

St. Stephen Parish

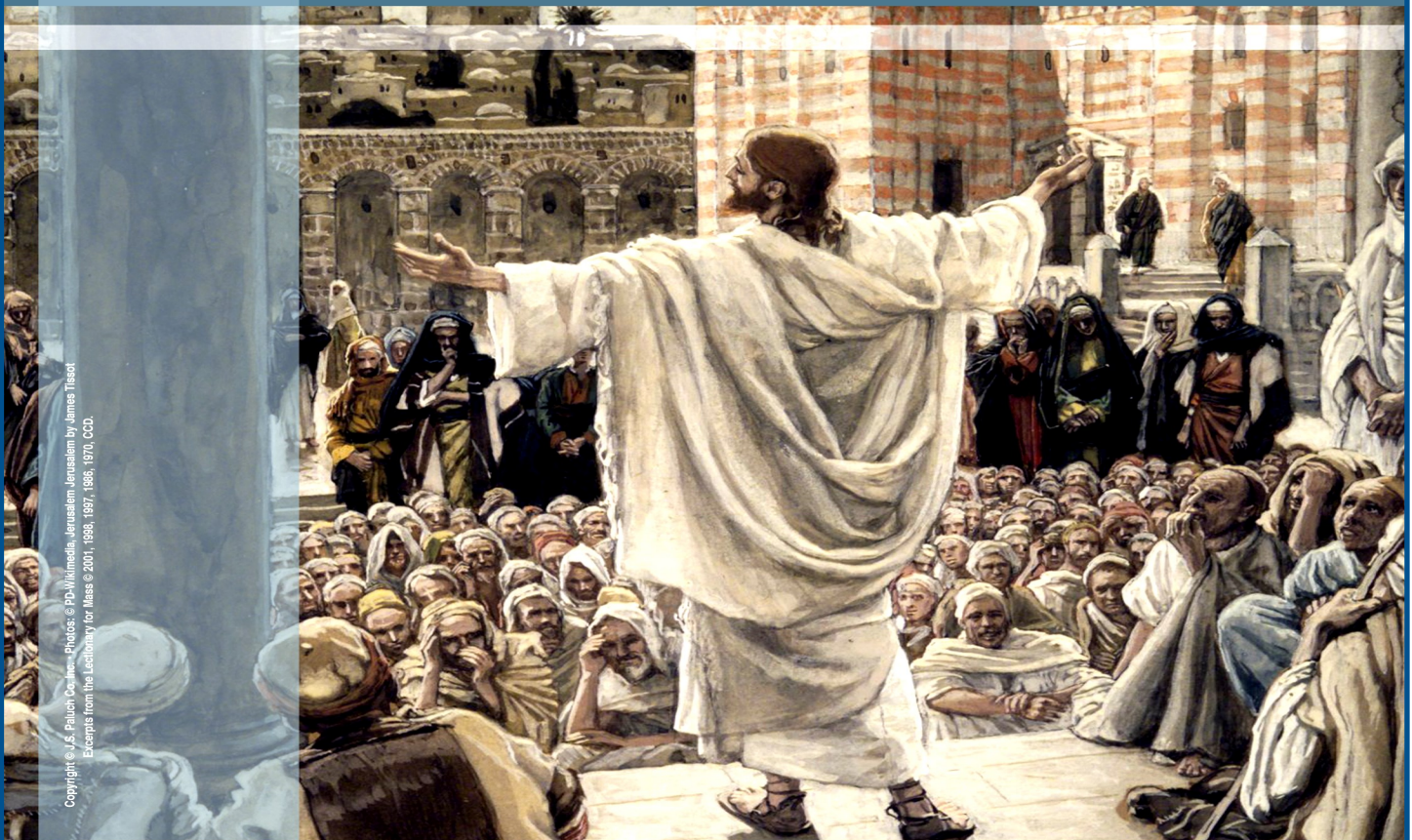
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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

