

# 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.

JUNE

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2024

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to the woman,  
"Daughter, your faith has saved you.  
Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

Mark 5:34



*Parish Office*  
**CLOSED**  
*Thursday,*  
*July 4th*

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



## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43, [21-24, 35b-43]*

Here we are, just a few days past the first day of summer. This time of year, with its periods of sun and relaxation, makes it easy to see that God rejoices in life. Fields are fast approaching harvest time. As we drive about, we see scenes of life repeated everywhere. We also see abundant life in the family gatherings, picnics and reunions that are a part of this time of year. All of these remind us that God is a God of life. God loves us and the world that he created and saw to be good.



We also know that our world is not quite the place that God intended it to be. Because of a human choice made long ago, our world is broken, less-than-perfect, a place where sadness, sickness and death occur all too frequently.

This balance between joy and sorrow, between sickness and health, between life and death, is something we all know. Think for a moment about the prayers of intercession – the prayers of the faithful – that are proclaimed each time we gather for Eucharist. There are prayers for situations in our world that desperately need God’s help and our own; there are prayers for those who are sick and for their caregivers; there are prayers for our beloved dead, known and unknown. What happens with those prayers as we offer them each time we gather for Eucharist? How do we offer them to God? How does God reaffirm himself as the God of life, not death?

It is no mistake that we make those prayers as we prepare to offer our gifts of bread and wine, simple things, made of wheat that has been ground down and grapes that have been crushed – bread that sustains and wine that can be a drink of great joy. So it is with our prayers, as we offer them and unite them with the gifts of bread and wine that are placed upon our altar. We join together things that sustain us and things that make us feel ground down; we join together that which makes us feel crushed with that which brings us joy. We place it all on the altar and we ask God to make it holy – to hallow our gifts of bread and wine and the gifts of our lives into the body of Christ.

It is no mistake that words such as “holy” and “hallow” come from the same root word as “health,” “healing” and “wholeness.” Isn’t that what we seek when we gather at this table for Eucharist? Here we have a glimpse of heaven, something that reassures us that God is a God of life.

### LITURGY AND LIFE

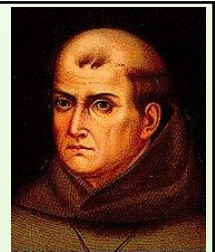
- Have you considered how the poverty of Christ has enriched you?
- Why has God formed humankind to be imperishable?
- How has your faith helped you during troubled times?

***Our Saint of the week: Feast day July 1***

**Saint Junípero Serra**

José Miguel Serra was born the son of a farmer in Spain in 1713. When he was 17, he joined the Franciscans and took the name Junípero. As a priest, he taught philosophy and theology. Then he requested to be a missionary.

In 1749, he sailed for Mexico. After landing in Mexico, Junípero and another friar walked 300 miles to Mexico City. On the way, Junípero was bitten on the leg by a poisonous insect. This leg caused him pain for the rest of his life. At the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Junípero dedicated his work to her.



In 1767, Junípero was made president of the 14 missions begun by Jesuits in Lower California. Then, when Spaniards took over Upper California in 1769, Junípero went with them. At age 56 and with his leg and foot swollen, he traveled the 900 miles on mule to San Diego, where he founded a mission. Junípero established 9 of the 21 Franciscan missions along the Pacific Coast and baptized a total of about six thousand Native Americans.

The missions were communities in which everything was held in common. The Native Americans were taught to grow crops and raise livestock. They learned to read, to sing, and to paint. They learned about the faith and asked to become Catholics.

Junípero once made the long trip back to Mexico City to meet with the military commander and establish rules to protect the Native Americans and the missions. Another time when an uprising left a Franciscan and several others dead, Junípero pleaded that the Native Americans held for the killings be released.

When Junípero was dying, he insisted on walking to the chapel for Holy Communion. He died on August 28, 1784. At his funeral, the weeping drowned out the singing. Junípero is called the father of California.


# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



<b>Monday, July 1</b> 8:00 a.m.	† <b>Rafael Fabie</b> <i>(By: Tony &amp; Katy Jison)</i>
<b>Tuesday, July 2</b> 8:00 a.m.	† <b>Pete Diaz</b> <i>(By: Debby Diaz)</i>
<b>Wednesday, July 3</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Bet Tanangco</b> <i>Sp. Int.</i> <i>(By: Ding &amp; Carol)</i>
<b>Thursday, July 4</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Nerissa Ha</b> <i>Sp. Int.</i> <i>(By: Nerissa Ha)</i>
<b>Friday, July 5</b> 8:00 a.m.	† <b>Apolinario Reyes</b> <i>(By: Liberty Mungcal)</i>
<b>Saturday, July 6</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Thanksgiving Mass</b> <i>(By: Africa Dy)</i>
4:30 p.m.	† <b>Jose Sangalang</b> <i>(By: Family &amp; Friends)</i>
<b>Sunday, July 7</b> 8:00 a.m.	† <b>Eleanor Louis</b> <i>(By: Jessica Montgomery)</i>
10:30 a.m.	<b>St Stephen Parishioners</b> <i>(By: Fr. David Schunk)</i>
6:30 p.m.	† <b>Jennifer Pickerrell</b> <i>(By: Gayle Montalbano)</i>

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
June 30, 2024  
You changed my mourning into dancing;  
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you  
thanks.— *Psalm 30:13*




**TODAY'S READINGS**  
**First Reading** — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (*Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24*).  
**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (*Psalm 30*).  
**Second Reading** — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (*2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15*).  
**Gospel** — Your faith has saved you (*Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]*).

**Saints and Special Observances**


Sunday:	<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday:	<b>St. Junipero Serra, Priest</b>
Wednesday:	<b>St. Thomas</b>
Thursday:	<b>Independence Day</b>
Friday:	<b>St. Elizabeth of Portugal; St. Anthony Zaccaria First Friday</b>
Saturday:	<b>St. Maria Goretti; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday</b>

**Parish Potluck  
To Thank Fr. Ben Rosado  
TODAY!**  
**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, 415-731-8211

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**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 Plodaya, Marie Bachand, Francis Yiu, Edna Amora, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plodaya, Robert Liam, 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 of people that we should pray for this month.*



## Background on the Gospel Reading



For today's Gospel, we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last Sunday we heard about Jesus calming the storm, the first of four miracles that Jesus performs in the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. Each of these four miracle stories offers us a glimpse at Jesus' power. This week we hear about the third and fourth miracles, skipping the second miracle, the healing of a man from Gerasene who was possessed by a demon.

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that his daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating.

As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a hemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. Jesus' disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need. The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. *Loyola Press*

*The riddles of God are more satisfying than the solutions of man.* --G.K. Chesterton

## Humor

**Healed by laughter:** "A cheerful heart is good medicine" (*Proverbs 17:22*). In the 1300's, surgeon Henri de Mondeville reportedly told jokes to his patients in the recovery room. Laughter exercises the face, shoulders, diaphragm, and abdomen. When the breathing deepens, the heart rate rises, and the blood takes up and transports more oxygen. Endorphins are released, pain thresholds are raised, and some studies suggest that even our immune systems are boosted. When we laugh, others laugh too. Laughter is a contagious, highly effective, non-prescription medicine. It has no side effects, and no one is allergic to it. Have we had our dose of laughter today? We can use the tool of humor to induce laughter for our health, healing and general sense of well-being. We can even spend time in daily practicing our laughing out loud—maybe by smiling first, then leaning into a giggle, and then in outright belly laughs!

**Priorities.** What is it about human nature that makes us put off the most important things until a crisis looms? So often we coast in our relationships until they skid into a crisis. We think nothing of spending thousands on a car and blindly drive it by the homeless shelter everyday. We think nothing of a sixty-hour workweek but can't find time for dinner as a family.

We live lives of loneliness and sorrow because those things that could build our friendships, family, and faith get our leftover time.

Then, one day it is too late, we have waited too long. We are like the Rabbi who did not run to Jesus until his daughter was "at the point of death [eschatos]."

