

St. Stephen Parish

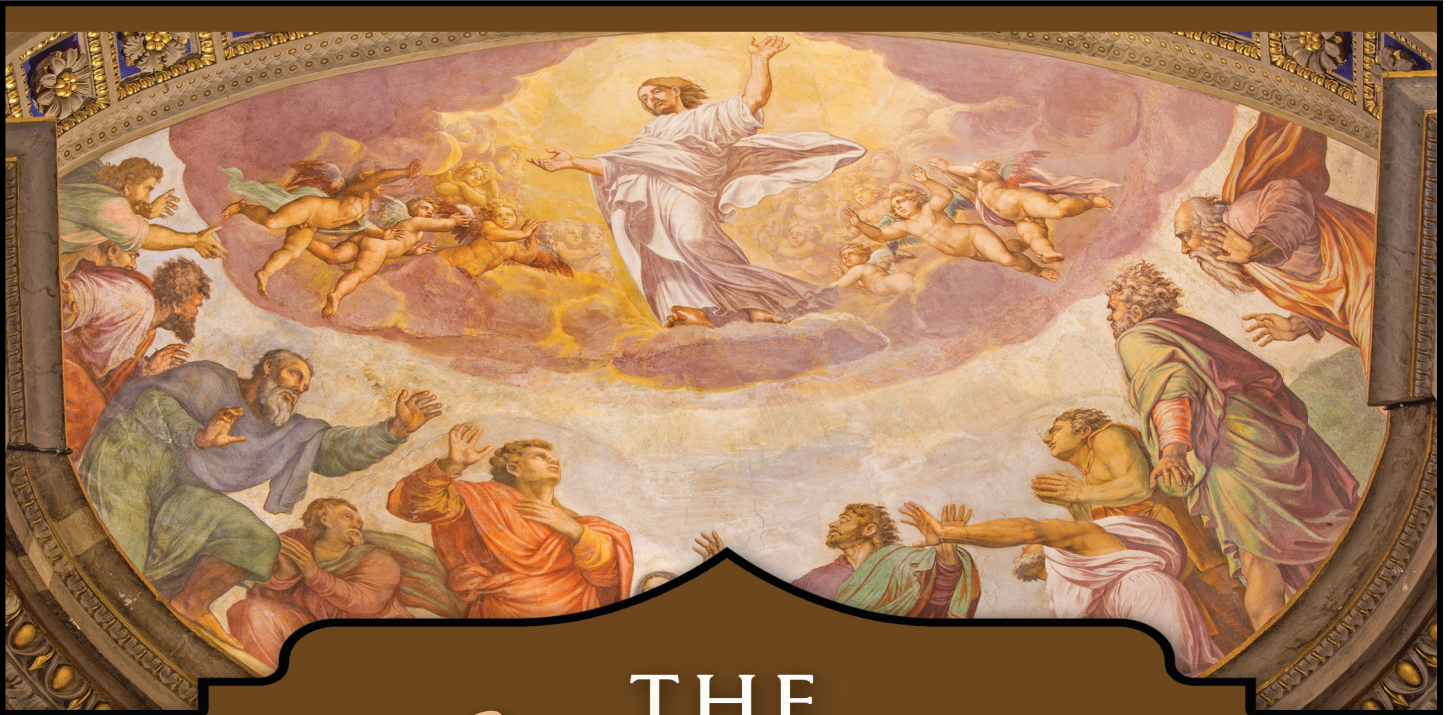
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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

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.



THE *Ascension* OF THE LORD

May 12, 2024 8

Men of Galilee, why are you
standing there looking up at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way.

Acts 1:11

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

The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading - (Acts 1:1-11). **Psalm** - (Psalm 47). **Second Reading** -Ephesians 1:17-23) **Gospel** - (Mark 16:15-20).

May 12, 2024

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the account we heard in today's Gospel: Then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. We celebrate knowing that where Jesus has gone, he is enabling us to go as well.

Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, famously said, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Although that step out of the spaceship was just one small step for him, it had amazing significance for the human race. Neil Armstrong walking on the moon meant that it was possible for others to walk on the moon.

As astonishing as Neil Armstrong's action was, Jesus' ascension into heaven is what truly has significance for all of humanity and creation. Through the fall of Adam and Eve, all of mankind was separated from God. But through Jesus' life, passion, death and resurrection, he paid the price for sin and enabled us to be in union with God through him. Through the Ascension, Jesus has made it possible for sinners like us to enter heaven and abide in God's presence. Just as Neil Armstrong overcame limits, which allowed man to walk on the moon, so has Jesus overcome death allowing us to reach heaven.

But this is no easy journey. Just as Neil Armstrong went through training, so do we need to be trained, as it were; formed as disciples of Jesus Christ. In doing so we become more like him and become more and more able to enter the glories of heaven. There is no chance we could ever accomplish this on our own – but we are not alone. Jesus has gone before us to show us the way, and sent us the Holy Spirit to be our Helper and Paraclete.

It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to follow the command Jesus gives us before he ascends in today's Gospel: Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. We are his disciples, and he has shown us the way. Let us follow him with joy and thanksgiving.

Next week, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit – marking the end of the Easter Season.

LITURGY AND LIFE

- * Do you look to the Holy Spirit to help you understand your faith?
- * How does our parish help you discover your gifts for ministry?
- * Have you reflected on your call to proclaim the Gospel?



Our Saint of the week

Saint John I

Feast day May 18

John became pope in 523 at a time when the Arian heresy was still troubling the Church. To stamp out this heresy, Justin, the emperor of Constantinople, began to oppress the Arians. In 526, the Arian king Theodoric urged Pope John I to restrain Emperor Justin.

