

# 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.

*Jesus said,*

“Whoever does the will of God  
is my brother and sister and mother.”

MARK 3:35



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June

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2024

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary time

**First Reading:** Genesis 3:9-15 | **Psalm:** Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 | **Second Reading:** 2 Cor 4:13—5:1 | **Gospel:** Mark 3:20-35

Anyone who has ever built a home or any other sort of building knows just how important the foundation is. Before a wall is built or a roof covers the structure, the foundation must be set firmly in place. A firm foundation requires an immense amount of work and preparation. If the foundation is built on shifting or unstable ground, the building will ultimately fail – it is just a matter of time.

In a very real sense, Jesus is challenging us as disciples to pay attention to the foundation that supports our daily life. In today's Gospel, Jesus rightly notes that a spiritual house built upon a shaky foundation is bound to fail. Some of the folks who insult Jesus in the Gospel think he is mad – that he is in league with the devil himself. As Jesus notes, a house built on such a foundation will collapse against itself.

To some, however, building a house upon the foundation of Jesus may seem like utter insanity. Why would we wish to do such a thing? After all, a strong and secure life requires that we have the best of everything. Some say that an even better and more successful life is one in which we have achieved every measure of success that is possible, so that people admire or envy us, so that we have power and influence that we can wield in order to determine our own destiny. This is the most solid foundation upon which to build one's life – from the *world's* perspective.

Jesus reminds us that if our lives are built only upon power, influence, prestige or achievement, they will ultimately come tumbling down. At the conclusion of today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a clue about what leads to true satisfaction. As he speaks to his disciples, he reminds us that the ultimate strength in our lives comes from a living and loving relationship with him and with the people of his Church.

If Jesus and the life to which he calls us become the central focus of our everyday living, then we live as members of his family – we are his brother and sisters. Like younger siblings, we have the opportunity to look up to Jesus, to emulate his ways of selfless life and love, to cooperate with his grace in order to bring peace and mercy more firmly into our world. What a joy that Jesus teaches us by word and example to live our lives with his life and love as both foundation and cornerstone.

### LITURGY AND LIFE

- What does the story of Adam and Eve in the garden say about the human condition?
- How does our parish help us look beyond what will pass away to the eternal?
- Do you sometimes wish for a miracle to be assured that God exists?



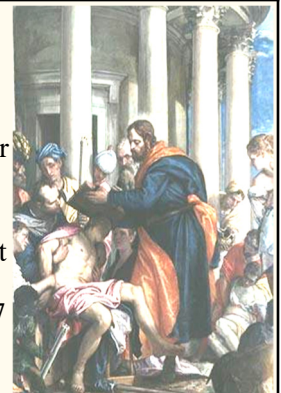
*Our Saint of the week:* Feast day June 11 **Saint Barnabas, Apostle**

We know nothing about St. Barnabas except what Scripture tells us. Luke says he was “a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and faith” (Acts 11:24 NJB). No one could ask for a better recommendation! The saint was born at Cyprus, a Jew of the tribe of Levi. His given name was Joseph, but the apostles called him Barnabas, which meant “son of encouragement” (Acts 4:36 NJB). That nickname suited him to a tee, for everywhere he went he seems to have played a major supportive role in establishing the Christian community. For example, he sold his property and donated the money to the apostles for the poor.

Later the apostles sent him to care for the fledgling church at Antioch (Acts 11:20–22). He brought Paul from Tarsus to help him, and the community flourished under their leadership (Acts 11:25–26). Twice Barnabas and Paul traveled to Jerusalem on behalf of the church at Antioch (Acts 11:27–30; 15:2). He also accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey that began in Cyprus and circled through Asia Minor (Acts 13:1–2, 7).

Before the next missionary journey, however, Paul and Barnabas quarreled over some personal and pastoral matters and decided to separate. Barnabas returned to Cyprus and evangelized the island. Paul's later references to Barnabas in his letters indicate that the two apostles were ultimately reconciled (see 1 Corinthians 9:6; Colossians 4:10).

Early Christians attributed an epistle to Barnabas, but modern scholars say he probably did not write it. Legend also says he died at Salamis in 61.





# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, June 10

8:00 a.m. † **William Espina**  
*(By: Dorothy Over)*

## Tuesday, June 11

8:00 a.m. † **Deasy Dimayanti** *Sp. Int.*  
*(By: Fely Boquiren)*

## Wednesday, June 12

8:00 a.m. † **Carmino Sagala**  
*(By: Emme Sagala)*

## Thursday, June 13

8:00 a.m. † **Nilo Antonio Plondaya**  
*Sp. Int. (By: Mama Lota & Family)*

## Friday, June 14

8:00 a.m. † **Elizabeth Trumbour**  
*(By: Mary Molly & Marilyn Mullaney)*

## Saturday, June 15

8:00 a.m. † **Mom Aisa & Baby Chayande**  
*Sp. Int. (By: Gulmohar)*

4:30 p.m. † **Denis O'Connor**  
*(By: Rose O'Connor)*

## Sunday, Jun 16

8:00 a.m. † **Aisa Hara & Baby** *Sp. Int.*  
*(By: Papa & Mama)*

10:30 a.m. † **Albert Gagnani**  
*(By: Diane Gagnani)*

6:30 p.m. † **St Stephen Parishioners**  
*(By: Fr. Ben)*

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — After Adam and Eve eat of the forbidden fruit, the LORD God puts enmity between the serpent and the woman (Genesis 3:9-15).