Take a moment to examine your life today. What is at the "eschatos"—the point of death—in your life right now? What part of your spiritual or relational life is barely breathing? Find ways to make those areas (family, friendships and faith) a higher priority than career and income. Do something different this week. Before scheduling anything else, book time with God, schedule an appointment with those in your own family. Then, after prioritizing God and your family, then set up the rest of the week. - *Jerry Goebel, Arise!*

## 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.

## 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 Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph, at Holy Spirit Church, Lee's Summit, Missouri, with a Eucharistic Procession to Sacred Heart, Cave Hollow Park, Warrensburg, MO; then on to St. Bartolomew Church, Windsor, MO, and procession on Katy Trail; then to the Diocese of Jefferson City; Sacred Heart School, Sedalia; St. Patrick's, Sedalia, St. Joseph's, Pilot Grove, Ss. Peter & Paul's, Boonville, St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbia, Proto-Cathedral of St. Peter, Jefferson City, MO, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, Rhineland; Archdiocese of St. Louis: St. Charles Borromeo Church, Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchense, & St. Peter's in St. Charles, MO; Missionaries of Charity, & St. Matthew the Apostle Church, in St. Louis, MO.

### 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

### 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).

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Or online at:  
[donworthevents@saintstephensf.org](mailto:donworthevents@saintstephensf.org)

### JOKE OF THE WEEK



A pastor fell out with his church council over various church policies and procedures, including how the finances were handled. After bitter arguments and many nights of lost sleep, he decided to leave the congregation to take a job as a prison chaplain. He preached his last sermon at the church on John 14:1: "I go to prepare a place for you."

A deaf man, a blind man and a disabled man heard a rumor that God had come down to a Church in the village to heal the sick. They all went to find out if it was true. God signed to the deaf man, "Can I help you, son?" The man signed back that he would be so happy if he could hear again. God touched the man and suddenly he could hear. God then touched the blind man and he was able to see. The third man was sitting in his wheelchair with his mouth wide open in amazement. God looked at the man and asked him what he wanted. The man drew back and yelled, "Don't lay one finger on me! I'm on disability!"

### St. Stephen's Faith Formation Program Registration Now Open!

Faith Formation is a religious education program for students who attend non-Catholic schools, from 1st to 8th grades. We prepare children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The program begins in mid-September and ends in May. We meet on Mondays from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the parish office building. Register online or contact Mary Molly in the parish office, phone: 415.681.2444 x4 or email:

[FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org](mailto:FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org)  
[www.bit.ly/StStephenFF](http://www.bit.ly/StStephenFF)

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.

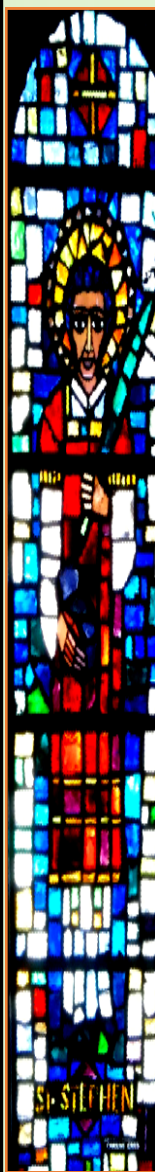
Location: Donworth Hall  
473 Eucalyptus Dr, SF

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

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### Today's Music

June 30, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gathering** : A Mighty Fortress #443

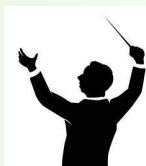
**Preparation** : You Alone #661

**Communion**

Ang Katawan Ni Kristo #357,

See Us Lord About Your Altar #375

**Sending** : City Of God #391



### 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.

## ST STEPHEN PARISH 2024-2025

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| • Eucharistic Lay Ministry<br>(Word & Eucharist)                         | Mary Molly Mullaney                     |
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| • Front Ofc Lead Volunteer   | Fely Boquiren                           |
| • Grief Support  | Clergy                                  |
| • Head Sacristan   | Ed Quan                                 |
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| • Marriage Preparation   | Clergy                                  |
| • Men's Club   | Marcus Lam                              |
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| • Parish Council   | Renzo Hrvatin                           |
| • Religious Education<br>(Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality) | Mary Molly Mullaney                     |
| • Ushers   | Jim Scheg                               |
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### Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!

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