

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 14
2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

JESUS SAID,
"I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL
GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE
TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS,
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH."

John 14:16-17

ATTENTION!

Effective June 1, 2023, there will be no more 9:30 and 11:30a.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:
"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him.
But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.
I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live.
On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.
And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

John 14:15-21

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

May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today Jesus says, *If you love me, you will keep my commandments*. This assertion is meant not for just his contemporary disciples; it is intended for all who choose to follow Jesus. And for the first half of the sentence to be true, the second half must be fulfilled.

Loving Jesus begins, as Saint Peter would later write, by *sanctifying Christ as Lord in our hearts*. Evidence that the early disciples understood what it meant to love Jesus is found in Philip's ministry in Samaria. When Philip went to this Samaritan city, he did not just proclaim Jesus as Messiah. He expressed his faith through his witness, and all who heard him and saw the signs he was doing, believed. They believed because Philip did these works in Jesus' name – working with the Holy Spirit and imitating Jesus, who did perfectly the will of God.

If we love Jesus, then, we will continue to be, as Jesus was, a voice for the voiceless – the grieving, the abandoned, the persecuted. We will understand that Jesus' ministry of love did not end with his death, but continues through his body, the Church. Through baptism we enter into Christ's prophetic, royal, and priestly ministry.

This call to love Jesus by following his commandments to love and care for our neighbors is challenging. For this reason, Jesus did not abandon us to carry out this ministry of love without support. He sent his Spirit to abide with us.

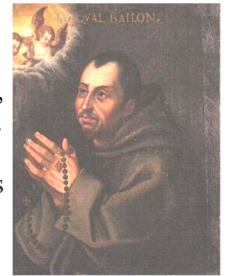
It is comforting to know that we are not alone. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we become witnesses to the Resurrection and nourish the world with spiritual fruits. As Saint Teresa of Avila wrote, "Christ has no body on earth without us." So, if we do not speak and act for Christ, who will?

As we prepare to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord and coming of the Holy Spirit let us continue to pray for the restoration to good health to those who are sick.



Our Saint of the Week: **Paschal Baylon**

As a youth, Paschal Baylon tended his family's sheep. He taught himself to read so that he could pray the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin, the popular prayer book of his day. Paschal disciplined himself to endure the harshness and loneliness of a shepherd's work. And when his sheep trod on others' vines, he scrupulously paid for the damage. At twenty-one, St. Paschal joined the reformed Franciscans of St. Peter of Alcántara at Loreto. As a lay brother, Paschal for many years served as porter and guestmaster with patience and good humor. John Ximenes, his biographer, reports that he was a model friar, always the first at prayer and never once behaving badly in a relationship. "In no single case," said Ximenes, "do I remember to have noted even the least fault in him, though I lived with him in several of our houses and was his companion on two long journeys."



Like other saintly doorkeepers Brother André and Solanus Casey, Paschal gained a reputation for miracles. For example, Martin Crespo once told how the saint freed him from his determination to take vengeance on his father's murderers: One Good Friday there was a lifelike representation of the descent from the cross. Along with everyone else in town, I followed the crucifix borne in triumph through the streets. In a last ditch effort to get me to repent, my friends boxed me in and forced me to endure the preacher's address. He concluded his eloquent speech in a pathetic peroration, urging me to forgiveness in memory of our Savior's passion. His fine discourse left me unmoved and cold.

"Quit tormenting me," I exclaimed angrily. "It's no use. I will not forgive them." Brother Paschal, whom I had not noticed before, stepped forward. He took me by the arm and drew me aside. "My son," he said, "have you not just now seen a representation of our Lord's passion?" Then with a glance that penetrated my soul he said: "For the love of Jesus Crucified, my son, forgive them."

"Yes, Father," I replied, hanging my head and weeping. "For the love of God I forgive them with all my heart." I no longer felt the same person. The crowd anxiously awaited the outcome of our mysterious conference. When Paschal announced that I had forgiven my enemies, they burst into applause of his own meager resources.

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



Our 20,000 Sq. Ft. Parish Center
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at 415 681-2444 ext.7 or
donworthevents@saintstephensf.org

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, May 15

8:00 a.m.

† **Geronimo & Pilar Ventura**
(By: Africa Dy)

Tuesday, May 16

8:00 a.m.

† **Denise Bustany.**
(By: Alcock Family)

Wednesday, May 17

8:00 a.m.

† **Manuel Galvez**
(By: Barbara Villanueva)

Thursday, May 18

8:00 a.m.

† **Dodge Espino**
(By: Dorothy Over)

Friday, May 19

8:00 a.m.

