

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.

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The disciples were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?”

MARK 4:41

**TWELFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Job 38: 1, 8-11 | Psalm 107 | 2nd Reading: 2 Cor. 5:14-17 | Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Quiet! Be still! With these words, Jesus calmed the storm that was threatening the Apostles as their boats were being tossed about and filled with water. It must have been a fierce storm since it frightened these men, many of whom made their living on the sea. They were afraid enough to wake Jesus, who was asleep in the boat. They needed him to be present to them in their panic and fear.

Certainly, Jesus can calm the worst storms in our lives as well. What are those storms? Do we struggle in our relationships? Perhaps our storms are connected to physical or financial difficulties. Maybe we wrestle with our faith, or are challenged by anxiety or depression. How wonderful that Jesus can calm all those storms. He is there for us with his peace if we just turn our fears over to him. Just as he quieted the winds and silenced the waves, he can bring comfort to us.

As the disciples witnessed this miracle on the sea, they were struck with awe and wonder. *Who then is this*, they ask, *whom even wind and sea obey?* They were still learning who Jesus was, and the might of his power. Even though they followed him daily, listening to his words and witnessing his miracles, they were still uncertain. Jesus rebukes them a little when he asks them, *Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?*

The truth is that in our journey to the Father, we are still learning who Jesus is as well. It is often a big leap to go from the Jesus we read about or hear in the Gospels, to the Jesus who lives fully in our hearts. There is a difference between knowing Jesus intellectually and fully becoming one with him. As in any relationship that we want to nurture and deepen, our love and closeness will grow as we get to know each other better. This requires spending time together – listening and watching and learning.

In order to grow our faith, we need to deepen our relationship with Jesus – to spend time with him daily, and include him in our thoughts and decisions, through prayer. We can read the Gospels and spend time with others who also believe in him so we can learn from their experience. This is a lived faith. For Jesus to be in our hearts, we must invite him in and then nourish that relationship daily. We can survive the storms in our life with his help. In loving Jesus, the storms with which we live will be calmed, and our faith will grow stronger.



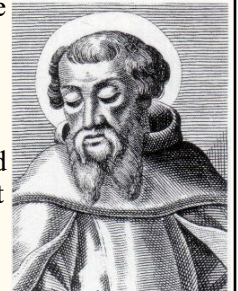
Our Saint of the week: Feast day June 28

Saint Irenaeus

Irenaeus linked the Church at the time of the twelve apostles and the Church of the second century. He wrote and taught the faith handed on by the apostles and preserved it when it was attacked. His chief concern was unity among the churches. Irenaeus was born about 130 in Smyrna, a port town in western Turkey.

He traveled to Lyons, France, where he was ordained a priest. Eventually, he became its bishop. Irenaeus faced a strong battle against Gnosticism. This heresy claimed that eternal life could be gained only by receiving special knowledge about God, knowledge available to a chosen few. Irenaeus taught that, according to Scripture, God wished all people to be saved and to know the truth. The name Irenaeus means “peace,” and this saint was true to his name.

At one time, a group of Christians in Irenaeus’s homeland did not want to celebrate Easter at the time the Church in Rome had decided. Irenaeus explained to Pope Victor I that this was not a matter of faith. The date for celebrating Easter was an old tradition for these people. His pleading helped the pope decide in their favor. Irenaeus was an important writer and a strong witness to the teaching of the Church as it came from Peter and the other apostles. Perhaps Irenaeus was martyred; we know only that he died in about 200.



