

# 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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Jesus said,  
“This is my blood  
of the covenant,  
which will be  
shed for many.  
Amen, I say to you,  
I shall not drink again  
the fruit of the vine  
until the day  
when I drink it  
new in the  
kingdom of God.”

Mark 14:24-25



June 2, 2024

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

## The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

**First Reading:** Exodus 24:3-8 | **Psalm:** Psalm 116 | **Second Reading:** Hebrews 9:11-15 | **Gospel:** Mark 14:12-16

All three readings today speak of covenant: first, the covenant God made with the people of Israel, and second, the new covenant extended to all through the mediation of Christ and God's promise of eternal salvation. They are beautiful Scriptures in and of themselves, but they are especially important for the feast that the Church celebrates today: the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – the feast of Corpus Christi.

We hear these familiar words and give thanks and praise for them: Jesus *took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."*



The feast of Corpus Christi is marked in places all over the world with public Eucharistic processions: an opportunity to share the Blessed Sacrament with, not just Catholics who encounter the Real Presence in Mass and Exposition, but *all* people. It reminds us, and others – if they are open to hearing God's message – that Christ's redemption is for all.

To some outside of our Catholic communion, it may seem quite odd that we would have such a feast day, but not to us. For at the very core of who we are as Catholics is our belief that, through Christ's Word and the action of the Holy Spirit; the instrumentality of the priest; and under the appearances of bread and wine, the risen Christ is truly, fully, and substantially present in body, blood, soul and divinity (cf., CCC 1374, 1375).

The feast and its processions mark the most visible example of "public witness" of our beliefs (cf., Can. 944 §1, 2), but it ought never be our *only* public witness. For in addition to the graces bestowed upon us in our reception and veneration of the Eucharist are the fruits of our communion that our life of discipleship can bring to the world. Christ is the mediator of a new covenant that seals our eternal relationship to the Father, and promises everlasting life. In our communion with him we have both blessed opportunity, and scriptural commandment, to share that gift with others.

Perhaps it is hard to explain, or understand, why some people choose to stay away from so great a gift! But *we* are here. We are here because we are in awe of our God. We are in awe of a God who would not spare his only Son to prove his love for us. We are in awe that God would make it so very simple for us to have him with us until the end of time. And maybe, in her wisdom, this is why the Church has such a public witness of our devotion to the Eucharist. And perhaps this is where our own smaller, "public witness" comes into play.

### LITURGY AND LIFE

- ◆ How does the Eucharist affect your relationship with God?
- ◆ What connection does the Eucharist have to your relationship?
- ◆ How does our parish help the worshipping community link the Eucharist to their work in the world?

*Our Saint of the week:* Feast day June 5 **Saint Boniface**

Boniface, who was baptized Winfrid, lived in the eighth century. He was a brilliant monk in a Benedictine monastery in England. He was the head of a school, but he thought God wanted him to be a missionary. He went to Frisia (Northern Netherlands and Germany) to begin his work. A war forced him to return to England for a few years, but he did not give up. Next, he journeyed to Rome to ask the pope to tell him where to serve. Pope Gregory II changed Winfrid's name to Boniface, which means "a man who does good deeds." Then he sent Boniface to eastern Germany.

For nearly 35 years, Boniface traveled all over Germany, preaching, teaching, and building schools, monasteries, and convents. He went to Rome to report to the pope about his work. There, the pope ordained him bishop and told him to return to Germany to continue missionary work. Boniface invited monks and sisters from England to come and help him. The monastery at Fulda is probably the most famous one started by Boniface.

As an old man, Boniface returned to Frisia to work among the pagans. One morning, while he was waiting to confirm a group of converts, a band of angry natives rushed into the church and murdered Boniface and about 50 converts. Today Saint Boniface is the patron of Germany.





# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, June 3

8:00 a.m.

† **Diana Lobo**  
*(By: Maria Xavier)*

## Tuesday, June 4

8:00 a.m.

