

St. Stephen Parish

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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.

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

I AM
The
way

AND
The
TRUTH

AND
The
Life

ATTENTION!

Effective June 1, 2023, there will be no more 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Sunday Masses will be 8:00, **10:30 a.m.** & 6:30 p.m.

Please be guided accordingly.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

John 14:1-12

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

May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.



Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

Our Saint of the Week **St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Athanasius was born of Christian parents in Alexandria, Egypt, about 295. As a young man, he spent four years in prayer and solitude in the desert. There he met Anthony the hermit, who influenced him. After he left the desert, Athanasius became a priest and was appointed secretary to Alexander, bishop of Alexandria.

Meanwhile, Arius had begun preaching that Jesus was not truly God. At a church council at Nicaea in 325, Arius and his ideas were condemned, and the bishops composed the Nicene Creed.

Athanasius, who had attended the Council of Nicaea, was deeply impressed by the bishops. For the rest of his life, he defended all the doctrines of the Church. When he became bishop of Alexandria in 328, it was the beginning of almost 50 years of persecution at the hands of Arian heretics, who had become very popular. During these long years, Athanasius was unjustly accused of crimes, was deliberately misunderstood and humiliated, and was exiled several times. The last few years of his life were rather peaceful, and he died in his native city in 373.



50+ Club
Monday, June 5, 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 8

8:00 a.m.

† **Jack Diepenbrock**
(By: Jim & Trish Hargarten)

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 a.m.

Alan & Lisa Sp. Int.
(By: Mama)

Wednesday, May 10

8:00 a.m.

† **Ben Casey**
(By: Julie O'Callaghan)

Thursday, May 11

8:00 a.m.

Fely & Lynn Sp. Int.
(By: Anonymous)

Friday, May 12

8:00 a.m.

Eliza Pollak Sp. Int.
(By: Elvia Juarez)

Saturday, May 13

8:00 p.m.

† **Betsy Barca**
(By: Charles Barca)

4:30 p.m.

† **Joseph Ho Sr.**
(By: Viet Ho)

Sunday, May 14

8:00 a.m.

† **Beatrice Abraham**
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

9:30 a.m.

† **Michael Gragnani**
(By: Diane Gragnani)

11:30 a.m.

St. Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)

6:30 p.m.

† **Rosemary Rodriguez**
(By: Grace & Sergio Puccinelli)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (*Acts 6:1-7*).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (*Psalms 33*).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (*1 Peter 2:4-9*).

Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (*John 14:1-12*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Monday: **Saint Athanasius**
Thursday: **Saints Philip and James**
Friday: **First Friday of the Month**
Saturday: **St. Bernardine of Siena; Armed Forces Day**

PRESIDENTIAL GARDENING

After I die, I want it said of me that I plucked a weed and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow.
—Abraham Lincoln

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
John 14:6

ALTAR SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Altar Society consists of three groups of parish volunteers, who meet Fridays at 9:30a.m. to help keep our church clean. We bring the linens and towels home to wash and return.

The three groups rotate their duties every month. (Group 1 – January, April, July, October; Group 2 – February, May, August, November; Group 3 – March, June, September, December). We need two more volunteers for Group 1 and one more volunteer for Group 3. It only takes about an hour, or less, to complete our tasks. Thank you for your willingness to serve our parish community. If you have any questions, please contact

Joan Leehane @ 415-606-4581
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Catholic Families

In ways large and small, parents seek what is best for their children. This desire is expressed in a variety of practical ways every day; such as preparing healthy foods, ensuring adequate opportunity for sleep, teaching good manners, and sharing enriching activities as a family. Incorporating prayers of blessing into your family's daily routine is another way to express this desire for the very best for your children. When we pray for God's blessing, we acknowledge that God is the source of all that is good. In prayer, we ask God to bless us, to bless others, and to bless our activities. We do so with confidence and trust in God, who also seeks what is best for each of us. To pray in blessing for our children is to join our desires for them with God's own desire for them. Daily life provides parents with many opportunities to offer prayers of blessing with and for their children.



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.

Debbie Nunes, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson 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.
Please call the office to add or remove names

2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Campaign GOAL : \$ 86,973.00
Total Payments Received : \$ 35,364.00
Campaign Goal Balance : \$ 51,609.00

We thank the following parishioners who have shared their treasures with the parish **this week** as of 5.2.2023:

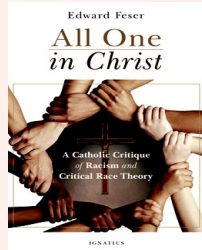
(For a complete listing, refer to AAA Poster in Church vestibule.)

Anne Berry & Paul Schrage
Mrs. Linda Grimes
M/M Viet Ho
Mrs Barbara Isip
M/M Eric Ching-Yuan Liu
Mrs. Joanne McGrail
M/M Fred Ramos
Mr Gregory Von Holt

St Stephen's Book Club

The Book Club will meet in person on Saturday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the parish office conference room. We are reading:

All One in Christ - A Catholic Critique of Racism and Critical Race Theory by Edward Feser, Ph.D.