What We Learn from Today’s Gospel: We need to accommodate Jesus in the boat of our life. We all experience different types of violent storms in our lives: physical storms, emotional storms, and spiritual storms. We face storms of sorrow, doubt, anxiety, worry, temptation and passion. Only Jesus can still these storms. Jesus can give us real peace in the storm of sorrow. When we are totally depressed with sorrow Jesus assures us of the glory of the life to come. Jesus consoles us at the loss of our dear ones with the assurance of eternal life for them in the Heavenly home of God the Father where we, too, will live one day. When the authority behind the words of the Holy Scripture. Jesus gives us peace in a tempest of doubt, tension and uncertainty, provided we humbly submit to Jesus’ guidance. He gives us peace in the storms of anxiety and worry about ourselves, about the unknown future and about those we love. Jesus calms the storms of passion in people who have hot hearts and blazing tempers.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, June 24

8:00 a.m. † **Maria Angulo Solis**
(By: Margarita Solis-Tucker)

Tuesday, June 25

8:00 a.m. † **Mary Elizabeth 'Betsy' Barca**
(By: Charles Barca)

Wednesday, June 26

8:00 a.m. † **Anastacio Salera**
(By: Becky Parini)

Thursday, June 27

8:00 a.m. **Sr Patrick Mary Kearny OP**
Sp. Int. (By: P. Teshara)

Friday, June 28

8:00 a.m. † **Fred Sagala**
(By: Emma Sagala)

Saturday, June 29

8:00 a.m. **Thanksgiving Mass**
Sp. Int. (By: Alice Paz Grimes)

4:30 p.m.

Africa Dy
Sp. Int. (By: Self)

Sunday, Jun 30

8:00 a.m. **St Stephens Parishioners**
(By: Fr. Ben)

10:30 a.m. † **Emmanuel Comia**
(By: Siria Gong)

6:30 p.m. † **Vincent Vago**
(By: Gayle Montalbano)

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20, 2021

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to Job: Who shut within doors the sea? And who said: Thus far shall you come but no farther! (*Job 38:1, 8-11*).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting (*Psalm 107*).

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (*2 Corinthians 5:14-17*).

Gospel — Who is this whom even wind and sea obey? (*Mark 4:35-41*).

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: **The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

Wednesday: **Saint Prosper of Aquitaine**

Thursday: **Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop**

Friday: **Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**

Saturday: **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

Parish Potluck

To Thank Fr. Ben Rosado

Sunday, June 30, 11:30 a.m.

(following the 10:30 a.m. Mass)

In Donworth Hall

Fr. Ben has been serving St. Stephen Parish for only a year but has made such a positive impact. We thank him for his commitment and service, and wish him well as he assumes his next assignment at St. Monica/St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Please bring food to share.



The 50+ Club

does not meet in July.

Next meeting is August 12.

For any questions call Helga at 415-731-8211

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 Barbiere, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names of people that we should pray for this month.

Background on the Gospel Reading

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him. The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity.

Loyola Press

St. Stephen Catholic Book Club

July Book: *Mind of the Maker*

by Dorothy L. Sayers In her most profound work, Sayers investigates the nature of God and creativity. From the first pages of Genesis, it is clear that God and man share one vital trait: the ability to create great works out of nothing. More than any other group, artists feel impelled to create, and this urge brings them closer to God. By contemplating the creative drive of humanity, we can better understand the works of God, and by reading deeply into the tenets of Christianity, we can better understand the creative spirit of man. Dorothy L. Sayers explores the concept of the Holy Trinity within the context of invention: the creative idea, the creative energy, and the creative power. In this searching, wide-ranging treatise, one of the greatest minds of the twentieth century shows us what it means to be an artist—and what it takes to make humankind.

Book Club meets Saturday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the parish office. Contact Mary Molly for more info.

Humor for the Week

“Who is this man? Even the winds and the sea obey him!

Four women were sitting discussing their sons. The first proudly stated that her son was a bishop, so when he enters a room, people address him as “Your Excellency.” The second, not to be outdone, said that her son is an archbishop, so when he enters the room, people address him as “Your Grace.” The third quietly stated that her son was a cardinal, so when he enters the room, the people say: “Your Eminence.” The fourth woman said: “Well my son is 7 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 430 pounds, and when he walks into a room people say: “My God!”

The hurricane prayer: A hurricane had struck. People were huddled together in a Church building for safety. A preacher was praying with great oratorical effects in the midst of this violent storm, crying out “Send us the Spirit of the children of Israel, the children of Moses, the children of the Promised land.” At this, an old man with less oratory but more directness prayed, “Lord, don’t send nobody. Come Yourself. This ain’t no time for children.”

