

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.

Pentecost SUNDAY

May 28, 2023



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Jesus breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are
forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

John 20:22-23

REMINDER!

This week is the
Final week of our
current Mass
Schedule

Beginning NEXT
WEEKEND, our
SUNDAY MASS
SCHEDULE is:

SATURDAY Vigil

4:30 PM

SUNDAY Masses

8:00 AM,

10:30 AM,

6:30 PM

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

May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11) 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7) John 20:19-23

PENTECOST SUNDAY - SOLEMNITY

The readings today on this, the feast of the birth of our Church, give us powerful images: *a strong, driving wind; tongues as of fire*; the ability of the disciples to speak to people in their own languages. This is a good day to celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit, transforming a group of fear-filled disciples into bold preachers. Pentecost Sunday is a great day to rejoice in the power of the Lord!

Pentecost is also a great day to challenge ourselves. In the past several weeks, we have commemorated the passion and death of Jesus and celebrated his Resurrection, his appearances in a glorified body to the disciples, his ascension into heaven, and now his sending of the Holy Spirit in great power. The key question is, what do we do with this now, in our own time and place?

We know that *there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord ... [and] to each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit*. And all of these have one thing in common: they are to be used to build up the Body, the Church – and in turn to fulfill the Church’s mission. That mission is the proclamation of Jesus as Lord and of the love that God has for each of us, shown to us through Jesus.

By faith and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we all have the basic gift that Paul mentions up front in his letter: The realization and the ability to say that *Jesus is Lord*. This is the foundation of being a Christian. Grace and discernment help us own the gifts we have been given and make an effort to use them for God’s glory and the sake of the kingdom.

The gifts can be as simple as a kind heart that is ready to listen to others who are suffering, or a practical nature that can help in planning efforts to reach out. Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the gifts he has given to us – and show us how we can use these gifts for the good of others.

Our Saint of the Week **Saint Joan of Arc, 1412-1431**

The church officially remembers Joan of Arc not as a martyr but as a virgin—the Maid of Orleans. Of course, Joan was a martyr, but not in the technical sense. Yes, she died because she did what she thought God wanted her to do. But she was killed for her politics, not for her faith. Pagans did not execute her for refusing to worship their gods. Infidels did not slay her for defying them. Political enemies burned her at the stake for defeating them at war.



Paradoxically, Christian people, good and bad alike, cheered at her demise. Other Christians wept. This incongruity may trouble us, but Joan would have expected it. The war she fought embroiled French Christians against English Christians. We too have waged wars like that, pitting Christian against Christian. Just as we may have felt that God was on our side, Joan believed that God was with the French. When the judges who condemned her asked if the heavenly voices she followed to war spoke in English, she replied tartly, “Why should they speak English when they were not on the English side?” Joan of Arc was born into the violent times of the fifteenth century.

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL NEWS

St. Stephen School is accepting applications for the August 2023-2024 Kindergarten Class. Please call the school office @ (415) 664-8331, if you are interested in obtaining an application and scheduling a school tour. Children must be five years old by September 1, 2023 and be currently enrolled in a five day Pre-K or Kindergarten Program.

We welcome all applicants K - 5 especially our Faith Formation Families.

St. Stephen School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origins to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Stephen School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

FORGIVENESS

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and to discover that the prisoner is me. —*Anonymous*

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

We Rent Our Hall

FOR ANY OCCASION

USE OUR **PARTY ROOM!**



Our 20,000 Sq. Ft. Parish Center
Available to Rent
for Special Occasions

For more information, call Shay
at 415 681-2444 ext.7 or
donworthevents@saintstephensf.org

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, May 29

8:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday, May 30

8:00 a.m.

† **Pat & Betty Moriarte.**
(By: Kirwan Family)

Wednesday, May 31

8:00 a.m.

Martin Ho
(By: Viet Ho)

Thursday, Jun 1

8:00 a.m.

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

Friday, Jun 2

8:00 a.m.