† **Mila Espina**  
*(By: Dorothy Over)*

## Wednesday, June 5

8:00 a.m.

† **Claudio Hrvatin**  
*(By: Tom & Sheila Perlte)*

## Thursday, June 6

8:00 a.m.

† **Gloria Cagalingan**  
*(By: Ding, Carol & Siblings)*

## Friday, June 7

8:00 a.m.

† **Apolinario Reyes**  
*(By: Liberty Mungcal)*

## Saturday, June 8

8:00 a.m.

**Rey & Elvie Ysip** *Sp. Int.*  
*Wed. Anniv. (By: Noel & Erwin Ysip)*

4:30 p.m.

**Emma Sagala** *Sp. Int.*  
*(By: Parish Staff & Volunteers)*

## Sunday, Jun 9

8:00 a.m.

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

10:30 a.m.

† **Josie Fernandes**  
*(By: Parish Staff & Volunteers)*

6:30 p.m.

**Zeny Agod** *Sp. Int.*  
*(By: Family & Friends)*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).

**Psalm** — I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).

**Gospel** — This is my body. This is my blood of the covenant (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: **Corpus Christie**  
**SS Marcellinus & Peter**

Monday: **Ninth Week in Ordinary Time;**  
**St Charles Lwanga and Companions**

Wednesday: **St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**

Thursday: **St. Norbert, Bishop**

Friday: **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus;**  
**First Friday**

Saturday: **St. Anne Mary Taigi,**  
**The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed**  
**Virgin Mary**  
**First Saturday**

*The riddles of God are more satisfying  
than the solutions of man.*

--G.K. Chesterton

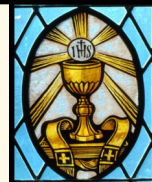
You're All Invited!  
**HOLY HOUR of**  
**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION**  
Exposition, Adoration and Benediction  
*(Weekdays, right after the 8am Mass)*  
Mondays thru Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST June 2, 2024

The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

— Psalm 116:13



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**

## GRADUATION DAY A Proud Moment for Us All!

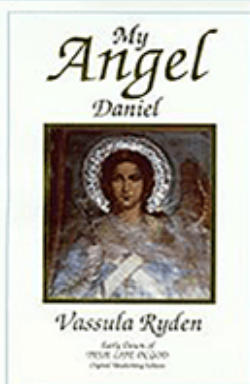
This past Friday we celebrated the commencement ceremonies of our eighth grade class as they moved on toward high school. We are very proud of each of them and wish them all the happiness and blessings as they begin a new journey in life. A special thanks to our wonderful Principal, Mrs. Allen and the outstanding faculty and staff who guided these children through their years of physical, educational and spiritual growth. May God bless them all!



Dominic Andrini, *Junipero Serra*  
 Angelina Branch, *Sacred Heart Cathedral*  
 Sarafina Cabatic, *Mills*  
 Luca Cheishvili, *St. Ignatius*  
 Dashiell Dulany, *Junipero Serra*  
 Anthony Fambrini, *Archbishop Riordan*  
 Maia Fernandez, *St. Ignatius*  
 Savannah Green, *St. Ignatius*  
 Cian Halton, *Sacred Heart Cathedral*  
 Bonnie Hatch, *Sacred Heart Cathedral*  
 Noah Houghton, *Sacred Heart Cathedral*  
 Rebecca Iffla, *Mercy*  
 Mason Kelly, *St. Ignatius*

Bianca Kennedy, *Sacred Heart Cathedral*  
 Keeley Kilroy, *St. Ignatius*  
 Avery Kyrie, *St. Ignatius*  
 Soheila Labagh, *St. Ignatius*  
 Dastan Loo, *Archbishop Riordan*  
 Libby McGrillen, *Archbishop Riordan*  
 Edward Naser, *Lick-Wilmerding*  
 Finn O'Donoghue, *Sacred Heart Cathedral*  
 Leland Ramirez, *Lick-Wilmerding*  
 Emma Rivera, *Lick-Wilmerding*  
 Madeline Sween, *Sacred Heart Cathedral*  
 Andrew Sweet, *Oakland College Prep*  
 William Taylor, *Archbishop Riordan*  
 Quinci Wong, *The Bay School*

### 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**

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## 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?

