

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.

August 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone.

Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it.

During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea.

When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Matthew 14:22-33

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

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1 Kings 19:9a; Psalm 85:9; Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in [Chapter 8](#) of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with [last week's Gospel](#) about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.



Our Saint of the week: Pope Pius X

"I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." These words were part of the will that Pope Pius X left at his death on August 20, 1914.

He was born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, the second of 10 children. His father was a poor parish clerk in Riese, Italy, and his mother worked as a seamstress. At 11, Giuseppe was accepted as a student in high school. Every day, he walked five miles to school and back. At 15, he began attending the local seminary. When his father died, Giuseppe wanted to come home and help with the family. His mother, however, would not let him. In 1858, he was ordained and then worked as a parish priest for 17 years. He believed his call was to encourage those who were poor to lead Christian lives and to help them overcome financial problems. He was, however, named spiritual director of the major seminary and chancellor of the diocese. Later, he became a bishop and then a cardinal.

In 1903, this little-known cardinal was elected to become Pope Pius X. He took as his motto "Restore all things in Christ." He emphasized the importance of the Eucharist. He directed that children as young as seven should be allowed to receive the Eucharist. He initiated changes in Church music and worship. He began a biblical institute. He gave the first official impetus to the modern liturgical renewal.

Pope Pius X believed that real peace could be achieved only through social justice and charity. He sponsored and sheltered refugees with his own resources. He wrote an encyclical encouraging Latin American bishops to improve the treatment of native people working on plantations. He worked to stop the world from going to war. When Europe entered World War I, Pius was heartbroken and said, "I would gladly give up my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." Just a few weeks after the war started, Pope Pius X died.



50+ Club

Monday, September 11th

Doors Open 12:30pm

New members are most welcome!

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

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Aug 14

8:00 a.m.

† **Paul Vogel**
(By: William Vogel)

Tuesday, Aug 15

8:00 a.m.

Joseph Ho Jr.
(By: Viet Ho)

12:00 noon

† **Guido Salomone Jr.**
(Parish Staff)

6:00 p.m.

Maggie Harbison *Ap. Int.*
(Aikan, Robert & Melody)

Wednesday Aug 16

8:00 a.m.

† **Harry Over**
(By: Dorothy Over)

Thursday, Aug 17

8:00 a.m.

† **Elsie V Rihiero**
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

Friday, Aug 18

8:00 a.m.

Paul Cardozo *Sp. Int.*
(By: Philomena Cardozo)

Saturday Aug 19

8:00 a.m.

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

4:30 p.m.

† **Betty Kiac**
(By: Shirley Dee)

Sunday, Aug 20

8:00 a.m.

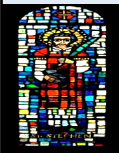
† **Richard Faziola**
(By: Hilda Faziola)

10:30 a.m.

† **Alex Mistica**
(By: Belinda Mistica)

6:30 p.m.

St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)



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Let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation. (*Psalm 85*)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Elijah waits on the mountain for the Lord to pass. (*1 Kings 19:9a*)

Psalm - Lord let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation. (*Psalm 85*)

Second Reading - From the Israelites, with their law and prophets, comes the Christ. (*Romans 9:1*)

Gospel - As Jesus walks on the sea, the disciples are Terrified. (*Matthew 14:22-33*)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: **Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**

Tuesday: **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Wednesday: **Saint Stephen of Hungary**

Saturday: **Saint John Eudes**

Sunday: **St. Bernard of Clairvaux**

HUMILITY

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



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.

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.

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.

Please call the office to add or remove names

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RCIA

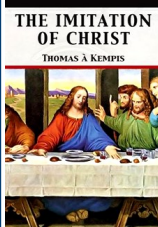
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.



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.

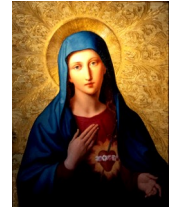
The Imitation of Christ is a handbook for the spiritual life and is perhaps the most widely read Christian devotional work after the Bible, and is regarded as a devotional and religious classic. The book's popularity was immediate when it was first printed and went on to be printed in many editions through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

NEED A PRIESTLY VISIT?

Please know that if you are homebound, sick, aging, preparing for a surgical procedure, recovering from a surgical procedure. Or find yourself in the hospital unexpectedly – your pastor is most happy to visit you with Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick. One does NOT have to be in a state of “end-of-life” for the anointing. It can be administered to any one, at any time one feels physically or emotionally “low” in life. Please call the office if we can help. We have been finding out about “sick” parishioners “when it is too late.” Please give us a call – we are here for you!

Tuesday, August 15, 2923

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary *A Holy Day of Obligation*



Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

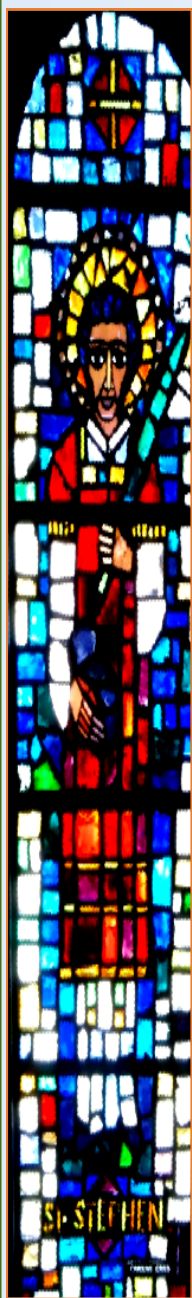
Campaign GOAL	:	\$ 86,973.00
Total Payments Received	:	\$ 44,871.00
Campaign Goal Balance	:	\$ 42,102.00

We thank the following parishioners who have shared their treasures with the parish **this week** as of 8.8.2023: (For a complete listing, refer to AAA Poster in Church vestibule.)

M//M David Alcock	M/M Stephen McElroy
M/M John Bird	Ms Maria Ronquillo-Archini
Ms Lesley Luistro-Sy	M/M William Taylor

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| • St. Stephen Book Club | Mary Molly Mullaney |
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| | Naomi Kelly |

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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 _____

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, Holy Communion Minister, Parish Center Front Office Volunteer.

August 13, 2023

Song Lyrics for 10:30 am Mass

Gathering: You Are My All In All

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking you as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down you pick me up
When I am dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all
 Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name
 Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name

Offertory: Open My Eyes

Open my eyes Lord, help me to see your face
Open my eyes Lord, help me to see
Open my ears Lord, help me to hear your voice
Open my ears Lord, help me to hear
Open my heart Lord, help me love like you
Open my heart Lord, help me to love
 And the first shall be last
 And our eyes are opened
 And we'll hear like never before
 And we'll speak in new ways
 And we'll see God's face
 In places we've never known
I live within you, deep in your heart O love
I live within you, rest now in me
Open my eyes Lord, help me to see your face
Open my eyes Lord, help me to see

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: Shout To The Lord

My Jesus, my Savior
Lord there is none like you
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship you
 Shout to the Lord
 All the earth let us sing
 Power and majesty, praise to the King
 Mountains bow down
 And the seasons will roar
 At the sound of your name
 I sing for joy at the work of your hands
 Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
 Nothing compares
 To the promise I have in you (2x)
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

CONTINUE TO CHANGE

When you're through changing, you're through.

—Anonymous

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

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