A man trusted his wife. A man and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her, “Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.” His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.

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/>

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage



Our seminarian, Dereck Delgado, is one of the pilgrims walking the St. Junipero Serra western route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. They are making their way across the country to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the National Eucharistic Congress in July 17–21, 2024.

The Pilgrims on the Junipero Serra Route are currently in Omaha, Nebraska; this Sunday they will have Mass with Archbishop Lucas at St. Cecilia Cathedral, Omaha, NE. From there they will process to St. John's Parish at Creighton University. Then there will be a formal transition from the state of Nebraska into the state of Iowa, passing from the Archdiocese of Omaha into the Diocese of Des Moines. There will be an 8-mile Eucharistic Procession on the Wabash Trace Nature Trail. Later this week they will be in: Council Bluffs, Glenwood, Imogene, & Shenandoah, IA; process across the Amelia Earhart Bridge to the Benedictine College, Atchison, KS; Nortonville, Topeka, & Lawrence, KS; Eucharistic Procession throughout Leawood and Kansas City, KS; Roeland Park, KS; The Cathedral of St Peter the Apostle, Kansas City, KS; Lee's Summit, MO; Warrensburg, MO.



St. Stephen's parishioner Ginger Trumbour met up with Dereck Delgado along the Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Ogallala, NE, June 14. She participated in the 7-mile Eucharistic Procession from Ogallala to Roscoe, Nebraska, after morning Mass at St. Luke's Catholic Church.

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.

Making Amends

Aki Ra was no more than a toddler when he was conscripted by Cambodia's murderous Khmer Rouge régime to be a child soldier. At age five, instead of reciting the alphabet, he learned to plant deadly land mines. He had no choice in the matter, he said. The child soldiers had bags full of landmines on their backs, which they threw behind them as they walked. If anyone was too slow he was shot. After the Vietnamese army liberated Cambodia, the now teenaged Aki Ra was finally set free. Yet because of the work he and other child soldiers had done for the Khmer Rouge, Cambodia was strewn with thousands of active landmines, killing and maiming hundreds of people every year. Ra deeply regretted what he had done, and vowed to spend his life in restitution. He knew where he had buried many of the mines and how to disarm them safely. Armed only with a metal detector and a few simple tools, he began locating land mines and deactivating them one by one. Filled with TNT, a mine can detonate at any second, but Ra has never been injured in his work. For more than twenty years, he has continued this painstaking and dangerous work, and has also led safety education programs in villages. In 1999 he founded the Cambodia Landmine Museum, a non-profit group that provides education and resources concerning the country's land mines and allows visitors to view hundreds of disabled mines. The museum also serves as Ra's home, where he cares for more than twenty children who have been injured or disabled by these terrible weapons. Ra, now a widower, describes it as a place of healing for bodies, minds, and hearts, a place where love, support, and education will help secure a better future for the children who live there.

Sunday, July 28
1:00–3:00pm

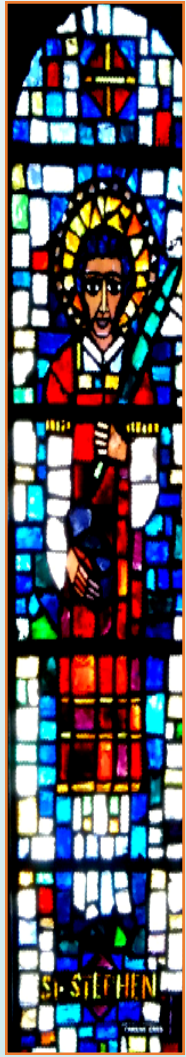
“A Grand Day”

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

Location: Donworth Hall
473 Eucalyptus Dr, SF
Register online:

<https://bit.ly/a-grand-day>

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Today's Music

June 23, 2024, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: How Firm A Foundation #724

Preparation: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #497

Communion: Our Blessing Cup #349,
The Body Of Christ #326

Sending: How Can I Keep From
Singing #447



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

Name _____

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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!



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.