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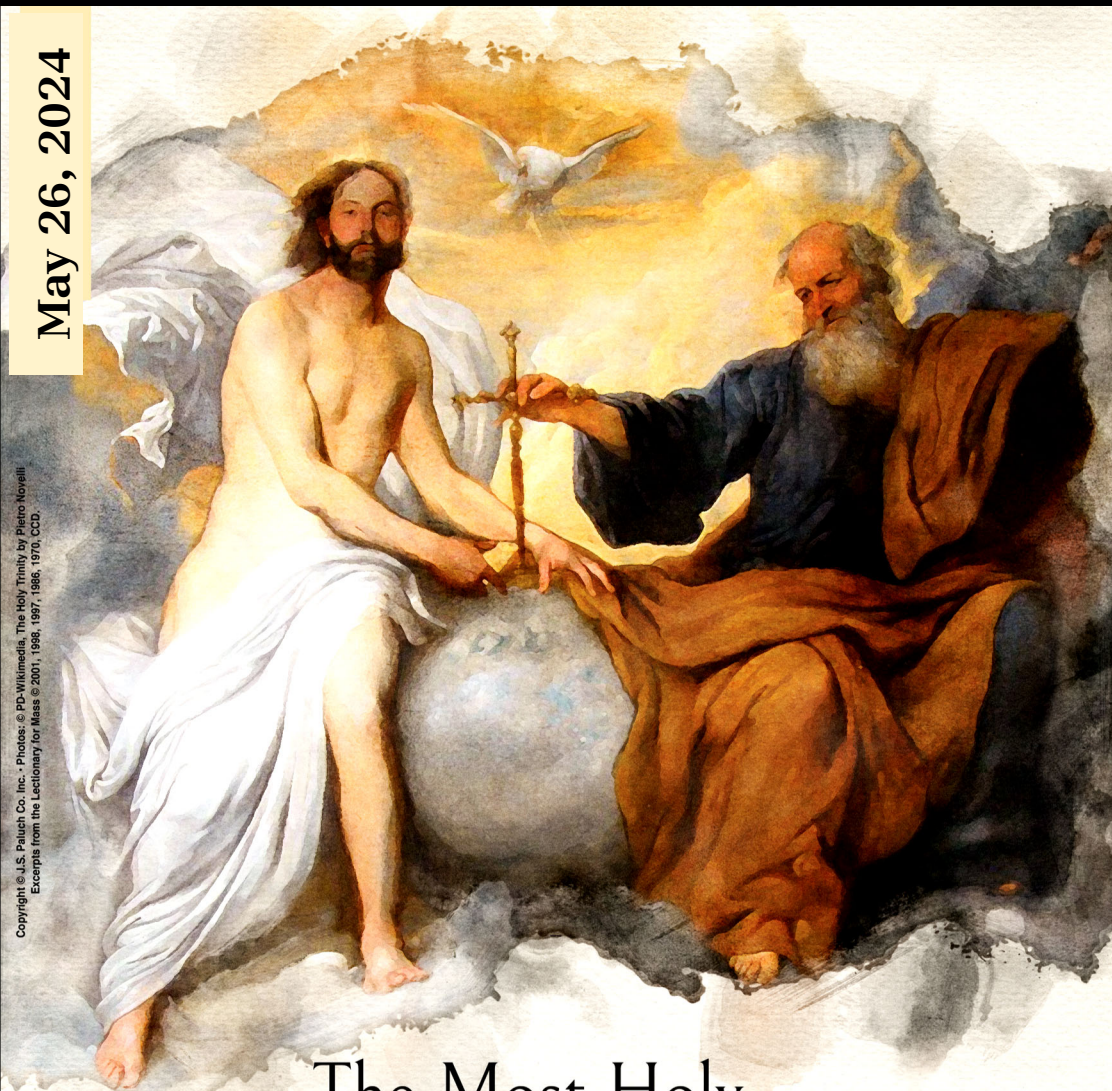
Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

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.

