

# 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, 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

June  
25  
2023

*What I say to you  
in the darkness,  
speak in the light;  
what you hear whispered,  
proclaim on the housetops.*

Matthew 10:27



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to the Twelve:  
"Fear no one. Nothing is  
concealed that will not be  
revealed, nor secret that will not  
be known.

What I say to you in the darkness,  
speak in the light; what you hear  
whispered, proclaim on the  
housetops.

And do not be afraid of those  
who kill the body but cannot kill  
the soul; rather, be afraid of the  
one who can destroy both soul  
and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a  
small coin? Yet not one of them  
falls to the ground without your  
Father's knowledge.

Even all the hairs of your head  
are counted. So do not be afraid;  
you are worth more than many  
sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me  
before others, I will acknowledge  
before my heavenly Father. But  
whoever denies me before others,  
I will deny before my heavenly  
Father."

Matthew 10:26-33

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

June 25, 2023

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 69:8-10; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33*

In every age, Christ and his Church have been persecuted. Despite his message of love and compassion (or perhaps because of it), Jesus was taunted by leaders and ordinary people alike. Even his death on a cross and his victorious Resurrection did not convince every person that he was the Son of God, the promised Messiah. Some of his followers abandoned him. His Apostles faced ridicule and death. Countless early Christians were martyred for their faith. Religious communities have split apart over doctrine and liturgical practices. Wars have been fought, crusades have been waged and earthly kingdoms have been torn apart – all over differences in religion or political ideologies. Today we encounter the prophet Jeremiah who, in his youth, had been called by the Lord to be a prophet during times of great political upheaval. He says, *I have committed my cause to the Lord.* Despite imprisonment, scourging, threats from enemies and former friends, and his own interior crises, Jeremiah remained steadfast because he knew the Lord was with him *like a mighty warrior.*



Saint Paul reminds the Romans that Adam brought sin and death into the world *and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned.* He compares the effect of Adam's disobedience to God's will to Christ's total obedience to the Father's will – and the effect that each had on the human race. One is the cause of the human condition – the other, the source of our salvation.

For the past several Sundays, we have been hearing the Gospel accounts of how Christ called his Apostles. He carefully shared the Father's message of love and mercy with each of them. But at the same time, Jesus acknowledged that they would encounter a world that was hostile to that message. In today's Gospel, Jesus continues his instruction to them, cautioning them to *fear no one ... speak in the light ... proclaim on the housetops.* They would be protected by the same Father who cares for sparrows. Most of all, they should never deny Christ before others.

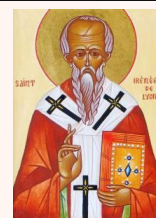
Like Jeremiah and the Apostles, Jesus has called us, too. At our baptism, we became his followers, and through the grace of the sacraments and the support of our Christian community, we have been called to share that same message of mercy, love and salvation through Christ. We, too, face a world that can be hostile to Christianity and is indifferent to its message. So, how are we doing? Have we ever been too silent, too weak, too uninformed, too docile? Do we stand up to what the culture is proclaiming or do we capitulate to its temptations? Have we ever gone so far as to deny Christ before others? Let us continue to pray that God's grace will sustain us, and that we will give better witness to the truth of the Gospel and salvation to a world in need of hearing it.

### *Our Saint of the Week* **St. 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.



**50+ Club**

*No July Meeting*

**Monday, Aug 7,**

**Donworth Hall**

**Doors Open 12:30pm**

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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, Jun 26

8:00 a.m. **Maureen Dowling** *Sp.Int*  
(By: Maureen D)

## Tuesday, Jun 27

8:00 a.m. † **Lois & Morrison Gardner**  
(By: a friend)

## Wednesday, Jun 28

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

## Thursday, Jun 29

8:00 a.m. **Thanksgiving to Blessed Mother Mary**  
(By: Alice Grimes)

## Friday, Jun 30

8:00 a.m. † **Jasson & Vera Moura**  
(By: Luciene Sequeira)

## Saturday, July 1

8:00 a.m. † **Louise Stagnaro**  
(By: Marilyn Lee)

4:30 p.m. † **Basilio Sabisor Jr**  
(By: Carlota & Family)

## Sunday, July 2

8:00 a.m. † **Peter Diaz**  
(By: Debby Diaz)

10:30 a.m. **Jovita Thompson** *Sp.int*  
(By: Bautista Family)

† **Michael Marquez**  
(By: Mom & Dad)

6:30 p.m. † **Lynn Lazo**

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (*Jeremiah 20:10-13*).

**Psalm** -- Lord, in your great love, answer me (*Psalm 69*).

**Second Reading** -- The grace of God overflows for all (*Romans 5:12-15*).

**Gospel** -- All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (*Matthew 10:26-33*).

## Saints & Special Observances

Sunday	<b>11th Sunday in Ordinary Times</b> <b>World Refugee Day</b>
Tuesday	<b>Saint Cyril of Alexandria</b>
Wednesday	<b>Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr</b>
Thursday	<b>Saints Peter and Paul Apostles</b>
Friday	<b>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</b>

## Stewardship News Update

### Stewardship: A Way of Life (MAY 2023 Report)

\$ 29,833.67 Sunday Collections (5/7, 14, 21, 28)  
\$ 8,501.00 Online Sunday Collections (5/1-31)  
\$ 30,321.87 Donworth Hall MAY Rental Income  
**\$ 68,656.54 Total Income for MAY 2023**

#### LESS:

\$ 62,074.16 Parish Maintenance for MAY\*  
**\$ 6,582.38 OVER / Under**

Together with the Easter balance of \$5,554.00 last month, we have around \$12,136.41 in Savings to pay for our upcoming annual General & Property Insurance Liability of more than \$60k.

