

St. Stephen Parish

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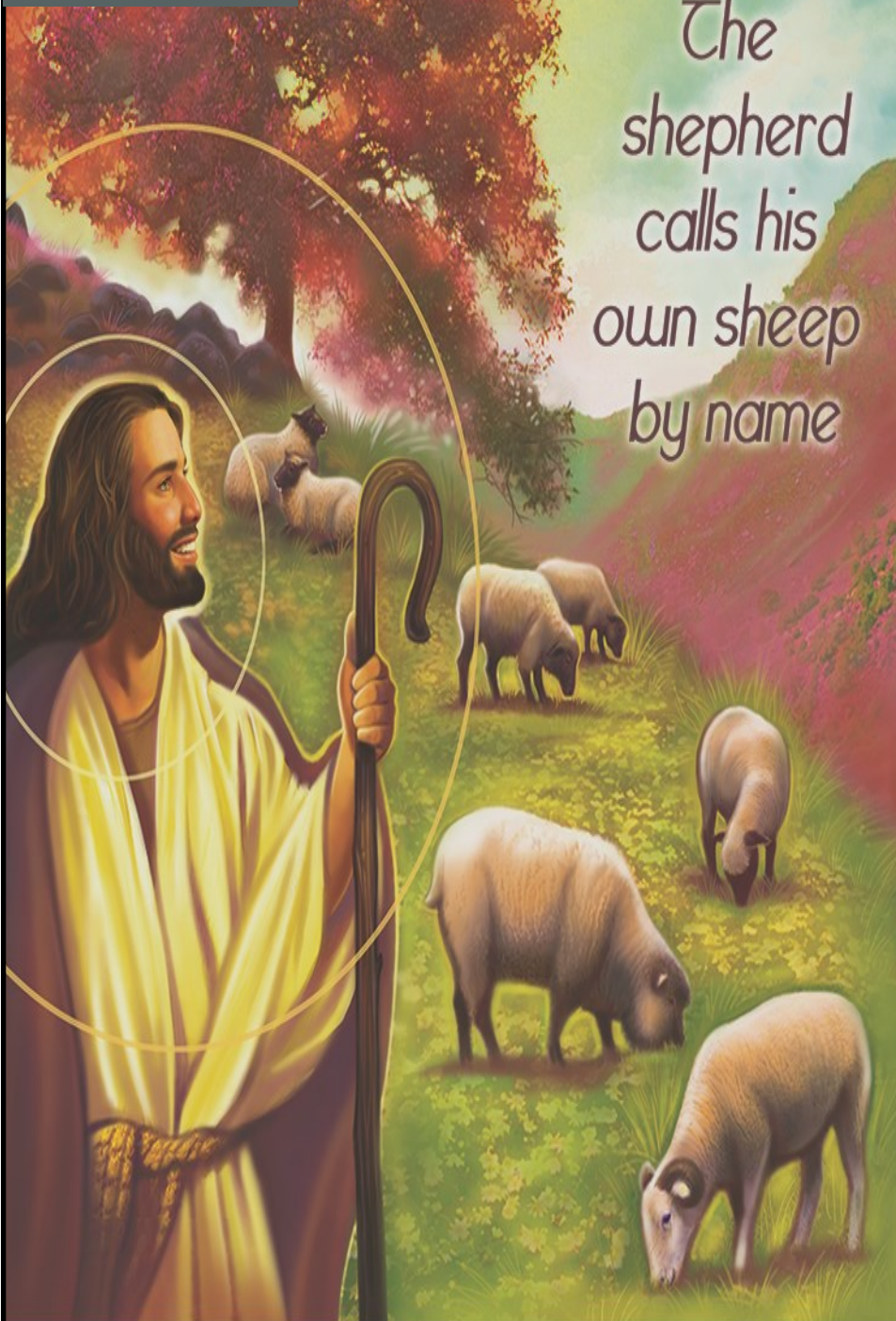
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Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. or by appt. and 30 min. before each Sunday Mass

Weekday Mass: 8:00 a.m. Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

April 30, 2023



The
shepherd
calls his
own sheep
by name

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.

But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.

But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers."

Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again,

"Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal." **John 10:1-10**

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

April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sheep left unattended or corralled will wander off and get into trouble every single time. That is why the shepherd goes to such lengths to keep an eye on them. When left to our own devices, we, too, have this uncanny tendency to wander off and get into trouble of all kinds. When we allow the voices of temptation to drown out the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we are headed for trouble. Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves, and we need to heed his voice.



What an awesome event is described in today's first reading. Peter speaks plainly to the crowd as to their culpability in the death of Jesus. Some were no doubt agitators in the crowd the day Jesus was condemned and crucified. Others stood by silently and let it all unfold. Let us not forget that 10 of the Apostles ran away! Only the youngest remained at the foot of the cross with Mary and several other women. But Peter told them to repent and they would *receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*.

Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day. All the people repented for whatever role they may have played in Jesus' death, and the community grew by 3,000. Truly a gracious and blessed day in the life of the Church. The heavens rejoiced at the sight of such a glorious event.

This was not the work of Peter, of course. This was the Lord working through Peter. Jesus Christ is the gate protecting the sheep from robbers and thieves – Jesus, who *came so all might have life and have it more abundantly*. The crowds in the first reading heard their shepherd's voice in the words and actions of Peter. The Pharisees and others in the Gospel did not recognize their shepherd who was right in front of them.

Let us hear the Good Shepherd's voice this day. Let us help others hear his voice through our words and actions this day as well. For his voice leads us to life. The Easter season is the perfect time to move from pain and suffering to glorious triumph in the risen Christ. May we always hear and heed the voice of the Shepherd.

During this "stay-at-home" time, this might be the perfect time through our actions and words to show those around us, who might be losing patience, to endure each day through this assistance we can offer.

LITURGY AND LIFE

- When have you found comfort in the description of the Lord as a shepherd, always at your side?
- How has someone been a model of grace, during suffering?
- What do you need to do to set aside time to listen to God's voice?

Our Saint of the Week Saint Joseph the Worker

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.



Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer.

In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

50+ Club
Monday, May 1, 2023
Donworth Hall
Doors Open 12:30pm

New members are most welcome!
For any questions/ concerns, please call:
Helga at 415-731-8211



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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, May 1

8:00 a.m.

† **Denis O'Connor**
(By: Rose O'Connor)

Tuesday, May 2

8:00 a.m.

Celia Dowling Sp. Int.
(By: Maureen Dowling)

Wednesday, May 3

8:00 a.m.

† **Comelius & Bridget O'Callaghan**
(By: Julie O'Callaghan)

Thursday, May 4

8:00 a.m.

† **Joesefil Dayoan Banaria**
(By: Remedios Jacinto)

Friday, May 5

8:00 a.m.

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

Saturday, May 6

8:00 p.m.

† **Leonard Stefanelli**
(By: Virginia Stefanelli)

4:30 p.m.

† **Aaron Denise**
(By: Papa & Mama)

Sunday, May 7

8:00 a.m.

† **Apolinario Reyes**
(By: Liberty Mungcal)
St. Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)

9:30 a.m.

Mark Bautista Sp. Int.
(By: Bautista Family)

11:30 a.m.

† **Mariane Arbeed**
(By: Brenda Kyne)

6:30 p.m.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

Psalm — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

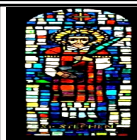
Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Fourth Sunday of Easter;**
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Monday: **St. Joseph the Worker**
Tuesday: **St. Athanasius**
Wednesday: **Ss. Philip and James**
Thursday: **National Day of Prayer**
Friday: **First Friday; Cinco de Mayo**
Saturday: **First Saturday**

Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 30, 2023

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. 1John:1



Congratulations

to the First Communion Class who celebrated the Eucharist yesterday, Saturday, April 29, in St. Stephen Church

Everett Cashel Adams
Riley Marie Biggs
Andrew Joseph Button
Isaiah Quentin Caminong
Madison Rose Coussinat
Samuel Noah Fitzpatrick
Phoenix Jude Garlasco
Lorraine Elizabeth Gartland
Vanessa Suzanne George
Riley Marie George
Nora Quynh Gerodias
Declan Wallace Gille
Gabriel Jacob Gleeson
Joaquin Cruz Gonzalez
Raymund Isaiah Hermitano
Miriya April Khovananth
Ian Michael Knaus
Julian Kazutaka Kumagai
Francis Joseph Lally
Charlotte Moira Mai
Olivia Marie Pollock
Maya Moura Sequeira
Amelia Haven Zeidan

We thank the teachers of St Stephen's School and Faith Formation Program who helped prepare the students to receive the sacrament and most importantly their parents, their "first teachers of the faith".

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.

Patricia Tarango Cruz, Debbie Nunes,
Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton,
Nestor Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Francis Yiu,
Edna Amora, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente,
Michelle Weeks, Rev Bill McCain, 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.

2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Campaign GOAL	:	\$ 86,973.00
Total Payments Received	:	\$ 27,144.00
Campaign Goal Balance	:	\$ 59,829.00

We thank the following parishioners who have shared their treasures with the parish **this week** as of 4.18.2023:
(For a complete listing, refer to AAA Poster in Church vestibule.)

Ms Constance Benas
Mrs Anne F Burgoyne
M/M Anthony Devincenzi
Mr. Robert Reidy
Salesforce Foundation

THE WAY

It's hard to train a child in a way the parents don't go themselves. — *Anonymous*

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer at the End of the Day
Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake;
watch over us as we sleep,
that awake, we may keep watch
with Christ,
and asleep, rest in his peace.

