

St. Stephen Parish

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Weekday Mass: 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.



Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying,

"Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Carl Bloch

Matthew 17:1-9

August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

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Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97:1-2; 2 Peter 1:16-19, Matthew 17:1-9

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration.



In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him.

In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

Our Saint of the week: *Saint Dominic*



Truth was Dominic's motto and his goal. Dominic was born in Spain, the youngest of four children. He was educated by his uncle, a priest. Dominic became a priest and joined a religious community. Soon he became the prior, or head.

Dominic might have lived his whole life in that monastery if he had not gone with his bishop to northern Europe in 1204. As they traveled, Dominic saw that many people were following heretics, or false teachers. One heresy was Albigensianism, named for the French town of Albi where it had begun. These who followed this heresy taught that people do not have a free will. They taught that marriage was bad, but suicide and the killing of elderly or fatally ill people could be good. Because these heretics lived strict lives with little comfort, people believed them.

Dominic saw that the Catholics sent by the pope to preach against the heresies lived in comfort. The people would not accept their teaching because their lives did not support what they taught. Dominic, his bishop, and three Cistercian monks went from city to city preaching the truth of Christ, using the Bible. They went on foot, depending on others for food and a place to sleep. Soon people returned to the faith—not only because of what these preachers said, but because of how they lived.

In 1206 Dominic began an order of religious women. At one point the bishop died, and the three monks left Dominic. To make matters worse, war broke out between the heretics and some Church members. Dominic's mission seemed to be failing. At this time he was greatly supported by the prayers and encouragement of the Sisters.

By 1215 a few men had joined Dominic in his work of preaching. He founded the Order of Preachers, better known as the Dominicans. Dominic urged his members to study and to pray. Then they would be ready to preach. Dominic realized that to be true witnesses of the Gospel, Dominicans could not be wealthy. His followers also deeply loved the Blessed Virgin Mary and spread devotion to her through the rosary.

Dominic's community was different from most because his friars traveled and preached instead of staying in their monastery. Dominic's order tried to reach the well-educated who were deceived by heresy, while the Franciscans went to the poor and uneducated.

While St. Dominic was on a preaching mission through northern Italy, he died, only six years after he had founded his community.

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Aug 7 8:00 a.m.	† Denis O'Connor <i>(By: Rose O'Connor)</i>
Tuesday, Aug 8 8:00 a.m.	† Dodge Espina <i>(Dorothy Over)</i>
Wednesday Aug 9 8:00 a.m.	† Paulino Dee <i>(By: Charlton Dee)</i>
Thursday, Aug 10 8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions <i>(By: anonymous)</i>
Friday, Aug 11 8:00 a.m.	† Francis M. Farrel <i>(By: Malvina Farrel)</i>
Saturday Aug 12 8:00 a.m.	† Imelda Franco <i>(By: Gilbert & Vicky Francisco)</i>
4:30 p.m.	Malou-Malyn Abdon <i>Sp. Int (By: Elvie Y.)</i>
Sunday, Aug 13 8:00 a.m.	† Alberto Cortez <i>(By: Remedios Jacinto)</i>
10:30 a.m.	† Albert Gragnani <i>(By: Diane Gragnani)</i>
6:30 p.m.	St Stephen Parishioners <i>(By: Fr. Michael)</i>



The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2023
The heavens proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. (Psalm 97.6)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading –I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of Heaven. *(Daniel 7:9-10)*

Psalm - The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. *(Psalm 97)*


Second Reading - Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark. *(2Peter 1:16-19)*

Gospel - Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light. *(Matthew 17:1-9)*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Monday:	Saint Sixtus II and Companions Saint Cajetan
Tuesday:	St. Dominic
Wednesday:	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Thursday:	Saint Lawrence
Friday:	Saint Clare
Saturday:	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

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.



50+ Club
Tomorrow, 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

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 Barbriere, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please be aware that there are scam emails mimicking parish staff. We want to remind everyone that the staff will never email asking to purchase gift cards or money orders then to send the serial numbers. If you get such an email you should delete it, or contact the parish office to verify its authenticity. Do not reply to the email because you would be replying to the scammer.



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.

