

St. 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.

Jesus said,

“LET US GO ON
TO THE NEARBY
VILLAGES THAT I MAY
PREACH THERE ALSO.
FOR THIS PURPOSE
HAVE I COME.”

Mark 1:38



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February 4, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join the FUN!
TOMORROW

Monday, February 5, 2024

@ Donworth Hall

473 Eucalyptus Drive SF, CA 94132



Doors Open 12:30pm

50+ Seniors are ALL INVITED!

Enjoy camaraderie, snacks, Bingo
games, Bridge, etc

For any questions/ concerns,
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Today's Music

Gathering

"For The Fruits Of This
Creation" #212

Preparation of the Gifts

"Healing River of the Spirit"
#673

Communion

"Behold the Lamb" #341
"When We Eat This Bread"
#351

Sending

"Celtic Alleluia" #382

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19; Mark 1:29-39

It is interesting to notice where Jesus encounters people. We might think that Jesus, son of God and Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, would live in the Temple and allow people to come and worship him. But time and again in the Gospels we see Jesus going out to encounter people no matter where they are. Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at a well, he meets the good thief on the cross, and in today's Gospel, Jesus leaves the synagogue and enters the house of Simon's mother-in-law where he encounters her.



When we encounter Jesus, we should not leave unchanged. He brings healing to our bodies and our souls, if we have faith and trust in him. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law; he also cures many who were sick and drove out many demons. Jesus desires to heal us and make us whole. But this does not come without a cost.

Jesus heals us and sets us free not so that we can simply live life "our way," but so we can build the kingdom of God by spreading the Christian message. Each of us as a Christian is called to say with Saint Paul: *Woe to me if I do not preach [the Gospel]!* All of us are given this mission, we simply need to discover in what way God is calling us to accomplish it. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have access to the graces and gifts necessary to live out this call.

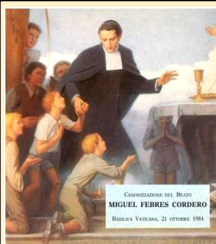
At times, the way we are to live out the mission Jesus gives us is simply to be a good mother or father, a loving and devoted wife or husband, a faithful friend. There will be other times when Jesus wants us to preach the truth of the Gospel in a literal way to those who have never heard of him. There will be times when our mission is to preach through our actions and lifestyle. We heard in today's Gospel that everyone was looking for Jesus. How can we help them find him?

Each one of us has been called by name. We have already encountered Jesus in the sacraments, and have been healed of the stain of our original sin. Now God calls us forth to proclaim this Good News to all. Let us undertake our mission with joy and gladness.

LITURGY AND LIFE

- ◆ How have you felt the Lord heal your broken heart?
- ◆ Saint Paul says he became weak to win over the weak. How do you engage another in living out the Gospel?
- ◆ Today, both Saint Paul and Jesus state their purpose. How clearly do you see your role as a Christian?

February 9, Our Saint of the Week : Saint Miguel Febres Cordero



How would you like to have a teacher who was described like this: He was kind to everyone and treated all of his students, rich or poor, the same. He liked to be with the students, and they liked to be with him. All of the children in the school loved him. That is exactly what a saint said about today's saint.

Miguel was born in Ecuador where his family was influential in politics. As a child, he suffered from a disability that kept him from standing and walking like other children. He could not stand alone until he was five years old, when it was said he experienced a vision of Our Lady. Miguel was educated at home until he was 14, then went to school taught by the Christian Brothers. He was a gifted student, and when he was only 17, he published the first of many books, a textbook on Spanish grammar.

Miguel joined the Christian Brothers, and was a teacher for 32 years in Ecuador. As a teacher he was always looking for new ways to present the material. He wanted to make the lessons and work more pleasant for students. He laughed with his students and was understanding and patient.

Brother Miguel continued writing, and his scholarly works in literature earned him academic honors in South America and Europe. But Brother Miguel did not think he was very important. He thought the most important ones were his students.