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The Most Holy

TRINITY

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Matthew 28:16—20

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

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

First Reading Deut.4:32-34 | **Psalm 33** | **Second Reading** Romans 8:14 | **Gospel** Matthew 28:16-0

Last Sunday at Pentecost we celebrated God, the Holy Spirit. Next weekend on the feast of Corpus Christi, we will commemorate the real presence of God, the Son, in the Eucharist. Today, we celebrate the very essence of God and the definition of what it means to be a Christian, in the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

There are religions which believe in Jesus that do not recognize the Trinity. It is important that we understand an essential truth – you cannot have one without the other. As we pray in the Glory Be prayer, the Judeo-Christian God has been, and always will be, the one God in three persons. There have been heresies and false teachings about who God is and what it means that he is a Trinity. This solemnity allows us to be clear in our own minds and hearts regarding who God is and how his divinity affects our humanity.

The Trinity is about relationship, unity and love. Indeed, it is the unceasing love of the Father and the Son that generates the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit for all eternity. The Trinity is a model for us, the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. Saint Paul tells us today that since we refer to God as Abba, then we are all his sons and daughters, brothers and sisters in Christ. Inasmuch as we seek relationship, unity and love in the Church, then we are truly seeking the path that will lead all of us to God's kingdom, where we will see him as he truly is.

We hear this day from the conclusion of Matthew's Gospel. Jesus, celebrating his heavenly homecoming, his mission accomplished, is returning to heaven forty days after his resurrection. He gives his final command to the Apostles that they should go out to all the world, baptizing new disciples, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Notice, Jesus doesn't tell them to baptize in the "names" of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Rather, he purposely uses the singular, demonstrating that the three are in fact one.

This solemnity of the Trinity suggests many rich truths about our Catholic Christian faith: just because we cannot fully explain or comprehend something does not make it false or myth – just mystery. The same God Moses refers to in Deuteronomy was then and will always be a Triune God. Moses only knew him as I AM, but we can be sure that the Triune God who spoke to him at the burning bush was the same God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the same Father of the Son Jesus; and the same God who invites us to relationship with him today.

The word "Trinity" does not appear in Scripture, though all three persons are identified in it. The Church Father Tertullian was the first to use the term, more than a century after Jesus rose from the dead. His work and that of others who followed, such as Saint Augustine, gave us a theological language and understanding of what was originally revealed in Scripture. We stand on the firm foundations of two pillars: Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

These two pillars make present and preserve the purity of the faith, and help us grow in our understanding of it. As we discover more about who God is and how much he loves us, we come to a better understanding of who we are called to be and how much love we have been given to share.

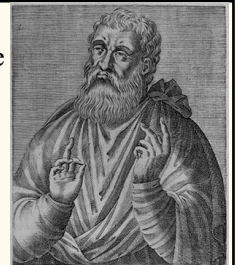


Our Saint of the week: Feast day June 1 **St. Justin**

Justin, born in Palestine at the start of the second century, searched everywhere for truth. He traveled to big cities, where he talked and studied with wise teachers. One day, a stranger told Justin to read the Old Testament prophets, who had foretold the coming of Christ. He did this, and it led him to see that the Christian religion taught the truth. He was baptized.

Justin began to speak and write in defense of Christianity, since some people were attacking it. His books give us insight into the early Church. In one of them he described the ceremony of Baptism around the year 160. It was similar to the ceremony today. In another place, he wrote that the Sunday meetings of the Christian community included readings from Scripture, a homily, offering of bread and wine, and giving Holy Communion.

In about 165, Justin was arrested for being a Christian but refused to give up his faith. The judge asked him, "Do you have an idea that you will go to heaven and receive some suitable rewards?" Justin answered, "It is not an idea that I have; it is something that I know well and hold to be most certain." The judge ordered him killed.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, May 27

8:00 a.m.

† **Sol Vivas**
(By: Dorothy Over)

Tuesday, May 28

8:00 a.m.

† **Gulmohar Chayande** *Sp. Int.*
(By: Aisa Hara)

Wednesday, May 29

8:00 a.m.

† **Sylvia Bramante**
(By: Margarita Solis-Tucker)

Thursday, May 30

8:00 a.m.

† **Patrick & Betty Moriarty**
(By: Kirwan Family)

Friday, May 31

8:00 a.m.

† **Sinforosa Castellano**
(By: Mendiola Family)

Saturday, Jun 1

8:00 a.m.

† **Cristino Pascual**
(By: Emma Sagala)

4:30 p.m.

† **St Stephen Parishioners**
(By: Fr. Michael)

Sunday, Jun 2

8:00 a.m.

† **M/M Amando Las Piñas**
(By: Fely Boquiren & Family)

10:30 a.m.