† **Richard Faziola**
(By: Hilda Faziola)

Saturday, Jun 3

8:00 a.m.

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

4:30 p.m.

† **Frank Duffy**
(By: Monica Duffy)

Sunday, Jun 4

8:00 a.m.

† **William Kaehny**
(By: Karen Vogel Kaehny)

10:30 a.m.

† **Therese Vogel**
(By: William Vogell)

6:30 p.m.

St. Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (*Acts 2:1-11*).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (*Psalms 104*).

Second reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (*1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13*).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (*John 20:19-23*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday	Joan of Arc
Wednesday	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	Saint Justin Martyr
Friday :	Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Saturday:	Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Stewardship: A Way of Life (April 2023 Report)

\$ 23,170.43 Sunday Collections (4/2, 9, 16, 23, 30)
 \$ 7,429.00 Online Sunday Collections (4/1-30)
 \$ 4,493.00 Donworth Hall APRIL Rental Income
\$ 35,092.43 Total Income for April 2023

LESS:

\$ 52,148.67 Parish Maintenance for April
\$ 17,056.24 Over / UNDER

Please note that we were able to cover the negative income of \$17,056.24 this month from the remaining balance of Parish Dinner's Windfall Income (Taste of Spain) of \$16,482.27 and from our Ester Collection of \$6,108.00 bringing the Easer balance down to \$5,54.03.

Please continue to generously support your Parish !

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Just a reminder that our monthly maintenance costs DO NOT include the significant deferred maintenance that needs to be performed at the parish and rectory. Things like 1) the leaky roof in the church, 2) a broken water pipe underneath the rectory that was flooding the rectory garage with sewage that needed to be fixed, and 3) a 25 year old water heater that finally stopped working and needed to be replaced. Also NOT included in this parish maintenance monthly amount is the yearly payment of \$66,000 that the parish must make on the Gym/Hall debt.

With this in mind, in the fall we will be starting to learn about being a Stewardship Parish, where we live out our discipleship of Jesus Christ as good stewards of the gifts we have been given, which includes our financial gifts. If you are interested in taking a leadership role with this initiative, please email Fr. Michael.

THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

—St. Boniface

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 Scosseria, 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 : \$ 39,550.00
Campaign Goal Balance : \$ **47,423.00**

We thank the following parishioners who have shared their treasures with the parish **this week** as of 5.23.2023:
(For a complete listing, refer to AAA Poster in Church vestibule.)

Ms Maria Caoile	Ms Elisa Martinez
Ms Debby Diaz	M/M John P O'Donoghue
M/M David Dulany	Ms Miranti Ojong
M/M Kenneth Fambrini	M/M Michael Patricio
M/M Chris Houghton	M/M Christopher Rillo
Ms Marcaill Kennedy	Salesforce.com Foundation
M/M Michael Leny	Ms Dominique Suarez
Ms Diane Linehan	Ms Patricia Woytek
M/M Rodrigo Marquez	

St Stephen's Book Club

June Book: *Imagine Heaven: Near-death Experiences, God's Promises, and the Exhilarating Future That Awaits You* by John Burke.

We will meet in person on Saturday, June 10 @ 10:00 a.m. in the parish office conference room.

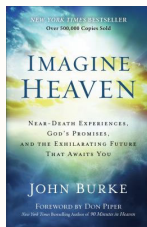
about *Imagine Heaven*:

All of us long to know what life after death will be like. Bestselling author John Burke is no exception. In *Imagine Heaven*, Burke compares over 100 gripping stories of near-death experiences (NDEs) to what Scripture says about our biggest questions of Heaven: Will I be myself? Will I see friends and loved ones? What will Heaven look like? What is God like? What will we do forever? What about children and pets? For decades, Burke has been studying accounts of survivors brought back from near death who lived to tell of both heavenly and hellish experiences. While not every detail of individual NDEs correlate with Scripture, Burke shows how the common experiences shared by thousands of survivors--including doctors, college professors, bank presidents, people of all ages and cultures, and even blind people--point to the exhilarating picture of Heaven promised in the Bible.