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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July 7, 2024

**FOURTEENTH
SUNDAY**
IN ORDINARY TIME

*When the Sabbath came,
Jesus began to teach
in the synagogue, and many
who heard him were astonished.*

Mark 6:2

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

A Message from our New Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Let me (re)introduce myself, my name is Father David Schunk, and I am the new Pastor of Saint Stephen's Parish! It is good to be back at Saint Stephen's, as some of you may recall that for the past several years, I would stay at Saint Stephen's around Christmas and the summer when I was home from my assignment in Rome. As I mentioned to the parishioners at daily Mass earlier in the week, I bet you did not expect to see me again and I must say, I did not think I would be assigned here myself. But that is how God works so he we are together once again. Usually in these types of bulletin introductions, a priest will give a brief biography. I will hold off on the autobiography until next week as the space is getting tight right and there is other news to share.



First, you may be wondering where I am this weekend. Well, several months when I was still believing I would be at my last parish, I planned to be away on vacation with my family the 4th of July holiday (in Graeagle, CA for those wondering) and made provisions to have the mission appeal priest substitute at my former parish of St. Monica – St. Thomas the Apostle. With the changes, I asked Father Ben if he would stick around Saint Stephen one more weekend for Masses and he graciously agreed. He will be getting to meet his new parishioners next week so everyone will be held in suspense as we make our transitions. In my absence, we also have a couple of priests celebrating Mass these coming days. As I said, Father Ben is celebrating Mass this weekend. For the weekday Masses, Father Paul Warren helped us one day and Father Raymond Tyohemba is assisting for some of the other weekdays. Many of you know Father Warren as our pastor emeritus and Father Raymond is in residence at Mission Dolores and a chaplain at UCSF Mission Bay. He was also the Administrator for Saint Finn Barr for a period of time. We are grateful for their service to our parish while Father Michael and I are both away.

As I begin this new assignment, I am looking forward to meeting you, getting to know all of you, and most importantly, growing with as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the reason I am here with and for you, and I hope we can share our faith with one another so as to strengthen ourselves on the way to Eternal Life.

At this time, I will share a very important fact about me because I want to be totally transparent with you. I am not perfect. I make mistakes. If you are hoping for a priest who is perfect and who does not make mistakes, you will not find him in me. That being said, I will be doing my best to shepherd our parish as God has brought us together at this moment and today will be our starting point in our pilgrimage of faith.

Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon me as I begin this new assignment and be assured I pray for all of you. **Father David A. Schunk**



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time THOUGHTS FROM TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

We need to accept God's call to health, wholeness and holiness. Jesus accepts us as we are. Hence, let us bring before him our bodily illnesses and spiritual wounds and ask for his healing touch. We should pray for healing which will give us health in every aspect of our lives – not just in our bodies – so that we may function in perfect harmony with people around us and with the environment. As Christians, we believe that Jesus continues to heal us through his instruments in the medical profession, like doctors, nurses and medical technicians. Hence, when we go to a doctor, we need to offer a prayer to Christ, *the Divine Healer*, that we may choose the right doctor, and that s/he may make the correct diagnosis, prescribe the correct treatment and give us the right medicine. Let us not forget the truth that, over, above and beyond the ability and skill of the greatest human healer, Christ still works wonders of healing. Let us also thank God for the great gift of health and use it for helping those who are sick.

We need to continue the healing mission of the Church: As members of the Church, we are not excused from our vocation to be healers. When a friend of ours is terminally ill, the skill of the doctors and their advanced medical tools often become powerless. What the patient needs in such a situation is our care, concern and prayerful presence, enabling them to experience through us the love, compassion and mercy of Jesus. We do our share of Christ's healing mission by visiting the sick, by praying for their healing and by boosting their morale through our loving presence, encouragement and inspiration.


