

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.

When Jesus saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,

*for they were like sheep
without a shepherd.*

Mark 6:34



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 21, 2024

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

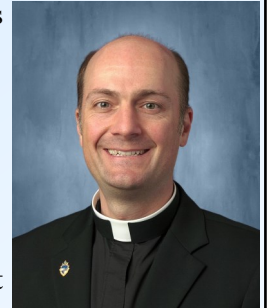
As I mentioned last Sunday, I am away this weekend at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Since the bulletin is done in advance, I will wait until next weekend to tell you about the experience. Once again, I thank the priests who have been helping us while Father Liliedahl and I have been away from the parish these past weeks.

Next weekend we will have A Grand Day, a special event for Grandparents and Grandchildren. You may read more about it in the bulletin. This day came about because Pope Francis asked the Church several years ago to recognize, honor, and celebrate the important place our grandparents and elders have in the life of the community. It was decided to take place around June 26, the Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, who the Church recognizes as the parents of our Blessed Mother, and therefore the grandparents of Jesus! For so many people, grandparents play such an important role in our lives as founts of wisdom, love, support, and fun. We hope many families will be able to participate.

Now continuing my autobiography for you...It was in college that I began to think about becoming a priest. I had never really thought about the priesthood before or if I did, it was one of those fleeting thoughts that come and go in the minds of children like one day I want to be a pilot and the next day a police officer. But now, the idea of the priesthood was something that came into my mind most unexpectedly and would not go away. The more it was there, the more I realized that this was not just a thought in my head but perhaps God was calling me in a different direction in my life. After speaking with some priests, I decided that I would finish college and see where my discernment led.

After graduating from college, I returned to California and taught for two years while the call to the priesthood continued to be present in my mind. I realized that though teaching was a rewarding profession, it would not be enough. Accordingly, in the fall of 2003, I entered priestly formation for the Archdiocese of San Francisco at our seminary of Saint Patrick's in Menlo Park. After studying philosophy there for two years, I was sent to Rome, Italy to continue my priestly formation at the Pontifical North American College, which is the American national seminary in Rome. While in Rome, I earned the equivalent of a bachelor's and a master's degree in theology. Sometimes after my name, you see the initials S.T.L. which in English translates to License in Sacred Theology, the idea being that the license is a "license to teach," like many teachers who earn master's degrees for the professional careers. (Father Liliedahl is working on a similar degree right now.) In total, my formation was seven years, and I was ordained a priest June 26, 2010, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco...

Next week, we will continue with the final part of the series and I will see you all in church. **Father Schunk**



Our Saint of the Week:
St. Mary Magdalene
Feast day - July 22



Mary Magdalene was one of Christ's disciples. She has been identified with several Marys in the Gospel: Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus; Mary, the sinner who washed Jesus' feet with her tears; Mary, a woman who cared for Jesus and his apostles on their journey. Today scholars believe that Mary Magdalene was not the sinful woman in Scripture although she has been confused with this unnamed woman for centuries.

Matthew, Mark, and John record that Mary of Magdala was present at the crucifixion of Jesus and that she was among the women who visited the tomb on Easter morning. Luke mentions her presence only at the tomb on Easter. According to John, Mary was specially privileged to see and speak to the risen Lord on Easter morning. She thought he was the gardener until he said her name.

So Mary Magdalene was near Jesus in his darkest hour and again in his most glorious hour. Moreover, she was an outstanding disciple of Jesus. Because Mary Magdalene was the one who brought the news of Jesus' resurrection to the apostles, she is called the Apostle to the Apostles. For centuries St. Mary Magdalene has been considered a model of complete generosity and of sincere sorrow for sin.

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, July 22

8:00 a.m.

† **Morrison Gardner**
(By: a friend)

Tuesday, July 23

8:00 a.m.

† **Daniel Illenberger**
(By: Marilu Illenberger)

Wednesday, July 24

8:00 a.m.

† **Margaret Casey**
(By: O'Callaghan Family)

Thursday, July 25

8:00 a.m.

† **Rafael Fabie**
(By: 1965Lia.com)

Friday, July 26

8:00 a.m.

† **Larry Teshara**
(By: Teshara Family)

Saturday, July 27

8:00 a.m.

† **Eulalia Chantrelle**
(By: Remy Jacinto)

4:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, July 28

8:00 a.m.

