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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.

July 28,
2024

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Andrew said to Jesus,
"There is a boy here who has
five barley loaves and two fish;
but what good are these for so many?"

John 6:8-9

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

A Message from our Pastor



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is good to be back with you this weekend from the National Eucharistic Congress. You may have seen some photos and videos of the event, online or in print. There has been information going out through Archdiocesan media channels and I am sure that there will be stories in an upcoming edition of *Catholic San Francisco*. Ironically, I was not able to connect with our seminarian Derek who was one of the Perpetual Pilgrims for the Revival/Congress. However, it can be difficult to connect with someone when there are more than 50,000 people walking around a convention center. Last week, I said I would share some thoughts from the Congress but as I write this, I need a bit more time to unpack the experience. One advance thought, God was present.



Now I will conclude my autobiography for you...After ordination to the Priesthood in June 2010, I was first assigned to Mater Dolorosa Church in South San Francisco for the summer. After that summer, I returned to Rome to complete my STL degree (equivalent of a master's degree) in theology. In July 2021, I returned to the Archdiocese and was named the parochial vicar (assistant priest) at Saint Gregory's Parish in San Mateo. I was there for two years and was then named the Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of San Francisco, a position I held from 2013-2017. During my time as Vocation Director, I was in residence at Saint Paul's Parish in Noe Valley and then Saint Gabriel's Parish in the Outer Sunset. In the fall of 2017, I joined the formation team of the Pontifical North American College (NAC) in Rome, Italy. For the first three years I held the title of Assistant Vice Rector and then for the last three years, Vice Rector. Besides various administrative duties, my most important work was as a Formation Advisor. This meant I had a group of students who I met with individually on a monthly basis and we discussed their formation and preparation for the priesthood. For example, we might talk about what happened during the apostolic works, how their practice homilies were received, and how their studies were developing. This was the best part of my work. It was truly a privilege to work with good men who were striving for holiness and looking to follow the will of God in their lives. One of the highlights of being in Rome again, besides eating pasta almost every day, was meeting the Holy Father, Pope Francis on three occasions. It was during my ministry in Rome when I began to get to know the Saint Stephen's community in a more concrete way as this was where I would spend much of my Christmas and summer breaks from the seminary.

When my assignment in Rome concluded in June 2023, I returned to the States but was given the opportunity to make the 30-day Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. This particular retreat format was developed Saint Ignatius to lead the retreatant to help her/him discern the will of God in their life and draw the person into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. For me, it was a very privileged time to spend with the Lord and a time for which I will always be grateful. After the retreat, I began my parish assignment as the Administrator of Saint Monica – Saint Thomas the Apostle in the Richmond District. It was a tremendous experience with the opportunity to minister with and to wonderful people. Now after a year there, the Archbishop assigned me to be the Pastor of Saint Stephen's so Father Lilledahl may focus on building up the campus ministry to the students of SF State. He will continue his relationship with the parish as a Parochial Vicar (assistant), but the bulk of his time will be spent in campus ministry. Now that you know more or less my background, we now have the opportunity to one another in person. I look forward to getting to know all of you equally well. *Father Schunk*

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,

TODAY !! 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.



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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, July 29

8:00 a.m.

† **Carmelita Montenegro**
(By: Emma Sagala)

Tuesday, July 30

8:00 a.m.

† **Elio Piccinini**
(By: Michael Piccinini)

Wednesday, July 31

8:00 a.m.

† **Clara Armanini**
(By: Teresa Devincenzi)

Thursday, Aug 1

8:00 a.m.

† **Rafael Fabie**
(By: 1965Lia.com)

Friday, Aug 2

8:00 a.m.

† **Vanessa Arias**
(By: Alaina Kyra Cagalingan)

Saturday, Aug 3

8:00 a.m.

† **Rochelle Celedon**
(By: Peggy)

4:30 p.m.

Francis Dy Sp. Int.
(By: Africa Dy)

Sunday, Aug 4

8:00 a.m.

† **Paul McGloin**
(By: Lupita Chase)
St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Schunk)

10:30 a.m.

† **Renee Lobo**
(By: Deborah Lobo)

6:30 p.m.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.

— Psalm 145:15



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6).

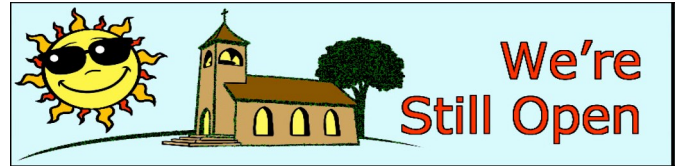
Gospel — Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted (John 6:1-15).

Saints and Special Observances

Monday	Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Tuesday	Saint Peter Chrysologus
Wednesday	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, 1491-1556
Thursday	Saint Alphonsus Liguori
Friday	Saint Peter Faber (Favre); First Friday
Saturday	Saint Eusebius of Vercelli
Sunday	Saint John Vianney

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



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 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.

TEXT to GIVE

Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256
using your mobile device.



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 will begin classes again when collegiate classes start 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 Barbriere, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names of people

Background on the Gospel Reading

Gospel Reading *John 6:1-15*

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us. The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.