We need to have trusting Faith in the mercy and Divine power of Jesus: The primary condition for the effectiveness of our prayer is our Faith in the goodness and mercy of God. Such a Faith is possible only if we remain related to God through prayer, the Sacraments, and a meditative study of the Bible. Every day we should say a fervent prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of active Faith. Let us keep in mind this wise piece of advice given by St. Ignatius of Loyola: "We must work as if everything depends on us, but we must pray as if everything depends on God."

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, July 8 8:00 a.m.	Kit Dy <i>Sp. Int.</i> (By: Fr. Schunk & Parish Staff)
Tuesday, July 9 8:00 a.m.	† Steven Ingelfinger (By: Shay Ingelfinger)
Wednesday, July 10 8:00 a.m.	Aisa Hara Kristin <i>Sp. Int.</i> (By: Papa & Mama)
Thursday, July 11 8:00 a.m.	† Carlos Cajilig Jr. (By: Zenaída Cajilig)
Friday, July 12 8:00 a.m.	† Luz Caraos (By: Emma Sagala)
Saturday, July 13 8:00 a.m.	† Richard Faziola (By: Hilda Faziola)
4:30 p.m.00	† Michael Gagnani (By: Diane Gagnani)
Sunday, July 14 8:00 a.m.	† William Keith Edwards (By: Angela Tam)
10:30 a.m.	† Bill Herbert (By: Ed & Cecelia Prete)
6:30 p.m.	St Stephen Parishioners (By: Fr. Schunk)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 7, 2024
My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.
— 2 Corinthians 12:9



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (*Ezekiel 2:2-5*).

Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (*Psalm 123*).

Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (*2 Corinthians 12:7-10*).

Gospel — “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (*Mark 6:1-6a*).

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Tuesday: **St. Augustine Zhao Rong and His Companions**
Thursday: **St. Benedict, Abbot**
Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary**

HUMILITY
No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small.
—Anonymous

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St Stephen Church provides Online Giving-- a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish. Visit www.saintstephensf.org, click on Giving link.

Stewardship: A Way of Life
June 2024


\$ 16,169.12	Sunday Collections (6/2, 9, 16, 23, 30)
\$ 5,784.00	Online Sunday Collections (6/1-30)
\$ 10,962.00	Donworth Hall JUNE Rental Income
\$ 32,915.12	Total Income for June 2024
LESS:	
\$ 20,298.57	Parish Maintenance for June 2024
\$ 12,616.55	OVER/ Under

Summer Collection is a great challenge for us — as mass attendance go down due to families going on a much needed break during summer. We would appreciate if you can consider donating ONLINE or via Text to Give to help the parish during this critical time as monthly bills to pay do not stop for a vacation..

Please continue to generously support your Parish!

TEXT to GIVE
Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

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 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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinsfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinsfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.



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Register for Faith Formation



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

www.bit.ly/StStephenFF

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.

THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course. —St. Boniface

2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL	: \$	84,637.00
Total Amount Received	: \$	23,246.00
Week No. 17 (as of 6/25/2024)		(68 household)
Outstanding Balance	: \$	61,641.00

We thank all those families who have already made their pledge/donations to the Appeal. As of June 2024, we have reached about 40% of our goal. For the next 6 months, we pray that the balance of \$61,641 be met so that we do not pull out from our parish savings

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| M/M Dale Allen Jr | M/M Gerard Fernandez |
| M/M Allan D Ayson | M/M Michael Fesko |
| M/M John Azevedo | M/< Kevin Fitzpatrick |
| Ms. Constance E Benas | Mrs Sandra Frietzsche |
| Anne Berry & Paul Schrage | M/M Lawrence Gallagher |
| Mr. Clemence Blondo | M/M Darius Garcia |
| Mrs. Felisa Boquiren | M/M Gavin Garzee |
| M/M Greg Breslin | M/M Ryan Gille |
| Mrs Zenaída Cajilig | Ms. Diane Gragnani |
| M/M Gerald Carrillo | M/M William Green Jr |
| Mr Tom Carroll | M/M James Hergarten |
| Mr. Frank Cassinelli | M/M Lawrence Hayes |
| M/M Yu-Lang Chen | Ms Joanne Hayes-White |
| M/M Thomas Cleary | M/M Viet Ho |
| Ms Buena Cuevo | M/M Claudio Hrvatin |
| Ms Alicia De Jesus | Ms. Cynthia G. Kelly |
| Ms. Joanne Desmond | Mr. Paul Laveroni |
| M/M Glenn Dudro | Mrs. Karen Leach |
| M/M John & Marie Duggan | M/M Daniel Leehane |
| M/M James Dyer Jr | |

