

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

April 28, 2024

By this is my Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.

John 15:8

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading - (Acts 9:26-31). **Psalm** - (Psalm 22). **Second Reading** - (1 John 3:18-24). **Gospel** - (John 15:1-8).

In all honesty, we must admit that we cannot “do it all” by ourselves. We will not be useful, productive or successful unless we go about our tasks and accomplish our mission in the power of Jesus Christ. But really, that is a good thing! Having Jesus Christ, Spirit-filled and risen from the dead on our side, and empowered by the gifts of God's Holy Spirit, is what truly gives value to whatever we do.

We are branches of the main vine, as Jesus tells us in today's Gospel account: *I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.* If you live in me and I in you, he tells us, you will live a life of meaning, purpose, direction and infinite value.

We, as Catholic Christians, are called to apply the powers we have, powers that come from God, to heal, redeem and thereby sanctify – not only in our own individual lives but in the world around us. In our commonly shared life of faith in Jesus Christ, we truly have the ability to make change happen in the world.

We have God's commitment: his covenant to be with us no matter what. And to help us be a part of accomplishing his work, we have God's Presence among us, even within us, when we receive the body and blood of Jesus. We live in him, and he in us. May our lives bear much fruit, for the glory of God and the good of the world.

Because no other vine that the world can offer is as life-giving as that of Jesus. A life apart from him will wither, and *be thrown out like a branch* at the time of judgment. Without Christ, we can do nothing. Every breath we take is simply and only because God has willed it so. God desires our good, and has made us to live with him forever in heaven. Nothing the world offers can even compete. Why sacrifice the permanent on the altar of the immediate? Yes, the ask can be considerable, but it is far surpassed by what our Lord offers us in return.

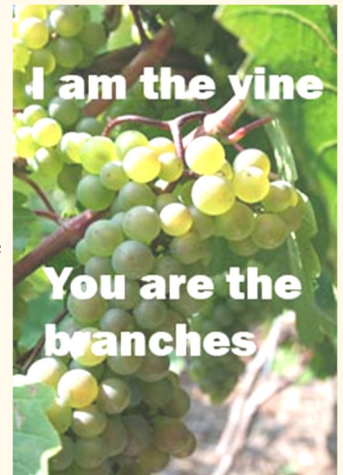
Let us abide in Christ and let Christ abide in us: The four Gospels teach us how to become true disciples of Jesus and how to abide in him as branches abide in the main trunk of the vine and draw their life from the vine. Personal and liturgical prayers, frequenting of the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, daily and meditative reading of the Bible, and selfless, loving acts of kindness, mercy and mutual loving forgiveness enable us to abide in Jesus, the true Vine, as fruit-bearing branches.

As we bring the month of April to a close (already!), and look forward to May, dedicated to our Blessed Mother, we give special thanks to all the beautiful and joyous things that were celebrated here at Saint Stephens this month.

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LITURGY AND LIFE

- When has the work of the Holy Spirit defied your expectations?
- How does our parish help the community recognize that they are to love “in deed and truth” as today's readings from the First Letter of Saint John states?
- How does the fruit you bear glorify God?



PRUNING OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES

Cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day, is the first type of self-imposed pruning expected of us. A second means of pruning is to practice self-control over our evil inclinations, sinful addictions and aberrations. Cordial mingling with people of different cultures, races, religions and orientations in our neighborhood and society also enables us to prune away our selfish and prejudicial tendencies as we treat others in the society with Christian charity and openness. In addition, Jesus prunes, purifies and strengthens us by allowing us to face pain and suffering, contradictions and difficulties with the courage of our Christian convictions.

**Our 20,000 sq. ft. Parish Event Center
Donworth Hall is available to Rent**
For info, call Shay at 415 681-2444 x7
or donworthevents@saintstephensf.org

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a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring
donation. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred
directly to the parish. Visit www.saintstephensf.org, click on Giving
link and Create your Account Profile to manage your giving.**

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Apr 29

8:00 a.m.

† **Juanita Kiac**
(By: Shirley Dee)

Tuesday, Apr 30

8:00 a.m.

† **Gail Ruopp**
(By: Lydia Flocchini)

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 a.m.

† **Josefil Dayoan Banaria**
(By: Remy Jacinto)

Thursday, May 2

8:00 a.m.

Pat & Carol Mullaney
Sp. Int. (By: Mary Molly Mullaney)

Friday, May 3

8:00 a.m.

† **Cornelius & Bridget O'Callaghan**
(By: O'Callaghan Family)

Saturday, May 4

8:00 a.m.

† **Ana De Lao**
(By: Lydia Flocchini)
St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)

4:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 5

8:00 a.m.

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

10:30 a.m.