† **Chase Family**
(By: Lupita Chase)

6:30 p.m.

† **Ricardo Taylor**
(By: Tom & Becky Parini)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Ask now of the days of old: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

Psalms — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — You received a Spirit of adoption through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17).

Gospel — I am with you always, until the end of the age (Matthew 28:16-20).

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	The Most Holy Trinity
Monday:	Eighth Week in Ordinary Time; Memorial Day St. Augustine of Canterbury
Wednesday:	Pope St. Paul VI
Thursday:	St. Joan of Arc
Friday:	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; First Friday
Saturday:	Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; St. Justin, Martyr Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

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.



The Most Holy Trinity May 26, 2024

Go . . . and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

The SFSU Newman Club has finished their meetings for this semester and will begin again when classes start up in mid-August.



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

Join the FUN! The 50+ Club



Monday, June 3, 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.

For any questions call Helga at 415-731-8211

Trinity Sunday (Math 28:16-20)

Today is Trinity Sunday. How can we talk about the Trinity? The relationship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, has always been difficult to describe. St. Patrick tried to describe the Trinity as a kind of shamrock, three petals on one stem. St. Ignatius used the imagery of three harmonizing organ notes on one organ. I think relationship is probably the most satisfying description for me, the relationship of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, three persons in one God. We all hunger for satisfying relationships where we are accepted just as we are, where mutual trust exists, and we are valued, respected, and even loved. We live in a society where characteristically people are alienated from each other, and where a sense of belonging is often absent and longed for.

In this world of alienation, isolation, loneliness, exclusion, and affliction, the Most Holy Trinity touches us, heals us, transforms us, gives us great hope. "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us," as St. Paul tells us in our reading from his letter to the Romans. Moderation in love is not a divine hallmark. Love can't be hoarded because then it ceases to be love. Nor can it be wasted because the supply is limitless. Paradoxically, the more one gives it away, the more love one has.

Instead of becoming more deprived through spending love, one actually becomes richer- so rich that the love one lives is nothing less than God's own inner life, the life of the Trinity.

When we enter the church, we face the altar and make the sign of the cross, the sign of the Most Holy Trinity. And when in death, we are no longer able to make that Trinitarian sign, the priest will make it for us as a last rite over our grave. The blessing of the Trinity is truly the last word. And it is a good word to end on. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Al Grosskopf, S.J.

*My
Angel*

Daniel



Vassula Ryden

St. Stephen Catholic Book Club

June book:

My Angel Daniel

by Vassula Ryden

Vassula Ryden's account of her relationship with her Guardian Angel Daniel, God the Father and Jesus, and her transformation and purification. This journal is from the Early Dawn of 'True Life in God' movement.

July Book: *Mind of the Maker*

by Dorothy L. Sayers

Yes, the mystery novelist has a book contemplating the creative drive of humanity, and how we can better understand the works of God.

Book Club meets Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the parish office. Contact Mary Molly for more information. Next meetings: June 8 & July 20

The Harmony of Modern Science

and the Catholic Faith

with

Professor Stephen Barr, Ph.D.

School of Pastoral Ministry Online Class



The School of Pastoral Ministry presents:

The Harmony of Modern Science and the Catholic Faith

A 5-week Tuesday night series with Stephen Barr, Ph.D.

Dates: (7 pm – 8:30 pm – Pacific Time on Zoom)

5/28 – God and Cosmic Order: how nature points to God

6/4 – Is the Universe Designed for Life?

6/18 – How Adam and Eve, Original Sin, and Evolution go Together

6/25 – Extraterrestrials and Catholic Teaching

7/2 – Does Science Disprove Free Will?

A considerable amount of public debate and media has been devoted to the "war between science and religion". In this online course, *Professor Stephen M. Barr* will demonstrate that what is really at war with religion is not science itself, but a philosophy called scientific materialism.

Modern Physics and Ancient Faith argues that the great discoveries of modern physics are more compatible with the central teachings of Christianity and Judaism about God, the cosmos, and the human soul than with the atheistic viewpoint of scientific materialism.

While scientific discoveries led many people to the conclusion that the universe has no cause or purpose, that the human race is an accidental by-product of blind material forces, and that the ultimate reality is matter itself. Barr uses five of the revolutionary discoveries of the 20th century to cast serious doubt on the materialist's view of the world and to give greater credence to Judeo-Christian claims about God and the universe.