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| Ms Pamela Mapson | Mrs. Maria Xavier |
| M/M Lawrence Mazzola | M/M Reynaldo Ysip |
| Ms Joanne McGrail | |
| Mrs Gayle Montalbano | |
| Sean McGrillen & Sarah Barca | |
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| Mr Thomas A Mullaney Jr | |
| M/m Remidius Ojong | |
| Ms. Myrna Orais | |
| M/M Freddy Ramos | |
| M/M John Ritchie | |
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| Ms. Lutzie Sotto | |
| Mrs Virginia Stefanelli | |
| Ms Dominic Soares | |
| Ms. Peggy Teshara | |
| M/M Tom Tuohy | |
| Mr Gregory Von Holt | |

Thank You!

A Grand Day

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

DATE: Sunday, July 28, 2024

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

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



In honor of grandparents we are offering a special event for **Grandparents** and their **Grandchildren** to come together and have fun with games, crafts, puzzles, photobooth, stories and snacks.

Register online: www.bit.ly/a-grand-day

or contact Mary Molly in the parish office:

FREE - Must register in advance.

Phone: (415) 681-2444 x4

E-mail: FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org

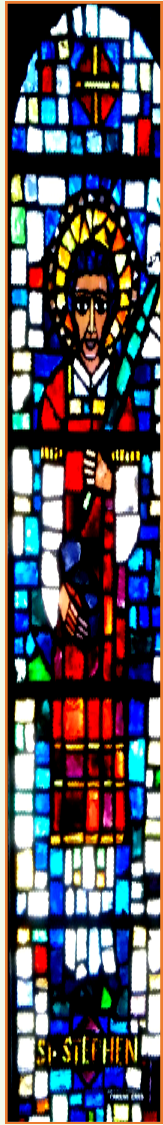


National Eucharistic Pilgrimage



The Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress is almost at an end. Our seminarian, Dereck Delgado, and the other pilgrims walking the St. Junipero Serra western route of the Pilgrimage are traveling through Missouri, Illinois and Indiana this week.

In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, MO, they will be at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchense, & St. Peter's Church, in St. Charles, MO; The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, & St. Stephen Protomartyr Church, in St. Louis, MO. Then in the Diocese of Belleville, IL: National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville; St. Augustine of Hippo Church, East St Louis; Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville, IL. In the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois: Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Collinsville; St. Mary's, Alton; Eucharistic Procession to the grave of Venerable Fr. Augustine Tolton, Quincy; St. Francis Solanus Church, Quincy; Dominican Monastery of Mary the Queen, Girard; Corpus Christi Priory, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, & St Agnes Church, in Springfield, IL; Sacred Heart Church, Effingham, St Francis Church, Teutopolis, IL. Next weekend, July 12, the Pilgrims enter the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.



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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2024-2025

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(Word & Eucharist) Mary Molly Mullaney
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Victoria Connor
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- Ushers Jim Scheg
- Women's Guild Jamie Allen

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Today's Music

July 7, 2024, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: Lord Of All Hopefulness #412

Preparation: Age To Age #511

Communion: For All Once Broken #363,
The Supper Of The Lord #339

Sending: Enter The Journey #647



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.

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 _____

Contact Phone (H W CP) _____

Email _____

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!