In 1907, Miguel was called to the Motherhouse in Belgium to translate some books. On the way he stopped for a short visit in New York City. From Belgium he went to a school in Spain where young men were preparing to become Christian Brothers. In 1909, during the Spanish Revolution, the school came under attack. Brother Miguel took the Blessed Sacrament from the chapel and led the novices across the bay to safety in Barcelona. He died of pneumonia a year later. He is laid to rest in Ecuador and the people welcomed him with a great procession through the streets of Quito, Ecuador.

2023 AAA Update

We have been blessed with some very generous responses to the Appeal and we would like to thank parishioners who participated and shared their treasures to meet our goal of \$86, 973.00.

Unfortunately, we are short of our 2023 AAA Goal by \$4,526.00 which shall be taken out of our savings. However, your support is truly amazing! THANK YOU! Fr. Michael

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Feb 5

8:00 a.m.

Robert Liam *Sp Int*
(By: Lolo & Lola Cags)

Tuesday, Feb 6

8:00 a.m.

† **Apolinario Reyes**
(By: Liberty MungCal)

Wednesday, Feb 7

8:00 a.m.

† **Richard Faziola**
(By: Hilda Faziola)

Thursday, Feb 8

8:00 a.m.

† **Nenita Sangalang**
(By: Sangalang Family)

Friday, Feb 9

8:00 a.m.

† **Constance Marie Weixel**
(By: Liam Frost Family)

Saturday, Feb 10

8:00 a.m.

† **Jack Carpentier**
(By: Gayle Carpentier)

4:30 p.m.

† **Albert Gagnani**
(By: Diane Gagnani)

Sunday, Feb 11


8:00 a.m.

† **Klaus Reinsberg**
(By: Hrvatin Family)
St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)

10:30 a.m.

† **Jack Steele**
(By: Teshara Family)

6:30 p.m.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2024
[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls each by name. — Psalm 147:4

Today's Readings

First Reading — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (*Job 7:1-4, 6-7*).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (*Psalm 147*).

Second Reading — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (*1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23*).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (*Mark 1:29-39*).

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;**
World Day for Consecrated Life;
Boy Scouting Sunday

Monday: **St. Agatha**

Tuesday: **St. Paul Miki and Companions**

Thursday: **St. Jerome Emiliani;**

St. Josephine Bakhita;

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

Saturday: **St. Scholastica**



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.

A CHURCH ACCESSIBLE!

Saint Stephen Church is left open Monday through Saturday from after the morning Mass until 4:00 p.m. This gives you the opportunity to stop by and make a person/private visit with the Blessed Sacrament and to offer your prayers in a quiet, warm and comfortable atmosphere



So, when you are out for an afternoon walk or returning home from shopping or work -- feel free to stop by.

Join the SFSU Newman Club for Newman Nights every Thursday from 6-8 pm. We will meet for Mass in the church and will move to the rectory for fellowship after.



Feb 8th: Praise and Adoration (No Mass)

February 11th: Mass and Super Bowl Party (Mass at 2, Party following, no Sunday Supper)

February 14th: Ash Wednesday Mass on Campus (time tbd)

Feb 15th: Karaoke Night

Feb 22nd: Theology on Tap

Feb 29th: Leap Year Party

Every Sunday 6:30 Student Mass 7:30 Free Sunday Supper

All SFSU and surrounding community college students are welcome! Contact Victoria with any questions!

victoria.connor@focus.org

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.

Ricardo Taylor, 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.

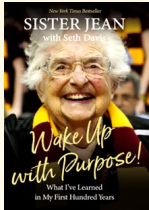
Please call the office to add or remove names

Additional Thoughts on Today's Gospel

We need to be instruments for the exercise of Jesus' healing power.

Bringing *healing and wholeness* is Jesus' ministry even today, He continues it through the Church and through the Christians. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness. We all need the healing of our minds, our memories and our broken relationships. Jesus now uses counselors, doctors, friends or even strangers in His healing ministry. Let us look at today's Gospel and identify with the mother-in-law of Peter. Let us ask for the ordinary healing we need in our own lives. When we are healed, let us not forget to thank Jesus for his goodness, mercy, and compassion toward us by our own turning to serve others. Our own healing process is completed only when we are ready to help others in their needs and to focus on things outside ourselves. Let us also be instruments for the exercise of Jesus' healing power by visiting the sick and praying for their healing. But let us remember that we need the Lord's strength, not only to make ourselves and others well, but to make ourselves and others whole.