Presented in clear language, Professor Barr will try to explain modern physics without oversimplification, try to reveal that modern scientific discoveries and religious faith are deeply consonant.

Classes are presented live on Zoom with the ability to interact with the professor. If you cannot join the class live, the classes are recorded and available to view on the classroom webpage later in the week for registered students.

<https://sfarchdiocese.org/modern-science-and-catholic-faith-course/>

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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.



Children's Liturgy on Sundays at 10:30 A.M. Mass has ended, and will begin again in the Fall.

*If there are volunteer teachers who would like to keep teaching this summer please reach out to Mary Molly in the parish office.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

On Pentecost Sunday the Pilgrims started on the St. Junipero Serra western route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage!

Our seminarian, Dereck Delgado, is making this pilgrimage, walking across the country with other pilgrims to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the National Eucharistic Congress in July.

When Dereck returns from the pilgrimage he returns to St. Patrick's Seminary, so his Pastoral Year serving St. Stephen Parish has ended. Keep him in your prayers as he walks across the country the next two months to the Eucharistic Congress.

Got Faith?

Is there someone in your life who is wondering what the Catholic faith is, or is thinking about becoming a Catholic? Perhaps that someone just needs a little push from you to embark on this faith searching journey.

The RCIA Program - the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** - welcomes anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The program will begin in mid-September. Participants will receive the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil in April 2025. For more information please contact Mary Molly Mullaney, phone: 415.681.2444 x4 or email:

FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org.

Feast of Faith

Liturgy and the Holy Trinity

The Trinity is the central mystery of our faith. We believe that God is one, yet three: total unity and rich diversity. God is not a monolith, but a dynamic community of persons, a perfect, loving harmony of three. And the liturgy is the work of the Trinity. We begin all our liturgical celebrations with the sign of the cross, a reminder of our Trinitarian baptism, and the simplest of all professions of our faith. We believe that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we gather in the name of this triune God. Throughout the Mass, we address our prayers to God the Father, through Christ our Lord, in the Spirit's power. And the Father hears our prayer, transforming bread and wine into the Body and Blood of his Son by the Holy Spirit. The Church is "the sacrament of trinitarian communion" (Sacramentum Caritatis, 16). It is the Trinity who holds us together as well. In the words of Saint Cyprian, we are "a people made one by the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" (quoted in Sacramentum Caritatis, 16).

1 Father
1 Son
+ 1 Holy Spirit
= 1 GOD

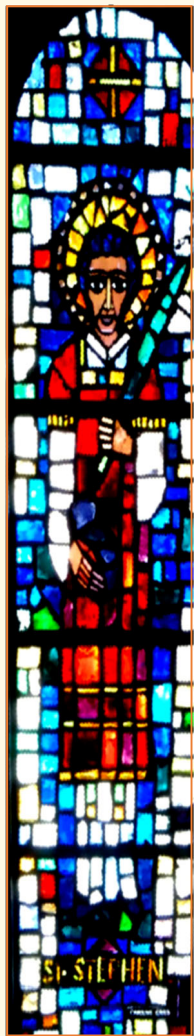
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the great treasures of the Eastern tradition is the icon of the Holy Trinity created by the Russian iconographer Andrei Rublev in the 1400s. The Trinity is symbolized by the three travelers to the tent of Abraham and Sarah. They are seated at a table blessing a cup of wine, under the oak of Mamre. If you look closely, you will see a sacrificed calf in the chalice, reminding the viewer of the cross. The table, prepared for eating and tilted toward the viewer, is an invitation to the Eucharist. From left to right, each figure is keyed to a person of the Trinity. Like all icons, this image is theology in art. The persons are equal in proportion and dignity, they all carry staffs to symbolize their power, and are shown with golden wings and halos. Today, the best place to see Rublev's work is the Holy Trinity Cathedral, at the heart of the vast Holy Trinity monastery about an hour from Moscow. After decades of persecution, it is now once again a living monastery, a world heritage site, and the spiritual home of Russian Orthodoxy. A Google visit is highly recommended today!



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Today's Music

MAY 26, 2024, Holy Trinity Sunday

Gathering: Abba! Father #544

Preparation: Holy, Holy, Holy #207

Communion: Here At This Table #309,
Come To Me And Drink #352

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 _____

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!