

# St. Stephen Parish

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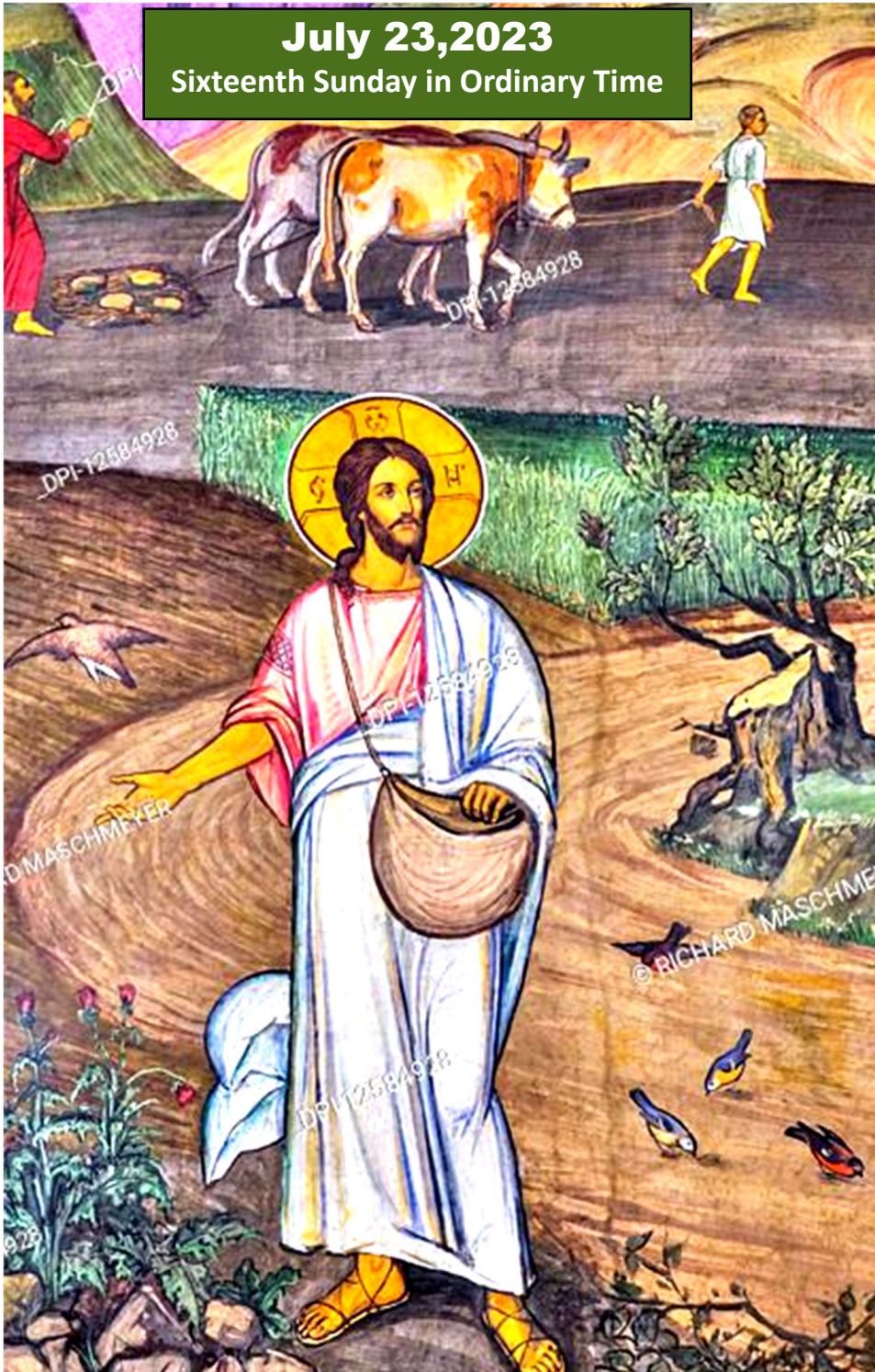
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Weekday Mass: 8:00 a.m. Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00, 10:30 & 6:30 p.m.