This thrilling journey into the afterlife will make you feel like you've been there. It will forever change the way you view the life to come and the way you live your life today. You'll discover Heaven is even more amazing than you've ever imagined.

July – Book Club Cocktail Party – Friday, July 21, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss our favorite books from the past and decide on future books to read. (no assigned book)
Contact Mary Molly at the parish office for details.
Phone - 415 681-2444x4



St. Veronica Parish Mission

434 Alida Way, South San Francisco

June 6 and 7, 2023 – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA from Poland will preach a 2-evening Mission on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 6th and 7th at St. Veronica's. Fr. Peter travels internationally promoting devotion to Divine Mercy and St. Michael the Archangel. He served as Chaplain at the Monastery where St. Faustina began her religious life. Tuesday's focus is ***The Secrets of St. Faustina***. Wednesday's focus is ***The Majestic Splendor of St. Michael the Archangel***. Both evenings will begin with Mass and Eucharistic Healing at 6:30 pm, followed by veneration of the First Class Relic of St. Faustina, and blessing with the Scapular of St. Michael the Archangel. All are encouraged to join the St. Veronica community for this unique Parish Mission. Fellowship in the Parish Center will be hosted on Wednesday, June 7th.

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

Parental Rights and Religious Freedom Talk

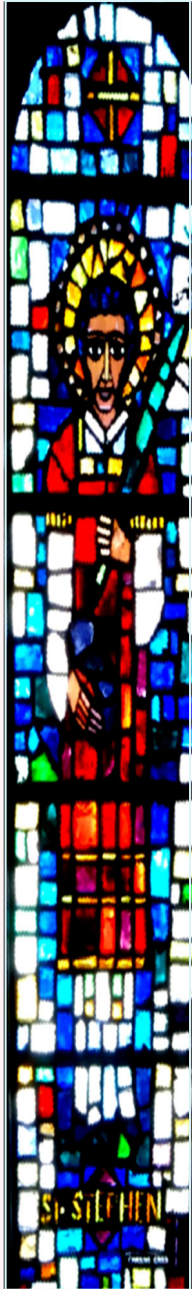
Thursday, June 22 - 6:00 p.m.

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. RSVP at the link above.



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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2022-2023

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- Faith Formation Mary Molly Mullaney
- Fifty Plus Club Helga D'Arcy
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- Head Sacristan Ed Quan
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- Liturgy Committee Fr. Michael Lilledahl
- Marriage Preparation Clergy
- Men's Club Martin Murphy
- Parish Council Vicky Francisco
- RCIA Mary Molly Mullaney
- St. Stephen Book Club Mary Molly Mullaney
- 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.

Song Lyrics for 9:30 am Mass



Gathering: 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
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 Alto-
gether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you creat-
ed All for love's sake became poor

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

And I'd never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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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

Preparation of the Gifts: The Summons

#387 in Breaking Bread pew hymnal

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

By your mercy we come to your table
By your grace you are making us faithful

Lord, we remember you
And remembrance leads us to worship 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 that we will face
And none too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed
All are welcome in this place

By your mercy we come to your table
By your grace you are making us faithful

Lord, we remember you
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship you
Our worship leads to Communion
We respond to your invitation
We remember you

Dying you destroyed our death Rising
you restored our life Lord Jesus come
in glory
Lord Jesus come in glory Lord
Jesus come in glory Lord Jesus
come in glory

Lord, we remember you
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship you
Our worship leads to Communion
We respond to your invitation
We respond to your invitation
We remember you

Sending: Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing
You reign now in heaven with Jesus our King
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria...Ave, Ave Maria

In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim
On earth we your children invoke your fair name
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria...Ave, Ave Maria

We pray for our Mother the Church upon earth
And bless, Holy Mary the land of our birth Ave,
Ave, Ave Maria...Ave, Ave Maria