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

St. Dunstan Parish - 1133 Broadway, Millbrae

Contact: Valerie Schmalz |(415) 614-5571|

lifeanddignity@sfsarch.org

Join the Archdiocese of San Francisco's Office of Human Life and Dignity for the 2025 White Mass for Medical Professionals celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone.

All are welcome to participate, particularly doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals! A White Mass, so named for the traditional color of physicians' coats, is a way to honor and pray with and for all those who serve in the medical professions.



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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.



ST STEPHEN PARISH 2025-2026

ORGANIZATION/MINISTRY CONTACT PERSON

• Altar Servers	Giovanna Hrvatin
• Altar Society	Joan Leehane
• 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

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.

**Daniel W., Cristina Young, Tresa Matthews,
GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex
& Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young,
Araceli Caparas, Larry & Carmelita Gallager,
George Farrales, Al Vicente Jr, Antoinette Mishirsky,
Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plon-
daya, Marie Bachand, Rodney Clark,
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.



Join us next Monday, October 6,
2025, for our monthly meeting of the
50+ Club. Snacks will be served and
Bingo and Bridge will be played.
Currently, looking for new
Bridge Players!

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With our new
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