

St. Stephen Parish

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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.

TREASURE



July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wheat Field with Cypresses by Vincent van Gogh (1889)

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A TREASURE HIDDEN IN A FIELD. WHEN A MAN FOUND IT, HE HID IT AGAIN, AND THEN IN HIS JOY WENT AND SOLD ALL HE HAD AND BOUGHT THAT FIELD.

M A T T H E W 1 3 : 4 4

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

Matthew 13{44=52

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

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Kings 3:5,7-12; Psalm 119:57 72, 76-77; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light. *Loyola Press*

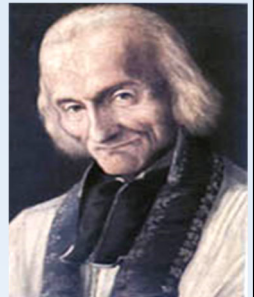


Our Saint of the week: **Saint John Vianney**

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.



50+ Club

Monday, Aug 7th

Donworth Hall

Doors Open 12:30pm

New members are most welcome!

For any questions/ concerns, please call:
Helga at 415-731-8211

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FOR ANY OCCASION

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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, July 31

8:00 a.m. † **Gella A. Cruz**
(By: Gilbert & Vicky Francisco)

Tuesday, Aug 1

8:00 a.m. † **Mike & Olga Martin**
(By: Kathleen & Walter Jordan)

Wednesday Aug 2

8:00 a.m. † **Pat & Betty Moriarty**
(By: Kirwan Family)

Thursday, Aug 3

8:00 a.m. † **Rochelle Celedon**
(By: Peggy Teshara)

Friday, Aug 4

8:00 a.m. † **Vera Brennan Greely**
(By: Dan & Joan Leehane)

Saturday Aug 5

8:00 a.m. **Greg Lorio** *Sp. Int*
(By: Lynn Boquiren)

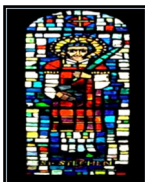
4:30 p.m. **St Stephen Parishioners**
(By: Fr. Michael)

Sunday, Aug 6

8:00 a.m. † **Apolinario Reyes**
(By: Liberty Mungcal)

10:30 a.m. † **Nancy & Lou Conover**
(By: Fritzsche Family)

6:30 p.m. † **Otto Herber**
(By: A Friend)



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2023

All things work for good who love God.

Romans 8:28a

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.
(Kings 3:5,7-12)

Psalm - The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold. (Psalm 119:57,72)


Second Reading - God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son. (Romans 8:28-30)

Gospel - Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.
(Matthew 13:44-52)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Monday: **Saint Ignatius of Loyola,**
Tuesday: **St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Wednesday: **St. Eusebius of Vercelli**
St. Peter Julian Eymard
St. Peter Faber
Friday: **St. John Vianney**
First Friday of the Month
Saturday: **The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**

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



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
\$ 27,319.39	Total Income for June 2023

LESS:

\$ 24,926.08	Parish Maintenance for JUNE 2023
\$ 2,393.31	OVER/ Under

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

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.

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, Marino Tulao, Eden Finn, Edileide Jose Barbosa, Kenneth Fambrini, Larry Barbieri, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scossieria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We welcome those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith or would like to become a Catholic. We also welcome baptized Catholics who are seeking to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation.

Is there someone in your life who is wondering what the Catholic faith is all about, or is thinking about becoming a Catholic? Perhaps that someone just needs a little push from you to embark on this faith searching journey.

The RCIA Program - the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - welcomes anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The program will begin September 6. Classes are usually 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m. Participants will receive the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil in March 2024. For more information please contact Mary Molly Mullaney, phone: 415.681.2444 x4 or email:

FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org.

<https://saintstephensf.org/becoming-catholic.php>

2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Campaign GOAL	:	\$ 86,973.00
Total Payments Received	:	\$ 42,190.00
Campaign Goal Balance	:	\$ 44,783.00

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 John Celedon

Mr Seth White

Dr. Mrs Mariano Rayos

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GIVING**
easy. fast. effective.

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

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.



Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-46

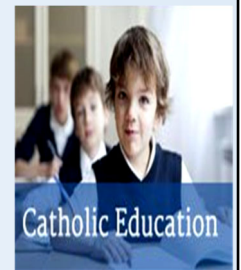
Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Family Connection

Like the person who found the buried treasure and the merchant who acquired the pearl of great price, we seek to find the signs of the kingdom of heaven in our lives. In fact, we even work to bring about God's kingdom in our actions and in our words. We pray that our family values reflect our pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

As you gather as a family, talk about what your family values. Make a list together of those things that your family considers most important, such as family, friends, faith, trust, and love. Place this list before you as you read today's Gospel in its shorter form, Matthew 13:44-46. In these parables, Jesus teaches us that it is worth giving up even valuable things in order to possess the kingdom of heaven. Look at the list your family made and talk about how these things are important to the kingdom of heaven. What has your family given up to make these values important in your life? As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. Pray together for God's kingdom by praying the Lord's Prayer.—*Loyola Press*

Religious Education for 1st to 8th 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.

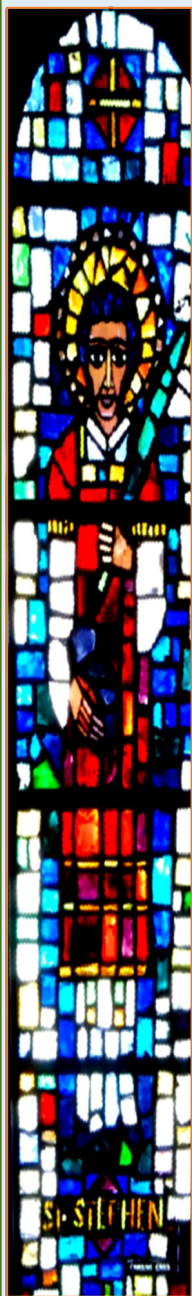
Registration forms are available online or in the vestibule (bulletin board on south-side). Website:

saintstephensf.org/childrens-faith-formation.php

For more information contact Mary Molly Mullaney at 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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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2022-2023

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| • Front Ofc Lead Volunteer | Fely Boquiren |
| • Grief Support | Clergy |
| • Head Sacristan | Ed Quan |
| • Lectors | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Liturgy Committee | Fr. Michael Liliedahl |
| • 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: 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)

Glory to God: Spirit & Grace setting
p.924 in Breaking Bread

Prep. of Gifts: The Summons
#387 in Breaking Bread

Mass parts: Spirit and Grace setting
pp. 927-932 in Breaking Bread

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

2nd Communion: What Feast of Love

#367 in Breaking Bread
(Greensleeves melody)

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)