We need to live for others as Jesus did: Jesus was a man for others, sharing what he had with others. In his life there was time for prayer, time for healing and time for reconciliation. Let us take up this challenge by sharing love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness with others. Instead of considering life as dull and boring let us live our lives as Jesus did, full of dynamism and zeal for the glory of God.



St. Stephen Catholic Book Club

February book: **“Wake Up With Purpose! What I've Learned in My First Hundred Years”** by Sister Jean Schmidt

Known to millions as simply "Sister Jean," the Loyola Chicago matriarch and college basketball icon invites you into her

remarkable memoir filled with history, wonder, and common-sense wisdom for this century and beyond. As Sister Jean wisely says, "I've seen so many changes in the last 102 years, but the important things remain the same." Part life story, part philosophy text, and part spiritual guide, Sister Jean's wit, wisdom, and common sense has broad appeal and application that transcends religious creed, belief. The driving force inside *Wake Up with Purpose!* is the narrative of Sister Jean's fascinating life--from teaching at a Catholic school during the Second World War to serving on a Chicago college campus in the sixties and beyond to cheering from the sidelines of a men's basketball tournament in March 2018.

Book Club meets Sat., Feb. 10, 10:00 a.m. in the parish office. Contact Mary Molly for more information.

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2023 CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING



In Loving Memory Of:

Betsy Barca
Pedro, Angela, Marlene Cabatic
Miriam Chin Cheong
Pete Diaz
Jenny-Julia-Pat Fitzgerald
Al Gagnani
Liz Porter Gagnani & child
Michael Gagnani
Marina Ha
Jermaine Henson
Henry & Teresa Ikson
Daniel Illenberger
Cornelius & Marilyn Maloney
James Maloney
Celestina Milch
Justina Sinlao
Stefanie Snider
Leonard Stefanelli
John Tam
Lun Foon Tam
Yu Chan Tam
Larry Teshara
Souls in Purgatory

In HONOR of:

Jermaine Henson
Justina Sinlao

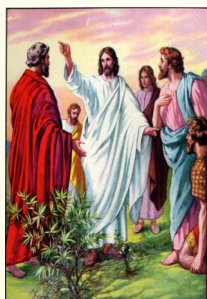
A Prayer

May I live in the world
as one who always seeks to serve.
May I live in the world
as one who knows the love of God.
Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve.
With my ears may I hear.
With my eyes may I see.
With my lips may I speak.
May your Word be heard through me.
Thus as I live each day
may love sustain the will to serve. Amen.

Lloyd Pfautsch

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.



On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of [prayer](#) in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

Bulletin Announcements

Anniversary, Birthday, New Arrival. Baptism etc.

Send your St. Stephen bulletin announcements via e-mail to the following address: e.prete@saintstephensf.org.

Prayer to St. Michael



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen. *Pope Leo XIII 1810-1903*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between

Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (*2 Corinthians 2:4*).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s.



There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

Humor at Home



A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your haircut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

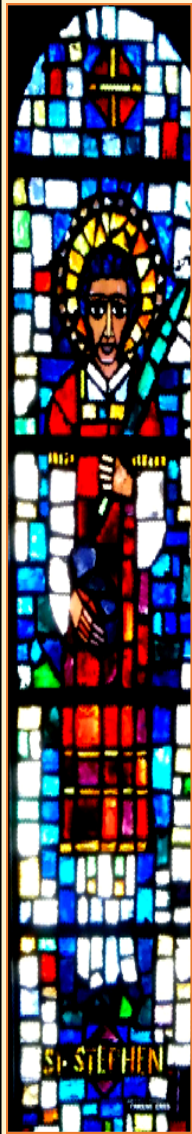
After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut.

"The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

"Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!

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