

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.



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WITH
FAITH

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WITH
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July 2, 2023

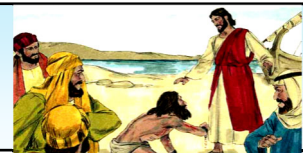
Thirteenth Sunday in
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Encounter Jesus Christ. Love Jesus Christ. Live Jesus Christ.

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2Kings4:8-11,14-16a; Psalm 89:2-318-17 Romans 6:3-4; Matthew 10:37-42



The common theme of today's readings is the work God gives us to do as the followers of Jesus: to love God and our brothers and sisters through hospitality, generosity, commitment and charity. The readings also remind us of the sacrifice demanded of Jesus' disciples and the suffering they will endure for their Faith when they bear witness to him. The Russian author Leo Tolstoy once wrote a story about a shoemaker who was making his way home one night when he found a poor man shivering and poorly clad. Moved by pity, the shoemaker took the man home. His wife was not pleased. She complained about the cost of feeding another mouth. As she continued to complain, the stranger grew smaller and smaller, shriveled and wrinkled with every unkind word. But when she spoke kindly to the stranger and gave him food, he grew and became more beautiful. The reason was that the stranger was an angel from Heaven in human form and could live only in an atmosphere of kindness and love.

In our first reading, we see, in Elijah's welcome by a childless woman who lived in Shunem, a radical illustration of all four works. The woman recognized the holiness of Elisha. She showed him reverence and hospitality by inviting him to dine with her and her husband and by allowing the prophet to occupy an upper room of her house. In response, Elisha promised her, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." The promise was fulfilled by God.

The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, explains why those who care for the followers of Jesus are caring for Jesus himself, and those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for reward. By our Baptism, we have been baptized into Jesus' death and buried with him, and we look forward to resurrection with him (Rom 6:5). Since Baptism is our entrée into this new life, it makes us part of the Body of Christ, and Christ is truly present in us. That is why the one who welcomes us welcomes Christ and becomes eligible for reward.

Today's Gospel lesson concludes Jesus' great "missionary discourse" in which he instructs his twelve disciples on the cost and the reward of the commitment required of a disciple. The first half of these sayings of Jesus details the behavior expected from his disciples and the second half speaks of the behavior of others towards the disciples. Even the shameful death on the cross is not too high a price to pay if one is to be a true disciple because the reward is great. Jesus assures his disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus receive the One who sent him. So, too, those who help the "little ones" (messengers) will be amply rewarded.

We as a community are to look for the opportunities to be hospitable--and, of course, there are plenty of ways of offering hospitality. Maybe hospitality is offered through a kind word to a stranger - or even a smile. A kind smile or a "hello" to someone waiting with us in a grocery line may be the only kindness that person encounters all day. We become fully alive as Christians through the generous giving of ourselves. What is more important than sending checks for charitable causes is giving of ourselves to people -- in the way we speak to them and about them, in the way we forgive their failings, in the way we encourage them, console them and help them, and even in the way we think about them. These types of generosity reflect warmth radiating from the very love of God.

Our Saint of the Week Blessed Peter To Rot



Peter To Rot lived on a tropical island in the Coral Sea, in what is now known as Papua New Guinea. He was born in the village of Rakunai, where his father was the tribal chief. Peter's parents, like many other other villagers, were catechized and later baptized by Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

Peter grew up Catholic and thought of becoming a priest, but his father said it was too soon. So Peter studied to become a catechist who could work the missionaries to spread the faith. Then Peter was assigned to work as a catechist in his own village. As a teacher he was direct and dynamic and genuinely cared about the people. In 1936, Peter married Paula la Varpit, who was also Catholic. Peter and Paula were the parents of three children.

Then in 1942, the world as at war, and Japan occupied Peter's island. The missionary priests were imprisoned. Peter, a layman, remained free. He and his catechists baptized babies and converts, visited the sick, assisted with charity, conducted Sunday services, and distributed the Eucharist to priests in prison.

Then the military police cracked down. They banned Christian worship, religious gatherings and they decided the islanders should return to polygamy. Peter objected to this. Peter was arrested in the spring of 1945 and was confined to a cave. When his wife and mother came to visit, he informed them that a Japanese doctor was coming to visit, but he was not sick. He suspected a trick. He asked Paula to bring his good clothes—he wanted to be ready to meet God. The doctor arrived and gave Peter an injection and something to drink, and plugged his nose and ears. When Peter began to convulse, the doctor covered his mouth, and the soldiers held his down until he suffocated. The next morning, the Japanese guards acted surprised to find Peter dead. They said he had died of an infection, but the crowd that attended Peter's funeral knew the truth. They knew Peter was a martyr for the faith. Peter To Rot was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995. The ceremony took place in Papua New Guinea.