**July 23, 2023**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



...Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

*Matthew 13:24-30*

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



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Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, Psalm 86:5-6; 9-10, 15-16; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-30



In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom. Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the “weeds” prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Liturgy and Life

- ◆ If Christ, our king, is a shepherd, how are we, who are in God's image, to act toward others?
- ◆ When have you felt God lead you to restful waters?
- ◆ How can you help our parish renew its commitment to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry and visit the imprisoned?

### Our Saint of the week: **Saint Ignatius of Loyola, 1491-1556**

Ignatius lived in Spain during the sixteenth century. It was a time of kingdoms and battles, armies and soldiers.

From the time he was a teenager, Ignatius had been a soldier. His life was full of adventure and excitement. He spent a lot of time in the palaces of dukes and princes. He was strong and full of life. Ignatius believed in God, but he didn't do much about his faith. He didn't do much more than go to Mass and say his prayers. He spent his spare time doing things that weren't exactly admirable. He used his time and his talents for his own glory and pleasure and not much else.

Ignatius had been living this way for a long time when one spring day he found himself in a frightening position. He was fighting with an army of fellow Spaniards, and they were in a battle with the French. They lost, and Ignatius was shot.

In those days, guns didn't shoot little bullets, which are bad enough. These guns shot big, round pellets that were sometimes the size of small rocks, almost like small cannonballs. That's what blasted through Ignatius's hip and went straight through his leg and down to his other knee. This was a very serious injury. Back in those days, there weren't many ways to relieve pain. So this “therapy” Ignatius put himself through was probably incredibly painful and tiring. But Ignatius was a strong man. Because he had spent all those months in his sickbed, Ignatius got bored. He asked for something to read. Two books were brought to Ignatius. One was a book about the life of Christ, and the other was a collection of saints' stories. Ignatius read these books. He thought about them. He was struck by the great sacrifices that the saints had made for God. He was overwhelmed by their love of Jesus. And Ignatius thought, “Why am I using my life just for myself? These people did so much good during their time on earth. Why can't I?” Ignatius decided that he would use the talents God had given him—his strength, his leadership ability, his bravery, and his intelligence—to serve God and God's people. While Ignatius continued to heal, he started praying very seriously. God's peace filled his heart and assured him that he was on the right path. When Ignatius was all healed and ready to walk and travel again, he left his home to prepare for his new life. It wasn't easy. He was 30, which was considered old in those days, and he was getting a late start in his studies for the priesthood. In those days, the Mass was said only in Latin, and Latin was the language all educated people used to communicate with each other. Ignatius didn't know a bit of Latin. So for his first Latin lessons, big, rough Ignatius had to sit in a classroom with a bunch of 10-year-old boys who were learning Latin for the first time too!

Ignatius continued to travel. He gathered nine friends who felt the same way he did, and together they made a promise to God. They were the founders of the Company of Jesus, also called the Jesuits. What started with Ignatius and his nine friends grew over just a few years into a group of priests and brothers that had more than a thousand members. They used their talents to teach and preach about Jesus all over the world.




**50+ Club Monday, Aug 7th - Donworth Hall (Call Helga 415-731-8211 for more info)**

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK




**You're ALL Invited!**  
**HOLY HOUR of**  
**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION**  
**Exposition, Adoration and Benediction**  
*(Weekdays, right after the 8am Mass)*  
**Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