Mark Bautista *Sp. Int.*
(By: Charlotte Bautista)

6:30 p.m.

Campos Hernandez Family
(By: Lupita Chase)

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth — *1 John 3:18*



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalms — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday:	Saint Catherine of Siena, 1347-1380
Tuesday:	St. Pius V
Wednesday:	St. Joseph the Worker
Thursday:	St. Athanasius
Friday:	Ss. Philip and James; National Day of Prayer
	First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday;

Volunteers Needed

The parish office needs volunteers to staff the reception desk. We are looking for people for afternoon shifts (12:30-4:00 p.m.) weekdays or substitutes for any shift. Shifts are 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Commitment is only requested for one day per week, but more if you choose.

Tasks include answering the door (buzzing people in), answering the phone, helping with Mass intention requests, and occasional light administrative duties such as stuffing envelopes for parish mailings.

Contact Carol for more info: (415)681-2444 x3 or carol@saintstephensf.org

You're All Invited!

HOLY HOUR of

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION

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

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



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.

Every Sunday 6:30 p.m. Student Mass, followed by FREE Sunday Supper at 7:30 p.m. *All SFSU and surrounding college students and college-age 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.

George Farrales, 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, Eden Finn, Edileide Jose Barbosa, Kenneth Fambrini, Larry Barbieri, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names of people that we should pray for this month.

TEXT to GIVE

Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

Our Saint of the week
Pope Pius V

Pope Pius V was from a poor Italian family and had entered the Dominican order at age 14. A teacher, a master of novices, a bishop, and finally a cardinal, he was a strict and honest man, as well as a zealous reformer. He wept when he was told in 1566 that he had been elected pope. The 18-year-long Council of Trent had ended 3 years before, and he, as Holy Father, had the task of implementing it. The previous pope had been easygoing, but Pius V made immediate changes. At first, the people complained that the atmosphere of Rome became like that of a monastery. But soon the pope's personal character changed their minds. He ordered that the gifts given at his coronation be sent to hospitals and to those in need. The Church finances were examined, the army was reduced, and the lifestyles of the cardinals and bishops were simplified. Seminaries were established, synods were held, dioceses were organized, and parish priests were called to regular meetings. A new catechism was completed. Parish priests were made responsible for Catholic education. The Roman Missal became the sole Mass book for the Western Church (with a few minor exceptions) for four centuries.

Pius V had difficulty in international affairs. He was unable to restore England to Catholic unity. Pius V's excommunication of Queen Elizabeth I opened new persecutions against the Catholics in England. The pope was more successful in checking the Turks, who threatened to overrun Europe. At the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, Christian forces successfully defeated the Turkish fleet. After only six years as pope, Pius V died of a painful disease of which he had never complained.

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National Eucharistic Pilgrimage launches soon!

We are days away from the launch of the St. Junipero Serra western route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage on Pentecost Sunday!

Our seminarian, Dereck Delgado, will be making this pilgrimage, walking across the country with other pilgrims to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the National Eucharistic Congress in July. His journey starts May 19.

Join us for the weekend's events including 11:00 a.m. Mass with Archbishop Cordileone on Sunday, May 19, at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption followed by a Eucharistic procession through the streets of San Francisco and across the Golden Gate Bridge. We are organizing a group from our parish to join the walk across the bridge, contact Mary Molly for more info.

When Dereck returns from the pilgrimage he returns to St. Patrick's Seminary, so his time serving St. Stephen Parish is coming to an end May 18, earlier than originally expected.

“So let me encourage you: The world tells us to develop self-confidence. But the Bible says to put no confidence in the flesh.

What we need is not self-confidence. We need Christ confidence.

So don't fight against your weakness, and don't deny your weakness. Let it bring a child-like dependence upon our strong Savior.”

-Susan Hunt



Join the FUN!
The 50+ Club will meet
Monday, May 6, 2024
@ Donworth Hall
473 Eucalyptus Drive,
SF, CA 94132

ALL ARE INVITED!

Doors Open 12:30pm

50+ Seniors are invited to enjoy camaraderie, snacks, Bingo games, Bridge, etc.

Join us for a special 100th Birthday Celebration

For any questions call Helga at 415-731-8211

Catholic Vacation in Oregon. A group of people, originally through St. Dominic's Church in SF, has organized a family vacation at the St. Benedict's Lodge & Retreat Center in McKenzie Bridge, Oregon, located on the beautiful McKenzie River. People of all ages are welcome to join, families with children, singles, adults, seniors. Unwind and reconnect with nature surrounded by God's beauty. Plenty of recreational activities are available: hiking, river rafting, fishing, golf, or just relaxing on the patio next to the river. Daily Mass is offered in the Chapel. Owned and run by the Dominican order.