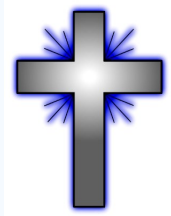
St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Schunk)

10:30 a.m.

† **Alex Mistica**
(By: Ed & Cecelia Prete)

6:30 p.m.

† **Joe Montalbano**
(By: Gayle Montalbano)



May he rest in Peace

James Scheg

FUNERAL Service
Wednesday, July 24, 2024
@St Stephen Catholic Church
10:00 a.m. Rosary
10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (*Jeremiah 23:1-6*).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (*Psalms 23*).

Second Reading — You who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (*Ephesians 2:13-18*).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (*Mark 6:30-34*).

Saints and Special Observances

Monday	Mary Magdalene
Tuesday	Saint Bridget (of Sweden)
Wednesday	St. Sharbel Makhlut
Thursday	Saint James, Apostle
Friday	Saints Joachim and Ann
	Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday	Blessed Rudolf Aquaviva

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David

- Jeremiah 23:5a



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 while you're away to help the parish during this critical time as monthly bills continue all year round.. Please continue to generously support your Parish!



Join the FUN!

Monday, August 12, 2024

Doors Open 12:30pm

50+ Seniors are ALL INVITED!

Enjoy camaraderie, snacks, Bingo games, Bridge, etc

For any questions/ concerns, please call: Betty at 650-589-0726

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

First Reading *Jeremiah 23:1-6*
The Lord promises to shepherd his people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6*

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading *Ephesians 2:13-18*
Christ has reconciled us with God and united us in peace.

Gospel Reading *Mark 6:30-34*

Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.



In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word *apostle* is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help.

-Heather French Henry

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, 415.681.2444 x4 or email:

FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org

www.bit.ly/StStephenFF



Some Good Shepard Humor

The young pastor was teaching the 23rd psalm to the Catechism Class. He told them that they were sheep who needed guidance. Then the priest asked, "If you are the sheep then who is the shepherd?" (obviously meaning himself). A silence of a few seconds followed. Then a young boy said, "Jesus. Jesus is the Shepherd." The young priest, obviously caught by surprise, said to the boy, "Well then, who am I?" The boy frowned thoughtfully and then said, "I guess you must be a sheep dog."



The Lord is My Shepherd. A Faith Formation Teacher decided to have her 2nd grade class memorize Psalm 23, one of the most quoted passages in the Bible. She gave the children a month to learn the chapter. One little boy was excited about the task, but he just couldn't memorize the Psalm. Although he practiced and practiced, he could hardly get past the first line. The day came for the children to recite the Psalm 23 before the congregation. The little boy was nervous. When his turn came, he stepped up to the microphone and proudly said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"

HUMILITY

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

—Anonymous

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2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL : **\$ 84,637.00**
Total Amount Received : **\$ 24,596.00**
Week No. 19 (as of 7/9/2024) (68 household)
Outstanding Balance : **\$ 60,041.00**

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

Anonymous	Ms. Joanne Desmond	Ms Joanne Hayes-White	M/M John Ritchie
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M/M Yu-Lang Chen	M/M William Green Jr	Mr Thomas A Mullaney Jr	
M/M Thomas Cleary	M/M James Hargarten	M/m Remidius Ojong	
Ms Buena Cuevo	M/M Lawrence Hayes	Ms. Myrna Orais	Thank You
Ms Alicia De Jesus		M/M Freddy Ramos	

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@SaintStephensSF.org



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimages from four points across America are all closing in on the final destination, the National Eucharistic Revival, in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 17-21. They have journeyed with Jesus in the Eucharist, blessing over 6,000 miles of our nation.



The Pilgrims on the St. Junipero Serra Route will enter the Archdiocese of Indianapolis this week. They will have events in these churches in Indiana: St. Patrick's Church, St. Joseph University Parish, & Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, in Terre Haute; St. Susanna Church, Plainfield; Bridgeport Central Baptist Church, St. Joseph Church, St. Anthony Church, & St. John the Evangelist Church, in Indianapolis.

The National Eucharistic Revival movement is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the Church in the United States to the divine invitation to be united once again around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, God desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world.

It has been 83 Years since the last National Eucharistic Congress. This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. They are expecting tens of thousands of pilgrims to gather in Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress this July. Please keep Dereck Delgado and all the pilgrims in your prayers as they complete their pilgrimage. And pray for the Church and her revival.