† **Yelba Delgado**
(By: Hulgo Delgado)

Saturday, May 20

8:00 a.m.

† **Gabriel Agudo**
(By: Ding, Carol & Family)

4:30 p.m.

† **Connie Weber**
(By: Dean Anderson & Family)

Sunday, May 21

8:00 a.m.

† **Luz Balajadia**
(By: Manang, Lisa & Lynn)

9:30 a.m.

† **Dr. Albert Frieztsche**
(By: Frieztsche Family)

11:30 a.m.

† **Alex Mistica**
(By: Ed & Cecelia Prete)

6:30 p.m.

St. Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them... (*Acts 8:5-8*).

Psalm — "Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God... (*psalm 66*)

Second Reading — For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. (*1 Peter 3:15-18*).

Gospel — "In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live" .

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Sixth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day**
Monday: **Saint Isidore, Saint Dymhna**
Wednesday **Saint Paschal Baylon**
Thursday: **Saint John 1**
Friday **Saint Alcuin**
Saturday: **St Bernardine of Siena**

"It was pride that changed angels into devils;
humility that makes men as angels."



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Today we thank our mothers, pray for them and honor them by celebrating Mother's Day and by offering our mothers on the altar of God. **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."

By then it had become customary to wear white carnations to honor departed mothers and red to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day. Proverbs 31:10-31 presents us with God's description and estimation of what a godly wife and mother looks like.

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
or joan@leehane.com

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

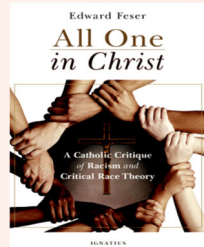
M/M Fred Ramos

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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Thank You Mother

Thank you, dear Lord, for our mothers: who were brave enough to give us birth, who loved us

through many growing-up years, who taught us about God and love and being good, who often got no thanks, whose ears could hear the slightest cry, whose eyes didn't miss much either, whose hands held and bathed and picked up, whose hearts were often broken, who always forgave and forgot, who encouraged us when things went badly, who always had time to listen to us, who worked so hard to make things go, who make the world so much better, who deserve our love on Mother's Day and every day even for eternity. Amen.

Mother's Day Humor

A four-year-old and a six-year-old presented their mom with a houseplant. They had used their own money to buy it and she was thrilled. The older of them said with a sad face, "There was a bouquet at the flower shop that we wanted to give you. It was real pretty but it was too expensive. It had a ribbon on it that said '*Rest In Peace*,' and we thought it would be just perfect since you are always asking for a little peace so that you can rest."

One Mom had a most revealing experience on the Mother's Day. Her two children ordered her to stay in bed. She lay there looking forward to being brought her breakfast, as the inviting smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen. At last the children called her downstairs. She found them sitting at the table, each with a large plate of bacon and eggs: "As a Mother's Day surprise," one explained, "we've cooked our own breakfast."

Parental Rights and Religious Freedom Talk

Thursday, June 22 - 6:00 p.m.

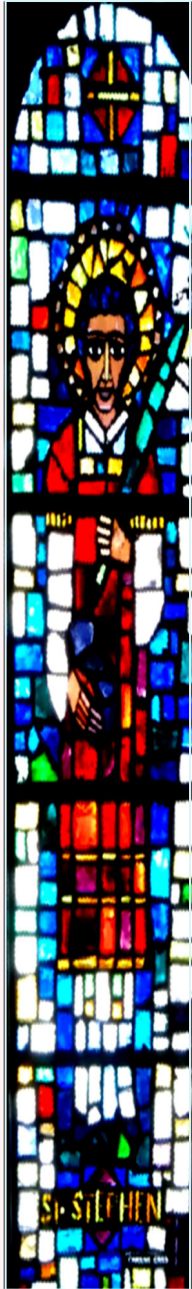
Location: Mater Dolorosa at 307 Willow Ave,
South San Francisco, CA 94080

RSVP: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/event/parental-rights-and-religious-freedom-talk/>

Questions? Valerie Schmalz | 415-614-5571 or schmalzv@sfarch.org

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops designates June 22-29 Religious Freedom Week. This year we are offering several events in observance of the week. On Thursday, June 22 at 6 p.m. Mater Dolorosa Church in South San Francisco will host a talk on Parental Rights and Religious Freedom. Speakers: Lance Christensen, Vice President, Education Policy & Government Affairs at the California Policy Center, Sacramento, and Ryan Mayer, Director of the Office of Catholic Identity Formation & Assessment.

Please RSVP at the link above.



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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 - Lord I Lift Your Name On High

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.