Dates are July 8 through July 15, 2024.

Bring your own blankets/ sleeping bag/ pillow case, and transportation. Meals are cooked by the group. Cost of food and lodging is \$449 for the week.

<https://sblodge.opwest.org/>

Contact Mary Molly for more info or to register.



Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, May 5
10:30 a.m. Mass

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered during the regular 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. The anointing is for anyone seeking this special blessing. Not all ailments are visible, so no one will be turned away. The healing which Christ gave to those who sought Him

was not only meant to restore physical strength but also dispensed grace that helped strengthen the faith of the one who was healed.

Through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the infirm are given the spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit and are united in the prayers of the entire Church.

*** If you know someone who would like to attend but needs a ride to church, please contact the Parish Office. Phone: 415.681.2444 x4

Congratulations to all the students who received their

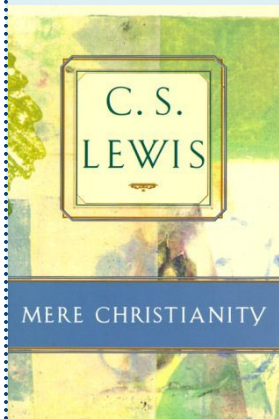
First Holy Communion

on Saturday, April 27, in St. Stephen Church. May the happiness of the special day always be in their hearts. Now that they have shared in the Body & Blood of Jesus may they always feel a part of God's family!

Anna Alcock
Sofia Altamirano
Sofia Arguello
Jordi Arteaga
Luis Arteaga
Isabella Celedon
Mia Chung
Michail Chung
Rylee Clark
Sean Conlon
Noa Fernandez
Gunnar Fesko
Dean Griffin
Danielle Hayes
Riley Hermitano
Rowan Kenny
Phoebe Kwan

Ethan Madden
Christopher Marquez
Robyn McGovern
Arleigh McGurk
Brooklyn Mooney
Maddison Murphy
Oliver Ng
Harper Ocampo
Andika Ojong
Sadie O'Malley
Winifred O'Malley
Sean O'Shaughnessy
Victoria Patino
Andrew Piini
Cameron Roberts
Avery Szeto
August Taussig
Noelle Yee

St. Stephen Catholic Book Club



May book:
Mere Christianity
by C.S. Lewis

Arguably the 20th century's most influential Christian writer, C.S. Lewis sought to explain and defend the beliefs that nearly all Christians at all times hold in common. His simple yet deeply profound classic, originally delivered as a series of radio broadcasts, is a book to be thoroughly

digested by believers and generously shared with skeptics. Lewis argues for the logical validity of Christianity, defends the religion from its critics, and looks in detail at what the life of a Christian is like.

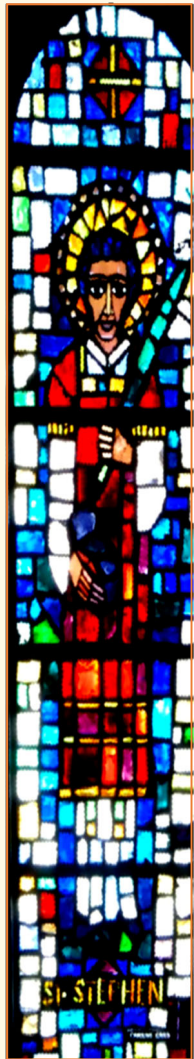
Book Club meets Sat., May 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the parish office. Contact Mary Molly for more information.



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, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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- Caritas: Nellie Hizon
- Church Hospitality: Mary Molly Mullaney
- Communion Ministers: Mary Molly Mullaney
- Faith Formation: 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
- Lectors: Mary Molly Mullaney
- Liturgy Committee: Fr. Michael Liliedahl
- Marriage Preparation: Clergy
- Men's Club: Marcus Lam
- Newman Campus Ministry: Victoria Connor
- Parish Council: Vicky Francisco
- RCIA: Mary Molly Mullaney
- St. Stephen Book Club: Mary Molly Mullaney
- Ushers: Jim Scheg
- Women's Guild: Jamie Allen
Naomi Kelly

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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!

You can **sign up** or **update** your information by completing this form & placing it in the collection basket, or by mailing it to the Parish Office, or by phone at 415-681-2444 or at www.saintstephensf.org

Name _____

Contact Phone (H W CP) _____

Email _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

_____ City/ZIP _____

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!

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.

Today's Music

April 28, 2024, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Gathering Alleluia! Give The Glory #319

Preparation Vine and Branches #329

Communion Unless A Grain Of Wheat #332,
Behold The Lamb #341

Sending Forth: Alleluia! Alleluia #175