

# St. Stephen Parish

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Weekday Mass: 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.

January 14, 2024

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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AS JOHN THE BAPTIST WATCHED  
JESUS WALK BY, HE SAID,

*“Behold, the Lamb of God.”*

JOHN 1:36



### St Stephen Parish Community's Annual Fundraising Event

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415-681-2444



SATURDAY,  
February 3, 2024  
6:00 pm — 9:00 pm  
Donworth Hall  
473 Eucalyptus Drive  
San Francisco, CA 94134

RESERVATION  
FORMS  
inside



*Encounter Jesus Christ. Love Jesus Christ. Live Jesus Christ.*

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 ; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 ; Jn 1:35-42

Samuel is the first in a long line of prophets in biblical Israel. He lived in the 11th century B.C., at a time when the Ark of the Covenant was kept in a tabernacle at Shiloh. Dedicated to the Lord's service by his parents, the boy Samuel had been living at the shrine since he was a toddler.

In today's reading, Samuel hears a voice calling to him in the night and thinks it is Eli, but it turns out that *God* is calling him. Eli tells Samuel to answer the Lord, so that God may give him whatever message he intends.

Samuel does as Eli instructs, and the Scriptures go on to say that, *Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect*. As a prophet, his role was not so much to predict the future but to speak God's word to the people and to offer advice to Israel's first two kings.

Saint Paul also spoke God's word to his people. Today we heard part of his message to the Corinthians, reminding them that *The body ... is not for immorality, but for the Lord*. The Church in Corinth was dealing with several cases of public immorality, and they wrote to the Apostle seeking advice. He reminds them, and us, that the body *is a temple of the Holy Spirit*. It is these very bodies that God will transform and raise on the Last Day. So we should treat them with the dignity they deserve.

In the Gospel today, two followers of John the Baptist, including Andrew, hear John refer to Jesus as *the Lamb of God*. And so they leave John and follow Jesus. As Samuel was led to God's voice by Eli's directions, so, too, are Andrew and the other disciple led to Jesus by John's words.

When he sees them, Jesus asks them, *What are you looking for?* Their response is simply to ask where he is staying and he invites them to *come, and you will see*. The evangelist tells us that *they stayed with him that day*. We don't know what transpired during their time together, but it was enough to lead Andrew to go and tell his brother Simon, *We have found the Messiah*. He, too, goes to Jesus. When Jesus meets Simon he gives him the name Cephas, *which is translated Peter*.

As God called Samuel and as Jesus called his disciples, so have we been called. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, made for the Lord. Here we take the Lord into our bodies, so that we might become more like him, and that we might ourselves be prophets of the Good News of our Lord.

## Liturgy and Life

- Have you heard God's call differently at stages of your life?
- Do you spend time in quiet to discern God's call
- What is your reply to Jesus' query, "What are you looking for?"



## January 17, 2024 - Our Saint of the Week - St. Anthony



Anthony was born in Egypt in 250. At age 20, when his parents died, Anthony made sure his younger sister's education could be completed in a community of holy women. He then sold all his possessions and left for a life of solitude in the desert. There an elderly hermit taught him about prayer and penance. For 20 years, he lived in isolation. Anthony wanted to know God deeply. He did penance by taking only bread and water once a day at sunset. The devil appeared to him in terrible shapes to tempt him. But Anthony had great confidence in God. Anthony's unusual life did not make him harsh but radiant with God's love and compassion.

Stories of Anthony's holiness spread, and people came to learn from him how to become holy. Some admirers wanted to stay, so Anthony—at age 54—founded a type of monastery consisting of hermitages near one another. Anthony wrote a rule that guided the monks. Later when Anthony heard of the persecutions of the Christians, he wanted to die a martyr. At 60, he left the desert to minister to the Christians in prisons, fearlessly exposing himself to danger. He came to realize that a person can die daily for Christ by serving him in ordinary ways with great love. So he returned to the desert to his life of prayer and penance. His life of solitude was again interrupted, however, when at age 88 he had a vision in which he saw the harm Arian followers were doing to the Church by denying the divinity of Christ. Anthony left for Alexandria to preach against this heresy. At age 90, another vision sent Anthony searching the desert for Saint Paul, the first hermit. These two holy men met and spoke of the wonders of God. Anthony is said to have died peacefully in a cave at age 105.

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# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, Jan 15

8:00 a.m. **Rose Marie Hennessy** Sp. Int  
(By: Peggy)

## Tuesday, Jan 16

8:00 a.m. † **Claudio Hrvatin**  
(By: Ed & Cecelia Prete)

## Wednesday Jan 17

8:00 a.m. † **Mary Kiac**  
(By: Shirley Dee)

## Thursday, Jan 18

8:00 a.m. † **Lei Anne**  
(By: Philip, Joy & Cedric)

## Friday, Jan 19

8:00 a.m. † **Roberto Salera**  
(By: Becky Parini)

## Saturday Jan 20

8:00 a.m. † **Vic Santoyo**  
(By: Alan Dimayuga)  
† **Winifred Uthman**  
(By: Margaret O'Sullivan)

## Sunday, Jan 21

8:00 a.m. † **Sheila Lowry**  
(By: John Calahan)  
10:30 a.m. † **Kevin Mullaney**  
(By: MaryMolly & Marilyn Mullaney)  
6:30 p.m. **St. Stephen Parishioners**  
(By: Fr. Michael)



### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you. — 1 Corinthians 6:19a

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Speak, for your servant is listening  
(1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will  
(Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?  
(1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

**Gospel** — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Monday: **Martin Luther King, Jr., Day**  
**St. Paul the Hermit**  
Wednesday: **St. Anthony, Abbot**  
Thursday: **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
**begins**  
Friday: **Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)**  
**St. Margaret of Hungary**  
Saturday: **St. Fabian; Popo & Martyr**  
**St. Sebastian, Martyr**



You're ALL Invited!