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/>



## 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/or 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](mailto:FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org).

## HOLY EUCHARISTIC REFLECTIONS

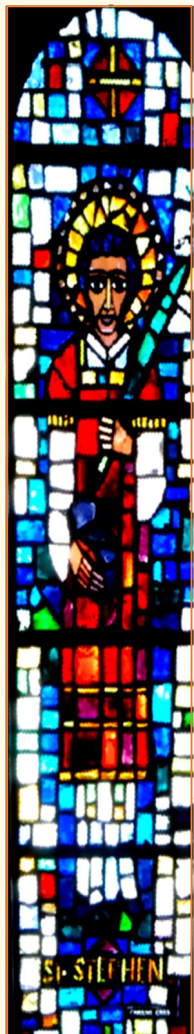
### Recalling Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton.

Two hundred years ago, a beautiful, young, Episcopalian woman accompanied her husband, a merchant, to Italy, leaving four of their five children at home with fami-



ly members. They had sailed for Italy, hoping that the change in climate might help her husband, whose failing business had eventually affected his health adversely. Tragically, he died in Livorno. The grieving young widow was warmly received by an Italian family, business acquaintances of her deceased husband. She stayed with them for three months before she could arrange to return to America. The young widow was very impressed by the Catholic faith of her host family, especially their devotion to the Holy Eucharist: their frequent attendance at Mass, the reverence with which they received Holy Communion, the awe they showed toward the Blessed Sacrament on feast days when the Eucharist was carried in procession. She found her broken heart healed by a hunger for this mysterious presence of the Lord, and, upon returning home, requested instruction in Catholic Faith. Soon after being received into the Church, she described her first reception of the Lord in the Eucharist as the happiest moment of her life. It was in St. Peter's Square on September 14, 1795, that Pope Paul VI canonized this woman, Elizabeth Ann Seton, as the first native-born saint of the United States. The Eucharist for her was a sign and cause of union with God and the Church.

Recalling Saint Theresa of Calcutta. Mother Teresa was given a reception by the cruel Communist dictator Enver Hoxha who ruled Albania for 40 years from 1945 to 1985. He imposed atheism as the official religion in 1967. The possession of a Bible or cross often meant a ten-year prison term. Welcoming Mother Teresa in 1985, he stated that he appreciated her world-wide works of charity, and then added, "But I will not permit Christ to return to Albania as long as I am in charge." In her reply after thanking the president for the reception Mother said, "Mr. President, you are wrong. I have brought not only the love of Christ into my native land but also the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist right into your presidential palace. I am allowed to carry Jesus in a pyx during my visit of this Communist country where public worship is a crime. I keep Jesus in the consecrated host in my pocket. Jesus will surely return to this country very soon." Communist rule collapsed in Albania in 1992, and Christians and Muslims reopened their churches and mosques for worship. The non-Communist president of Albania, Mr. Ramiz Alia, awarded Albanian citizenship to Mother Teresa during her visit to her liberated home country in 1992. Mr. Alia also created a "Mother Teresa Prize" to be awarded to those who distinguished themselves in the field of humanitarian and charitable work.



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| • Altar Society            | Joan Leehane          |
| • Bridge Group             | Virginia Stefanelli   |
| • Caritas                  | Nellie Hizon          |
| • Church Hospitality       | Mary Molly Mullaney   |
| • Communion Ministers      | Mary Molly Mullaney   |
| • Faith Formation          | Mary Molly Mullaney   |
| • Fifty Plus Club          | Helga D'Arcy          |
| • Finance Council          | Laura Birsinger       |
| • Front Ofc Lead Volunteer | Fely Boquiren         |
| • 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

June 2, 2024, Corpus Christi

**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!*

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

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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!*