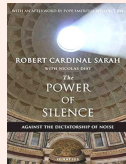


St Stephen's Book Club

Book for April:

"The Power of Silence Against the Dictatorship of Noise" by Sarah, Cardinal Robert

Come join us as we meet in person on the second Saturday of the month in the parish office conference room. Contact Mary Molly at the parish office for details. Phone - 415 681-2444x4



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OUR PROTECTOR

Today's readings invite us to recognize our need for one who ensures our safety, nourishes us, and leads us to peace and security, like sheep who rest in the care of a good shepherd. Such a shepherd will protect and save the sheep, even from the most deadly of predators. Today, we ponder the incredible news that Jesus accepted death on the cross in order to open the gates of eternal life with God for us. Through his resurrection, Jesus protects and saves us from the power of sin and death. We need only accept his love and live as God's people in this life, relying on the Lord who is the door to new life for us and for all. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Vocations

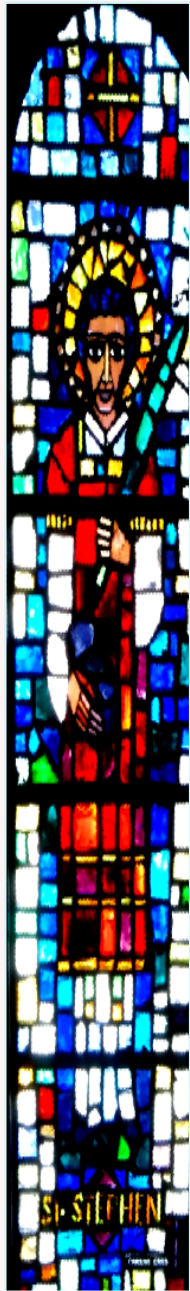
Jesus, the Good Shepherd, tells us that he calls his own sheep by name and those sheep respond by following him. Unlike the early disciples, we do not have the benefit of hearing the Lord Jesus call us by name. Or do we? Through the centuries countless men, women, and children have responded to the call of the Lord and dedicated their lives to ministering to God's people. How often have we heard the phrase, "he or she 'has the calling' "? We need look no further than our own parish to find ways that the call of the Lord is manifested. The Lord Jesus is constantly calling out to us through the celebration of the sacramental life, through the proclamation of the living word, and through the example of those who have put on Christ in Baptism. Today the Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, speaks to each one of us, the sheep of his flock. Let us listen for the call to follow him as his disciples. And on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us pray for others, as well, to hear and heed whatever God is calling them to do with their life as a baptized Christian.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Especially during the Easter season, we are very conscious of the communal nature of baptism. We stand witness to the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil in many parishes, and countless parishes celebrate festive baptisms for infants. The rule for celebrating baptism is that it be only once a day in any parish church, a sign of the Church's desire that baptism be the work of the gathered community. "Private baptism" is therefore a misnomer, since all baptisms, even emergency baptisms for infants in danger of death, are a public act of entrance in to the Body of Christ, the Church. In an emergency, and providing the parents desire it, anyone can baptize by pouring water and saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." But then afterward the Church is encouraged to supply what is missing: the gathered assembly to proclaim and hear God's word, the promises, the naming, the anointings, the clothing with a white garment, the candle, the Lord's Prayer, and the solemn blessing of the parents at the altar. Wonderfully, this ritual often provides the opportunity for great rejoicing at the recovery of an infant who had been in danger.



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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2022-2023

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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, by mailing it to the Parish Office, by phone at 415-681-2444 or at www.saintstephensf.org

Name _____ Contact Phone _____

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Complete Mailing Address _____ City/Zip _____

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I am interested in assisting the Parish in an organization or ministry as (Please encircle your choice/s):
Acolyte/Altar Service, Altar Society, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Greeter/Usher, Hospitality after Mass/Special Events, Holy Communion Ministers to the Homebound, Music/Choir, Lector &/or Holy Communion Ministers, Parish Center Front Office Volunteer.

SONG LYRICS FOR 9:30 AM

Entrance- Here I am to Worship

Light of the world, you stepped down into
darkness; Opened my eyes let me see;
Beauty that made this heart adore you;
Hope of a life spent with you

Refrain

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow
down, here I am to say that you're my God;
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy;
altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh how highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above; Humbly you
came to the earth you created, all for love's
sake became poor

REFRAIN

And I'll never know how much it cost to see
my sin upon that cross (x2)

Offertory- Purify My Heart

Purify my heart, let me as gold and precious
silver; purify my heart, let me as gold, pure
gold

Refrain

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire, is to be
holy; Set apart for you Lord; I choose to be
holy, set apart for you my master, ready to
do your will

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within,
and make me holy; purify my heart, cleanse
me from my sin, deep within

REFRAIN (x2)

Communion- How Great is Our God

REFRAIN

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is Our God

VERSES

(sung by choir)

Recessional- Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Verse

Lord I lift your name on high, Lord I love to
sing your praises; I'm so glad you're in my
life, I'm so glad you came to save us

Refrain

You came from heaven to earth, to show
the way; from the earth to the cross my debt
to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the
grave to the sky, Lord I lift your name on
high

REPEAT VERSE

REFRAIN (x3)