- Monday, July 24**  
8:00 a.m. † **Michael Marquez**  
*(By: Mom & Dad)*
- Tuesday, July 25**  
8:00 a.m. † **Huang Siu Kuie**  
*(By: Shirley Dee)*
- Wednesday July 26**  
8:00 a.m. † **Larry Teshara**  
*(By: Peggy Teshara)*
- Thursday, Jul 27**  
8:00 a.m. † **Henry Edward Uriarte**  
*(By: Margarita Solis-Tucker)*
- Friday, July 28**  
8:00 a.m. † **Carmalita Montenegro**  
*(By: Emma Sagala)*
- Saturday July 29**  
8:00 a.m. † **Lois Gardner**  
*(By: A friend)*  
4:30 p.m. † **Frank Duffy**  
*(By: Monica Duffy)*
- Sunday, July 30**  
8:00 a.m. **St. Stephen Parishioners**  
*(By: Fr. Michael)*  
10:30 a.m. † **Clara Armanini**  
*(By: Tony & Teresa DeVincenzi)*  
6:30 p.m. † **Maria Azucena Bituin**  
*(By: Carmen Rabelas)*



**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 23, 2023**  
*Those who are just, must be kind.*  
*Wisdom 12:19*

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind. *(Wisdom 12:19)*

**Psalm** — Lord you are good and forgiving. *(Palm 86)*

**Second Reading** — The spirit comes to aid us in our weakness. *(Romans 8:26-27)*

**Gospel** — Jesus proposes parables to the crowd, teaching them of the reign of God. *(Matthew 13:24-43)*


- SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**
- Sunday: **St Bridgit of Sweden**  
Monday: **St Sharbel Makhlof, Priest**  
Tuesday: **St. James, Apostle**  
Wednesday: **Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Thursday: **Blessed Rudolof Aquaviva**  
Friday: **Blessed Staneley Rother**  
Saturday: **St Martha**  
Sunday: **St. Ignatius of Loyola**

## Stewardship: A Way of Life May 2023

\$ 18,775.39	Sunday Collections (6/4,11,18,25)
\$ 7,653.00	Online Sunday Collections (6/1-30)
\$ 881.00	Donworth Hall JUNE Rental Income
<b>\$ 27,319.39</b>	<b>Total Income for June 2023</b>
<b>LESS:</b>	
<b>\$ 24,926.08</b>	<b>Parish Maintenance for JUNE 2023</b>
<b>\$ 2,393.31</b>	<b>OVER/ Under</b>

Our Savings last month of \$12,136.41 has now increased to \$14,529.72. **Please continue to generously support your Parish** as we face the upcoming annual payment of our General & Property Insurance Liability of 60K. This summer, we have several maintenance projects such as but not limited to our Rectory Plumbing/Sewerage system, our outdated network system, etc.

### DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



Parishes follow the pattern of the school year - i.e. the life of the parish and its organizations start up each September and continue into the following June. The three months of Summer usually means a diminished Sunday Mass attendance at St. Stephen. Many of you have been blessed by God with a second home elsewhere. **As you look forward with eager anticipation to getting away for some weeks, please remember your summer contributions to St. Stephen. Bills to be paid will continue to come in daily over summer.**

Also, during this time, there is less St. Stephen news in your Sunday Bulletin. We welcome your articles regarding an anniversary, wedding, baptism, your favorite poem or a memory of St. Stephen happening in the past.

## 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.

**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, Marino Tulao, Eden Finn, Edileide Jose Barbosa, Kenneth Fambrini, Larry Barbriere, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scossieria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.**  
*Please call the office to add or remove names*





St. Stephen Parish presents

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

DATE: TIME: LOCATION:

Sunday, July 23, 2023 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Donworth Hall

In honor of grandparents, we are offering a special event for Grandparents and their Grandchildren

Register online: <https://bit.ly/agrand-day> <https://bit.ly/agrand-day> or contact Mary Molly in the parish office:

Phone: (415) 681-2444 x4

E-mail: [FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org](mailto:FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org)

## 2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Campaign GOAL	:	\$ 86,973.00
Total Payments Received	:	\$ 41,540.00
Campaign Goal Balance	:	\$ 45,433.00

We thank the following parishioners who have shared their treasures with the parish **this week** as of 7.18.2023: (For a complete listing, refer to AAA Poster in Church vestibule.)