## HOLY HOUR of EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Exposition, Adoration and Benediction  
(Weekdays, right after the 8am Mass)

Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

### Stewardship: A Way of Life December 2023

\$ 19,071.77 Sunday Collections (12/3, 10, 17, 24, 31)

\$ 7,038.00 Online Sunday Collections (12/1-31)

\$ 11,971.00 Donworth Hall DEC Rental Income

\$ 38,080.77 **Total Income for December 2023**

**LESS:**

\$ 50,942.82 **Parish Maintenance for December 2023**

\$ 12,862.12 **OVER/ Under**

*Please continue to generously support your Parish!*

### Count Your Blessings

When I feel that the world is caving in and my tears of hopelessness are just about to fall, I look down at my hands. I stretch my fingers and I start to count ... my blessings. I say to myself, "I have 10 fingers. 1-2-3-4-5 ... I can move all of them. My skin is clear. I can see. I can hear. I can talk. I can walk. I have a family. I have a home. I have friends. I have a job. Not everyone has these. I am a very lucky person. I am whole and I can cope with this minor setback."



Join the FUN!

Monday, February 5, 2024

Doors Open 12:30pm

50+ Seniors are ALL INVITED!  
Enjoy camaraderie, snacks, Bingo games, Bridge, etc

For any questions/ concerns,  
please call: Helga at 415-731-8211

## Sick Relatives & 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.

Perry Young, Antoinette Mishirsky,  
Maggie Harbison, Danilo Dacasin, Greg Lorio,  
Adelle Caunan, Debbie Nunes, Tony Devincenzi,  
Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya,  
Marie Bachand, Francis Yiu, Edna Amora,  
Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente,  
Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya,  
Robert Liam, Marino Tulao, Eden Finn,  
Edileide Jose Barbosa, Kenneth Fambrini,  
Larry Barbieri, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez,  
Catherine Scossieria, Gwendolyn Walsh,  
Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

*Please call the office to add or remove names*

## Today's Readings

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.



We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael. Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

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## St. Stephen Catholic Book Club



Our Book Club is open to anyone interested in reading and discussing books with inherent or implied Christian themes. We meet the second Saturday at 10:00 am in the Conference Room at the parish offices. Contact Mary Molly for more information.

**January, 2024 - *Searching for and Maintaining Peace***  
by Father Jacques Philippe

## FINDING PEACE

If you want peace, work for justice. —Pope Paul VI

## NOTICE to the PUBLIC

### U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San  
Francisco, Case No. 23-30564

Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims:  
**February 20, 2024**

### YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the "Debtor"), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code")

**If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.**

**Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.**

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF>, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via email at [RCASFinquiries@omniagnt.com](mailto:RCASFinquiries@omniagnt.com) or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

\*\*If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing\*\*

St. Stephen Parish Presents  
Culinary Culture 2024

# A Taste of the Philippines

Traditional Filipino Cuisine featuring  
Folk dance group - Parangal Dance Company



St. Stephen Donworth Hall  
473 Eucalyptus Drive SF 94134

Saturday, February 3 2024  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

\$80 Adult/\$30 Child under 14  
\$600 - Table for 8

For more information: [info@saintstephensf.org](mailto:info@saintstephensf.org)



## Reserve now!

Serving surf and turf Filipino delights such as *Lechon* (Roast Pig), *Lumpia* (Pork & Vegetable), *Bangus Sisig* (boneless milkfish sautéed with Garlic), *Pancit* (Combination & vegetarian noodles), *Chop Suey* (stir-fried vegetables) and many more with unlimited steamed rice!

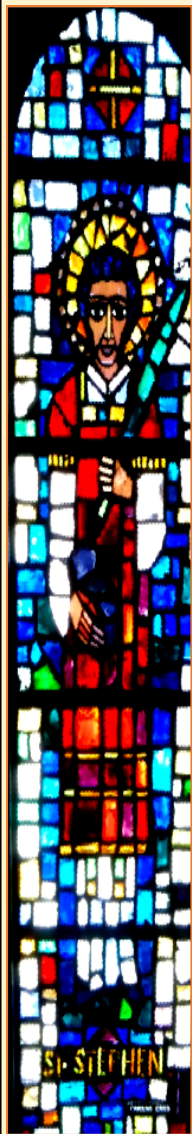
Raffle tickets on sale at the event. Prizes include 65" TV along with other gift baskets.

Purchase tickets online using the QR Code on this form OR visit the parish office to drop off a check along with this form.

For more information call (415) 681-2444 or [info@saintstephensf.org](mailto:info@saintstephensf.org)

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ADULT - \$80.00				
CHILD - \$30.00				
TABLE for 8 - \$600.00				
<b>CHURCH DONATION:</b>				
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>			<b>Table Reservation Name:</b>	





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|                              | Naomi Kelly           |

**Parish Office Phone 415.681.2444**

### ***Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!***

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Weekly Sunday envelopes , circle one: Yes No, but commit to participate thru Online Giving.

*You will receive in the mail within a week, a Parish Registration Form to complete the registration process. Or just get the paper Parish Registration in the vestibule. Thank you!*

### **Be sure to REGISTER in the parish!**

As we approach year-end, if you're a regular donor but not a registered parishioner, take a moment to be sure your giving history will be complete for your tax letter.

Go to <https://saintstephensf.org/parish-registration-form> to REGISTER ONLINE OR use the paper Registration Forms provided at the church's vestibule or drop by the parish office to inquire and familiarize yourself with the Pastor's office and his parish staff.

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We are working to make your gift-giving easier. We're on the way to using VENMO and PAYPAL for your convenience. Stay tuned as we work on this process!