***Please continue to generously support your Parish!***

**\*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 4) yearly payment of a) \$66,000 that the parish must make on the Gym/Hall debt, b) 61,000 General Insurance & Property Liability, among others.

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 – [fr.michael@SaintStephenSF.org](mailto:fr.michael@SaintStephenSF.org).

## Sick Relatives & Friends

**P**lease 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.

**Adelle Caunan, 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 : \$ 40,795.00  
Campaign Goal Balance : \$ 46,178.00

We thank the following parishioners who have shared their treasures with the parish **this week** as of 6.13.2023:  
(For a complete listing, refer to AAA Poster in Church vestibule.)

M/M Henry Ignacio  
M/M Gary R Torres

## THANK YOU!

To all our Parishioners who submitted comments to the SF Entertainment Commission in support of St. Stephen's Church, there were 51 comments received! Our concerns were heard and accommodations were given.

The Stonestown Farmers Market will have their amplified sound permit specify that they CANNOT use amplified music during the 10:30 Mass. Their audio permit is for Sundays, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The manager of the Stonestown Farmers Market wants to be a good neighbor to the Church and amicably worked out this solution with us.

Without all of your support, this may not have happened. You spoke up and were heard! Thank you!

## St Stephen's Book Club

### BOOK CLUB MEETINGS:

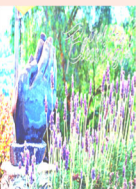
**JULY:** Book Party – Friday, July 21, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Join us as we discuss our favorite books from the past and decide on future books to read. (no assigned book)

**AUGUST:** Sat., Aug. 12, at 10:00 a.m.

Book: *Imitation of Christ* by Thomas A. Kempis

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



## A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer,  
in whatever you do, wherever you go.

Walking with God means...

walking with honesty and with courage,  
walking with love, respect

and concern for the feelings of others.

May you talk to God this summer, every day  
and in every situation. Talking with God means...  
praying words of praise for the beauty of creation,  
saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times,  
asking God's help in all your decisions,  
expressing your sorrow when you have failed.

**May you walk with God every day. Amen**

## PARISH SUMMER COMINGS AND GOINGS

**Fr. David Schunk**- Arrives from Rome on June 6 to begin to move to St. Thomas Apostle and St. Monica as he begins his new assignment as the administrator of those two parishes, leaves St. Stephen's on June 14.

**Fr. Jose Mas Izquierdo**- Arrives from Spain on June 15 for two months to stay at the parish and work on his English skills. Leaves August 15.

**Fr. Cameron Faller**- Leaves St. Stephen's on July 1 to begin his new assignment as vocation director and chaplain at Serra HS.

**Fr. Ben Rosado**- Arrives to St. Stephen's on July 1 to begin his new assignment as parochial vicar at St. Stephen.

**Fr. Michael Healy**- Gone on vacation July 3- August 9

**Fr. Michael Liliedahl**- Leaves for canon law mandated annual retreat plus vacation on June 9. Returns June 25. Leaves July 8 for STL studies in Detroit, returns to parish August 12.

**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.

## Making Time For Our Faith

Parents and guardians sometimes say, "Our family is so busy that we don't have time to participate in faith formation." Our Catholic faith is one of our greatest treasures – it teaches us how to love others as Jesus loves us; it gives us hope in time of struggle; it leads us to answers about the deepest questions and yearnings of our lives. A life built on this firm foundation of faith is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children.

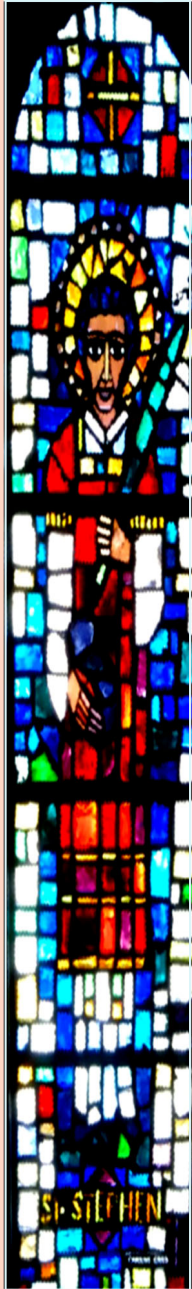
But faith doesn't happen by itself. Faith must be nurtured, by the example of family members and by appropriate religious education in the Catholic community, so that it can grow.

## SAVE THE DATE

**A Grand Day for Grandparents & grandchildren!**

July 23, 2023 1:00-3:30PM @ Donworth Hall

For details, call 415-681-2444 x4



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- 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 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

**Parish Office Phone 415.681.2444**

### ***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](http://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 10:30 am Mass

### **Gathering: Lord, I Need You**

Lord, I come, I confess,  
Bowling here I find my rest  
Without you I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need you, oh I need you  
Every hour I need you  
My one defense, my righteousness  
O God, how I need you

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more  
Where grace is found, is where you are  
Where you are, Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

*Bridge:* Teach my song to rise to you  
When temptation comes my way  
When I cannot stand I fall on you  
Jesus you're my hope and stay

Chorus (with repeat last line)

### **Preparation of the Gifts: Purify My Heart**

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold...pure gold

Refiners fire, my heart's one desire  
Is to be...holy, set apart for you Lord  
I choose to be...holy  
Set apart for you my master  
Ready to do your will

Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within and make me holy  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within

Chorus  
(Repeat Chorus)

### **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  
(*Remembrance cont.*)

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  
Pre-chorus

Chorus

*Bridge:* Dying you destroyed our death  
Rising you restored our life  
Lord Jesus come in glory (4X)

Chorus

### **Sending: Shout To The Lord**

My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord there is none like you  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of your mighty love  
My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship you

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of your name  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in you