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
Dr. Mrs Mariano Rayos

Mr Seth White

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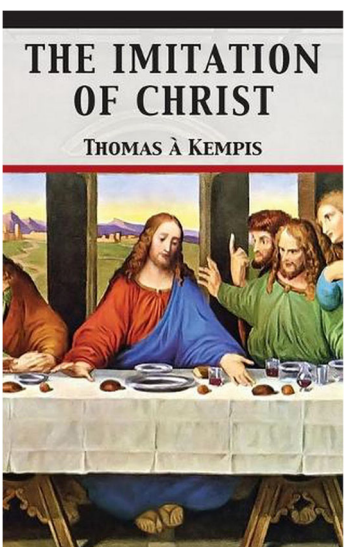
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PARISH SUMMER COMINGS AND GOINGS

- 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.

St. Stephen Catholic Book Club

Our Book Club is open to anyone interested in reading and discussing books with inherent or implied Christian themes. We will meet 10:00 am Aug. 12, in the Conference Room at the parish offices. Contact Mary Molly for more information.



This month we are reading: *The Imitation of Christ*, by Thomas à Kempis, which is a Christian devotional book written in the 1400's. The text is divided into four books of detailed spiritual instructions: (1) "Helpful Counsels of the Spiritual Life", (2) "Directives for the Interior Life", (3) "On Interior Consolation", and (4) "On the Blessed Sacrament". The devotions of the books emphasize devotion to the Eucharist as the key element of spiritual life.

The Imitation of Christ is a handbook for the spiritual life and is perhaps the most widely read Christian devotional work after the Bible, and is regarded as a devotional and religious classic. The book's popularity was immediate when it was first printed and went on to be printed in many editions through the centuries. Apart from the Bible, no book had been translated into more languages than *The Imitation of Christ*.

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.

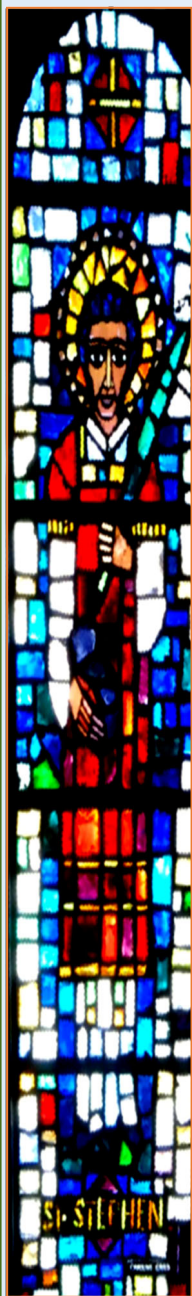
Our Faith Formation Program runs from mid September and ends in May. We meet once a week on Monday afternoons, 4:15pm to 5:30 pm (except holidays).

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 form is online: <https://bit.ly/StStephenFF>

Website: saintstephensf.org/faith-formation

For more information contact Mary Molly Mullaney at FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org or 415.681.2444 x4.



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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 _____

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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, Holy Communion Minister, Parish Center Front Office Volunteer.

Gathering: Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you
 Here I am to worship
 Here I am to bow down
 Here I am to say that you're my God
 You're altogether lovely
 Altogether worthy
 Altogether wonderful to me
King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor
 Chorus

Bridge: I'll never know how much it cost
 To see my sin upon that cross (2x)

Chorus

Offertory: Come As You are

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
O sinner, come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
 Lay down your burdens
 Lay down your shame
 All who are broken lift up your face
 O wanderer come home, it's not too far
 So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
 Come as you are
There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure
 Chorus

Bridge: Come as you are, come as you are
 Fall in his arms, come as you are
There's joy for the morning, O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal (2x)
 Chorus (repeat last line)

Communion: Remembrance

Oh how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery
Say take this bread, take this wine
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive
 By your mercy we come to your table
 By your grace you are making us faithful
 Lord we remember you
 And remembrance leads us to worship
 And as we worship you
 Our worship leads to Communion
 We respond to your invitation
 We remember you
See his body, his blood
Know that he has overcome
Every trial that we will face
And none too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed
All are welcome in this place
 Pre-chorus
 Chorus
 Bridge: Dying you destroyed our death
 Rising you restored our life
 Lord Jesus come in glory (4X)
 Chorus

Sending: Lord I Lift Your Name

Lord I lift your name on high
Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us
You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high

Chorus (repeat last line)