The pope was able to moderate Justin's zeal. But Theodoric was angry with the pope, whom he unjustly suspected of favoring the political power of Rome. When the pope returned from Constantinople, he was arrested and imprisoned. Deprived of necessities, he died soon after. We honor John I as a pope and a martyr.



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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, May 13

8:00 a.m.

† **Betsy Barca**
(By: Charles Barca)

Tuesday, May 14

8:00 a.m.

† **Lois Gardner**
(By: A Friend)

Wednesday, May 15

8:00 a.m.

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

Thursday, May 16

8:00 a.m.

Virginia Radanovich *Sp. Int.*
(By: Lydia Flocchini)

Friday, May 17

8:00 a.m.

Helga D'Arcy *Sp. Int.*
(By: Parish Staff)

Saturday, May 18

8:00 a.m.

Mikaufa Yuan *Sp. Int.*
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

4:30 p.m.

† **Nancy Buckley**
(By: Jim & Trisha Heissenbuttel)

Sunday, May 19

8:00 a.m.

† **Maybelle Gong**
(By: Sinia Gong)

10:30 a.m.

St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)

6:30 p.m.

† **Celestina Milch**
(By: Marilu Illenberger)

The Ascension of the Lord

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Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. — *Mark 16:16*



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).


Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (Mark 16:15-20).

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday	Mother's Day
Monday	Saint John the Silent
Tuesday	Saint Matthias Apostle
Wednesday	Saint Dymphna Saint Isidore (the Farmer)
Friday	Saint Paschal Baylon
Saturday	Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

You're All Invited!
HOLY HOUR of EUCHARISTIC 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!

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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.

Pacita Calimlim-Sagun, Araceli Caparas, Ana Caballero, 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 Scossieria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names



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Mother's Day in America

The origin of "Mother's Day." Anna M. Jarvis (1864 -1948), first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers because she had loved her own mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower), to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the U.S. On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

Mother's Day Humor

One day, a little girl is sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly notices that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette hair. She looks at her mother and inquisitively asks: "Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?"

Her mother replied: "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then asked: "Mumma, how come all of grandma's hairs are white?"



Mothers

The role of mothers in our lives: This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so great that it affects the children throughout their lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behavior, disciplined us as best as they could and made us good citizens of our country, our Church and our society. There is a beautiful Spanish proverb: "An ounce of mother is better than a pound of clergy." Hence, it is highly proper for us to express our love and gratitude to our mothers by our presence, gifts and prayers on Mother's Day. We offer this Eucharistic celebration on Mother's Day for all the mothers in our congregation, whether they are alive or have gone for their eternal reward. The word "mom" is synonymous with sacrificial, agápe love in its purest form, as given by Jesus in his farewell speech: "Love one another as I have loved you." Hence, let us lavish our love on our mothers and express our gratitude for them in the form of fervent prayers offered for them before God.

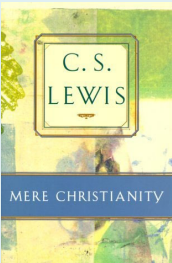


St. Stephen Catholic Book Club

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 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the parish office. Contact Mary Molly for more information.



Farewell Party for Seminarian Dereck Delgado

Dereck has spent his Pastoral Year serving St. Stephen Parish. You may have noticed him serving at Masses, the children altar servers refer to him as the “professional altar server.” He has helped throughout the parish in many capacities, teaching in the school, Faith Formation and RCIA, serving on the Liturgy Committee, troubleshooting and solving issues that arise. (He rescued the new Easter candle through ingenuity) Our parish has been blessed to have him and he will be missed.

We invite you to join our farewell party on Monday, May 13, 5:00-7:00pm in Donworth Hall.

Potluck Party—bring something to share.

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.

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.

Assignment Changes Announced

Fr. Michael Liliedahl is being assigned the Chaplain of campus ministry at SF State Univ., but will remain in residence at St. Stephen's.

Fr. Ben Rosado is being moved to St. Monica/St. Thomas the Apostle Parishes.

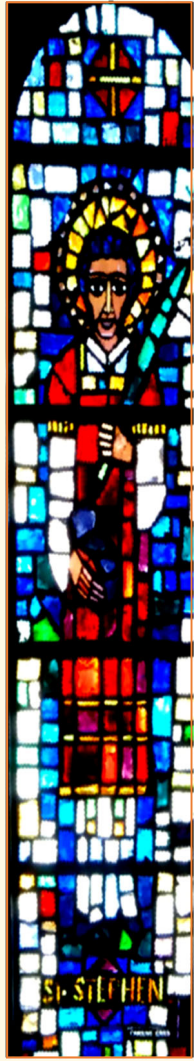
Seminarian Dereck Delgado will return to his studies at St. Patrick's Seminary after his two-months-long Pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress this summer in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Fr. David Schunk will join St. Stephen Parish as our new Pastor, starting July 1, 2024. You might know Fr. Schunk because he has stayed in the rectory when on break from his former job in Rome. For the last year he has been stationed at St. Monica/St. Thomas the Apostle.

Happy Birthday

On Monday, May 6, the **50+ Club** celebrated the 100th Birthday of long-time parishioner Frank Cisek.





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| • Bridge Group | Virginia Stefanelli |
| • Caritas | Nellie Hizon |
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| • Communion Ministers | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Faith Formation | Mary Molly Mullaney |
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| • 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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Today's Music

MAY 12, 2024, The Ascension of the Lord

Gathering: Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise #191

Preparation: Go Make Of All Disciples #190

Communion: Pan De Vida #3360, Bread Of Angels #372

Sending Forth: Go Out, Go Out #386

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.

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

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Contact Phone (H W CP) _____

Email _____

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