50+ Club
No July Meeting
Monday, Aug 7,
Donworth Hall
Doors Open 12:30pm

We Rent Our Hall
FOR ANY OCCASION
USE OUR **PARTY ROOM!**

Our 20,000 Sq. Ft. Parish Center Available to Rent

For more information, call Shay at 415 681-2444 ext.7 or donworthevents@saintstephensf.org

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 3

8:00 a.m.

† **Denis O'Connor**
(By: Rose O'Connor)

Tuesday, July 4

8:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday, July 5

8:00 a.m.

Robert Liam Sp.Int
(By: Lolo & Lola Cags)

Thursday, July 6

8:00 a.m.

† **Cecilia Jennifer Rickerrell**
(By: Kirwan Family)

Friday, July 7

8:00 a.m.

† **Jose F. Sangalang**
(By: Elvie S. Ysip)

Saturday, July 8

8:00 a.m.

† **Mathew Quane**
(By: Parish Staff & Volunteers)

4:30 p.m.

† **Rita Childs**
(By: Frieztsche Family)

Sunday, July 9

8:00 a.m.

† **Steven Ingelfinger**
(By: Parish Staff & Volunteers)

10:30 a.m.

† **Michael Gragnani**
(By: Diane Gragnani)

6:30 p.m.

Africa Dy Sp.int
(By: Dy Family)

Today's Readings

First Reading — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (*2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a*).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (*Psalms 89*).

Second Reading — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (*Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*).

Gospel — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (*Matthew 10:37-42*).

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Monday: **Saint Thomas Apostle**

Tuesday: **Independence Day**
Pier--Giorgio Frassati

Wednesday: **Saint Elizabeth of Portugal**
Saint Anthony Zaccaria

Thursday: **Saint Maria Goretti**

Friday: **Blessed Peter To Rot; First Friday**

Saturday: **First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary**

FREEDOM Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it. —Abraham Lincoln

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Our parish office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

St. Stephen Parish presents

A Grand Day

A "day camp" experience for Grandparents and their Grandchildren.

DATE: Sunday, July 23, 2023

TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Stephen's Donworth Hall,
473 Eucalyptus Drive, SF, CA

Contact Mary Molly for more info or to register: (415)681-2444 x4

***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.

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.

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.)

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

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.

Faith formation and the practice of the faith is not just one more item in a long list of family commitments it is the centerpiece, allowing us to live in love, as Catholic Christians, in every aspect of our lives.

Make the time for faith formation, and give your children the precious gift of a life built on faith.

PARISH SUMMER COMINGS AND GOINGS

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. 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 July 8 for STL studies in Detroit, returns to parish August 12.

Internet Safety for Families

FaithAndSafety.org

"Internet safety isn't about the right software or service. Rather, real safety in the digital world is all about active, involved, loving parenting. It's a team effort that builds a strong Christian family!" –

FaithAndSafety.org

Keeping children and teens safe and healthy with regard to use of the internet and social media can be overwhelming. The U.S. Catholic Bishops' website, *FaithAndSafety.org*, contains an immense amount of user-friendly information and resources: devices to be wary of; Facebook safety and privacy; protecting your home network; bullying; cell phones; virtual worlds; app and website reviews, and more. All is presented in the context of our faith, with articles on using technology in a Christian way and seeing other users as our Online Neighbors.



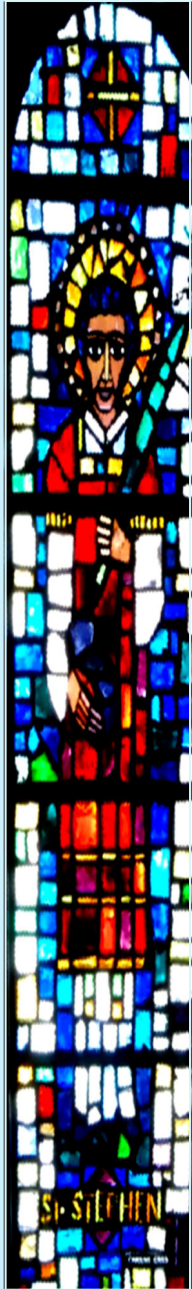
ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL NEWS

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.

My Special Prayer Reminder Card

"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." - Philippians 4:6



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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2022-2023

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- 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

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: You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking you as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down you pick me up
When I am dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name

Preparation of the Gifts: Come As You Are

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
O sinner, come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home, it's not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure
Chorus: Come as you are
Come as you are
Fall in his arms
Come as you are
There's joy for the morning, O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal (2x)
Chorus (repeat last line)

COMMUNION:

Your Love Defends Me

You are my joy, you are my song
You are the well, the one I'm drawing from
You are my refuge my whole life long
Where else would I go
Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me
Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me
Your love defends me
Day after day, night after night
I will remember you're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war is already won,
I know the war is already won
Chorus
We sing Hallelujah
You're my portion, my salvation
Hallelujah
Chorus
We sing Hallelujah
You're my portion, my salvation
Hallelujah
You're my portion, my salvation
Hallelujah
You're my portion, my salvation

Sending: 10,000 Reasons

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship his Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I worship your Holy name
You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Chorus