M/M James Dyer

## HUMILITY

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

## PARISH SUMMER COMINGS AND GOINGS

**Fr. Jose Mas Izquierdo**- Arrived 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**- Arrived at 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** - Left July 8 for STL studies in Detroit, returns to parish August 12.

## Religious Education for 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students attending non-Catholic Schools



Would you like your children to learn more about our Catholic faith, or to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Please consider sending them to our St. Stephen Faith Formation Program.

Our Faith Formation Program runs from mid September and ends in May. We meet once a week on Monday afternoons, 4pm to 5:15 pm (except holidays).

This program is supported by a group of experienced and dedicated religious education teachers. They not only teach the knowledge of the Bible, the sacraments, and the church, but most importantly, they teach the students how to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Their goal is to teach the students to become Christ-like.

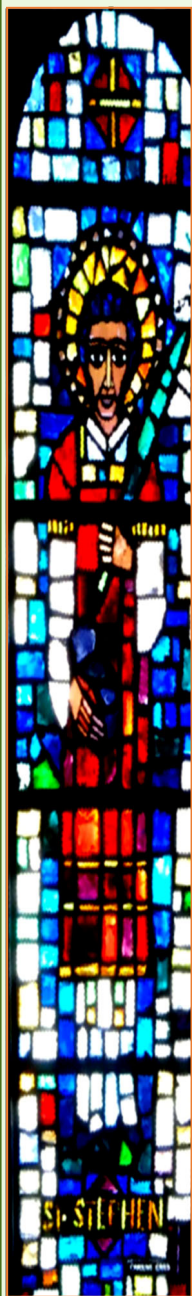
Registration forms are available online or in the vestibule (bulletin board on south-side). Website:

[saintstephensf.org/childrens-faith-formation.php](http://saintstephensf.org/childrens-faith-formation.php)

For more information contact Mary Molly Mullaney at [FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org](mailto:FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org) or phone 415.681.2444 x4.

## THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth? —Cicero



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| • Altar Society            | Joan Leehane          |
| • 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: Joyous Celebration**

As sisters and brothers we gather together  
On this holy day  
From country to country around the world  
Singing our songs of praise  
No matter our differences, narrow or broad  
We come together as children of God  
To celebrate the Sacred Mysteries  
It's a joyous celebration  
Come and join in praise  
Eucharistic celebration  
On this holy day  
It's a joyous celebration  
Let the mountains ring  
Holy, holy celebration  
Let all our voices sing  
We come together, all parts of one body  
Like the mansion of rooms  
Prepare your lamps with Holy Oil  
Like brides awaiting their groom  
No matter the troubles that hide in your heart  
A new day will come the moment you start  
To seek God's promise, faithfully  
Chorus (w/repeat)

### **Prep of 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  
Refiner's 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 (w/repeat)

### **Communion: How Great Is Our God**

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice  
How great is our God  
How great is our God  
How great, how great, is our God  
And age to age he stands  
And time is in his hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead three in one  
Father, Spirit, One  
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb  
Chorus  
*Bridge (2x):*  
Name above all names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing, "How great is our God"  
How great is our God  
How great is our God  
How great, how great is our God

### **Sending: Enter the Journey**

Enter the journey, come to the song  
By God you are chosen  
By name you are called  
To follow the vision, carry the cross  
Enter the journey of faith  
As the family of God  
Enter the journey, the way may be long  
Enter the journey, yet we are made strong  
God's spirit will guide us  
God's gifts will unfold  
Enter the journey of hope  
Chorus  
Enter the journey, though lost and unsure  
Enter the journey, God's peace will be yours  
And all who are thirsting  
Be filled with God's grace  
Enter the journey of faith  
Chorus (repeat last line)