**Psalm** — With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — We have an eternal dwelling from God, not made with hands (2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1).

**Gospel** — “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother” (Mark 3:20-35).

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	<b>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>St. Ephrem</b>
Tuesday	<b>St. Barnabas</b>
Thursday:	<b>St. Anthony of Padua</b>
Friday:	<b>Flag Day</b>
Saturday:	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>

*Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help.*  
-Heather French Henry

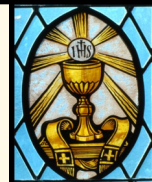
You're All Invited!  
**HOLY HOUR** of  
**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION**  
Exposition, Adoration and Benediction  
*(Weekdays, right after the 8am Mass)*  
Mondays thru Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9, 2024

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!  
—Psalm 130:1



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*

**Save the Date:**  
**Sunday, July 28, 1:00-3:00pm**  
**“A Grand Day”**

A special “day camp” experience for Grandparents and their Grandchildren to come together and have fun.  
More info to come.



**The 50+ Club**  
**does not meet in July.**  
**Next meeting is August 12.**

**For any questions call Helga at 415-731-8211**

## Background on the Gospel Reading

In the section of the Gospel just before these verses, Jesus calls his Twelve Apostles. Now he performs his first exorcism. It is told within the context of conflict with his family.

A crowd so large has gathered that Jesus and his disciples are not even able to eat their bread. His family comes to take him away because they think he is beside himself. And the scribes think he is possessed by the devil. Jesus points out to them the absurdity of their thinking that he uses the devil to cast out demons. In fact, it is Jesus who ties up the strong man, Beelzebul, and overcomes him.

He concludes with a brief saying about the forgiveness of sins. All sin can be forgiven except for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. It's not known exactly what he means by this. It could be that the only sin that can't be forgiven is the one that cuts you off from the source of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit.

Mark then brings Jesus' family back into the picture. They are not presented in a critical light but are just trying to see him. This gives Jesus the opportunity to point out that family for him is not based on blood. *Loyola Press*

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The cathedral is a treasure in a diocese and in our tradition. It is not simply a "big church," as some say; some parish churches are larger. What makes a cathedral is the presence of the chair, called a cathedra (Latin for seat) reserved for the bishop.

There are many instances in our country of a local church (diocese) outgrowing a cathedral. In Baltimore and St. Louis, the former cathedrals are historic treasures in the heart of the old city, but new and larger structures now function as the seat of the bishop.

When a bishop dies or retires, it is said that "the seat is vacant," and when the new bishop is installed, the central ritual is the moment when the decree of the Holy Father is read and the new bishop is escorted to the cathedra. No one but the bishop sits in the cathedra during a ritual, but in Los Angeles the cathedra in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels is accessible, and no one seems to mind when a visitor tries the cathedra out for the bishop's point of view.

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### *My Angel* Daniel



### 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 meeting: 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?

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.

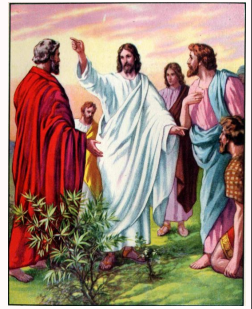
The RCIA Program - the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** - welcomes anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. The program will begin in mid-September. Participants will receive 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).

## OUR "CHALLENGES" FROM TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

### Face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism.

Very often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to us and refuse to accept the words of grace, love and encouragement that we offer to them because they are too familiar with us. But we have to face such rejection with prophetic courage because by our Baptism we are called to be prophets like Jesus, sharing his prophetic mission. As prophets, our task is to speak the truth and oppose the evils in our society without condoning or encouraging sinful behavior even in our dear ones.



### We need to have the courage of our convictions:

Modern "liberal-minded" people may find genuine Christians' belief in and practice of Christ's ideas and ideals crazy too. Hence, what is needed in a Christian is the courage of his or her convictions based on the authority of Jesus as God and the truth of his doctrines.

**We need to live as members of God's family:** Let us remember that by Baptism we become the children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus and members of the Heavenly family of the Triune God. Hence, let us observe our obligations of treating others with love and respect and of sharing our love with them in corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We are also His disciples, and so are obliged to be hearers as well as doers of the word of God. Let us keep our souls daily cleansed and filled with the Spirit of God, leaving no space for the evil spirit to enter our souls.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, our Father, in Your love and providence, You call each of us to a holy life. We pray for young people in the Archdiocese of San Francisco,

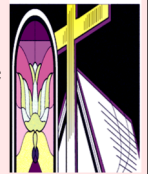
Open their hearts and minds to know the vocation You have planned for them for all eternity.

If they are being invited to follow You as a Priest, Brother, or Sister,

give them a generous heart to respond to Your challenging call and the strength to follow wherever You lead them.

May families desire to please You by encouraging and supporting vocations within their homes.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.



## GIFT

What I am is God's gift to me.  
What I become is my gift back to God.

—Anonymous

# Today's Music — June 9, 2024, Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gathering:** Side By Side (see below)

**Preparation:** Eye Has Not Seen #475

**Communion:** As Grains Of Wheat #343, Behold the Lamb #341

**Sending:** In Christ There Is No East or West #589

## Side By Side

Fredrick Schaefer

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