What does the Catholic Church teach about racism? What should Catholics think about Critical Race Theory, which is currently being widely promoted in the name of antiracism?

All One in Christ lucidly explains the Church's clear and consistent condemnation of racism, showing that the condemnation is not a recent development but deeply rooted in centuries of papal teaching and Scholastic theology.

This book also demonstrates that Critical Race Theory, far from being a remedy for racism, is, in fact, a new and insidious form of racism that cannot be reconciled with the social teaching of the Church and the call of Christ. Edward Feser exhorts Catholics to oppose Critical Race Theory — precisely because they are opposed to racial injustice. They must reaffirm that all human beings are rational creatures capable of knowledge and charity and redemption from sin through grace. (163 pages.)

Contact Mary Molly at the parish office for details.
Phone - 415 681-2444x4

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Preparation of the Gifts

The altar is prepared, the gifts are received. Several brief rites follow with accompanying prayers, some prayed silently by the priest and deacon and others said aloud. We call this part of the Mass the "preparation." What kind of preparation is happening? First, the presider holds up the paten or bowl containing the hosts, and says words that Jesus must have said many times, since they derive from ancient Jewish meal prayers: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation!" We have brought forward our gifts, our offering to God, and now we acknowledge that they are not really ours—the gifts that we give are God's gift to us. It is "through your goodness" that we have gifts to offer. It is significant that we offer not wheat and grapes, but bread and wine; "fruit of the earth and work of human hands." Bread and wine are both God's work, and ours. These preparatory rites also prepare us for what we are about to do in the Eucharist, a mystery in which divine and human meet; a holy collaboration in which our action is caught up into God's divine plan. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

St. Stephen Men's Club Presents

The 2023 - 28th ANNUAL COUGAR CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY MAY 19th 2023

11:00am Warm-up

12:00 noon Shotgun Start

TPC HARDING PARK

99 Harding Road, San Francisco CA 94132

Dinner and Raffle (6:00 p.m.), to follow at Harding

\$250 Per Person

All Proceeds Benefit St. Stephen School

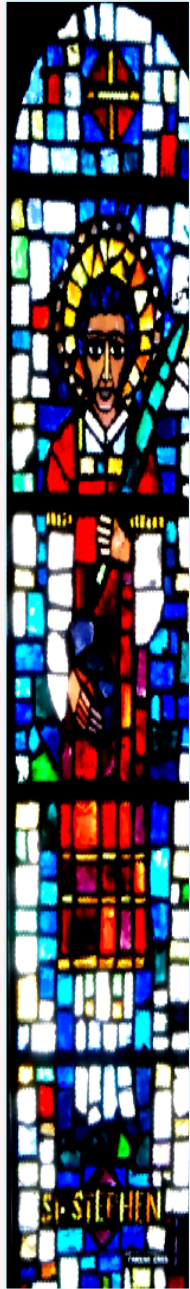
Includes: Golf Fees, Golf Cart, Participation Gifts, Tee Prizes, Box Lunch & Grilled Snacks, Beverage Options, Range Balls, 19th Hole Festivities, "Longest Drive" Contest, "Closest to the Pin" Contest and Buffet Dinner.

Register at: ststephencougarclassic.com

Please make checks payable to:

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This event traditionally sells out. So sign up now!!



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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2022-2023

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- Ushers Jim Scheg
- Women's Guild 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, by mailing it to the Parish Office, by phone at 415-681-2444 or at www.saintstephensf.org

Name _____ Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Complete Mailing Address _____ City/Zip _____

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

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.

Lyrics for Music for 9:30 am Mass

Opening Song- Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come; I confess; bowing here I find
my rest. Without you I fall apart; You're the
one who guides my heart

Refrain - Lord, I need you, oh I need you.
Every hour I need you, my one defense, my
righteousness, my God how I need you

When sin runs deep, your grace is more;
where grace is found is where you are;
Where you are Lord, I am free; holiness is
Christ in me

Refrain

So teach my song to rise to you; when
temptation comes my way; when I cannot
stand I'll fall on you, Jesus you're my hope
and stay.

Refrain

Offertory Song- The Summons

In Breaking Bread #382

Communion- Remembrance

Oh, how could it be that my God would
welcome me into this mystery; say take this
bread, take this wine; now the simple made
divine for any to receive

Refrain- By your mercy we come to Your ta-
ble; by Your grace You are making us faithful;
Lord we remember you and remembrance
leads us to mercy; and as we worship you our
worship leads to communion; we respond to

your invitation, we remember you

See his body, his blood; know that He has
overcome every trial we will face; none too
lost to be saved; none too broken or
shamed, all are welcome in this place

Refrain

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you
restored our life.

Lord Jesus come in glory (x4)

Refrain

Recessional- Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My Comfort, my Shelter
Tower of Refuge and Strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty Praise to the King
Mountains bow down And the sea will roar
At the sound of Your Name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to The promise
I have in You