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

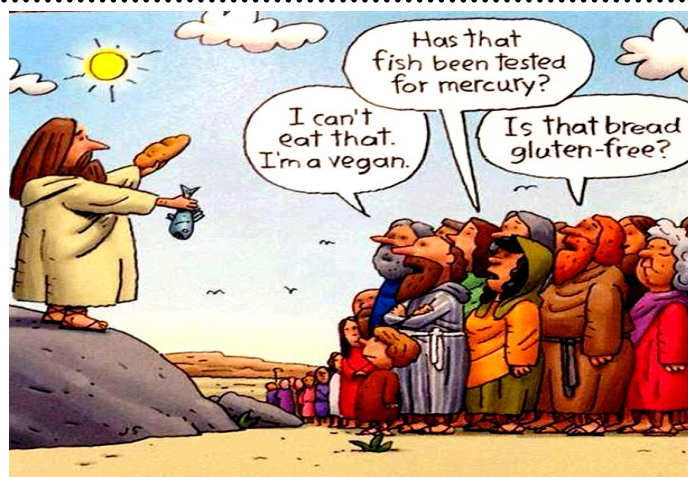
Our Humor for the Week



I heard about a little boy who got into a heated argument with his sister about who was going to get the last brownie, and his mother overheard this discussion and came in to try to resolve the fuss. Her two children, both extremely upset, each wanted that last brownie. So, sensing the opportunity to teach a deeper spiritual truth, the mother looked at her children and asked that very relevant question..."What would Jesus do?" Well, that little boy immediately answered, "That's easy. Jesus would just break that brownie and make 5,000 more!"

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There is the story of a little girl in Milwaukee who had a tonsil inflammation and was staying with her grandmother while her parents were at work. She often complained of a sore throat and pain. "I have some holy water from Lourdes that I got from my mother," the grandmother said. "Should I apply a little of it on your neck?" The girl thought for a moment and then asked, "What's the expiration date on it?"



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2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL	:	\$ 84,637.00
Total Amount Received :		\$ 24,696.00
Week No. 21 (as of 7/23/2024)		(68 household)
Outstanding Balance	:	\$ 59,941.00

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	M/M Lawrence Hayes
M/M Carlos Altamirano	Ms Joanne Hayes-White
M/M Dale Allen Jr	M/M Viet Ho
M/M Allan D Ayson	M/M Claudio Hrvatin
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M/M Lawrence Gallagher	M/M Tom Tuohy
M/M Darius Garcia	Mrs Milagros Ubungen
M/M Gavin Garzee	Mr Gregory Von Holt
M/M Ryan Gille	Jason Wong & Joji Quimbo
Ms. Diane Gagnani	Mrs. Maria Xavier
M/M William Green Jr	M/M Reynaldo Ysip
M/M James Hargarten	

Thank You !!

The 2024 Mass Intention Calendar is now full and has no more available dates for mass intentions for the rest of the year. Please watch out for announcement when the 2025 Mass Intention Calendar will be open for your intentions.

Our Saint of the Week:

Saint John Vianney

Feast day - August 4



In 1805, John Vianney entered a seminary at age 19. After several months of study, he was still not prepared to attend lectures in Latin. He went to live with a friend who was a priest and who tutored him. This priest persuaded the bishop to ordain John not for his learning but for his holiness. After a few years, John was assigned to Ars, a village of about 50 families in France. The people

were careless about practicing their faith, so they were not happy with this priest who was eager to draw them back to God and Christian living. Some caused trouble by lying about John, by acting violently against him, and by refusing to cooperate with him. They hoped that he would give up and leave. Instead, Father Vianney increased his prayers, fasting, and penances.

Gradually, people came to celebrate the sacraments and listen to his homilies. Within a few years, Father Vianney was spending 10–15 hours a day in the confessional. People from all over France and other countries came to consult him. The government built a railroad line to Ars to accommodate all the pilgrims. Father Vianney just continued his hard, yet simple, way of prayer, fasting, and penance. He was strict with his parishioners but a hundred times more strict with himself. John gave away his furnishings, his belongings, and the gifts of clothes and food that the neighbors brought him. Once he received a black velvet cape as an award and sold it to buy food for those who were poor. He died at age 73. John was canonized in 1925 and is the patron of parish priests.

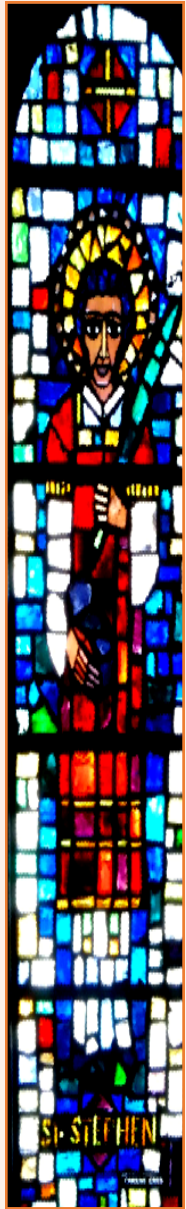
National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

A Note from Seminarian Dereck Delgado:

We have had between 55,000-65,000 faithful join us at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. The energy was incredible and the zeal for a Eucharistic Revival was evident. Our Lord has certainly moved many hearts to become Eucharistic Missionaries in their home dioceses—individuals who will spread their enthusiasm for the Eucharist at home. There is certainly a sense of renewal coming to the Church, or a new Pentecost as the bishops call it. Exteriorly, we might see this in the form of more Eucharistic Processions or a greater sense of reverence of receiving the Eucharist. Interiorly, we hope to see hearts changed as a result of knowing Jesus and imitating Him more fully. The work is just beginning for this renewal and this Congress is meant to be a kickstart for that new Pentecost we are praying for!

The National Eucharistic Congress has ended . . . but the movement is not over. We can't wait to see what God has in store for the third year of the Revival—our Year of Mission! Come, Holy Spirit!





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Today's Music

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Gathering:** Come to the Feast #307
- **Preparation:** Taste and See #323
- **Communion:** One Love Release #323;
One Bread, One Body #331
- **Sending:** In Christ There is No East Nor West #589



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!

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Contact Phone (H W CP) _____

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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!