

# St. Stephen Parish

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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.

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024



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WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH  
AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE,  
AND I WILL RAISE THEM ON THE LAST DAY.

*John 6:54*

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

# Pastor's Corner

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 18, 2024

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

Monday is an exciting day as it is the first day of school! Our teachers and staff have been busy getting the classrooms ready for what will be another great school year. The education ministry of our parish is an essential part of our Christian mission, and I am very proud of all of the work of our principal, Mrs. Sharon McCarthy-Allen, and her entire team who work day in and out to make Saint Stephen's the best school in San Francisco. In a few weeks, the other programs of our education ministries will also commence with the start of our Faith Formation Program as well as the restart of the college campus ministry program. More information and updates on those programs will be forthcoming as we get closer to their start dates.

I would like to point out one slight change in the bulletin is our reporting of the collections. I have asked that we begin to just list the weekly collection count from the previous weekend rather than the current formatting. This will normally be the first collection and the second collection if there was a second collection. The donations we receive from online will be listed as an entire monthly total once the month concludes, since the donation pattern is different than the weekly offerings. We will discontinue at this time the total monthly expenses and our over/under in relation to donations collected since this method does not communicate an accurate representation of the overall financial health of our parish since monthly expenses dramatically fluctuate during the course of the year while donations tend to remain steady. One of the items I look forward to discussing with our parish finance council in the coming months is the best information to include in the bulletin and also providing an annual financial report to the parish. My personal goal is to have that ready in October or November. Stay tuned.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude for all of you who contribute to the temporal support of our parish community. Whether we like it or not, the Mission takes money, and it is because of the sacrificial offerings of all that we have such a wonderful parish. On a related financial note, I also want to express my thanks to everyone who has already contributed to the *2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal*. You will likely hear me say this at the start of next year's AAA, but my message is always that our "goal" for the AAA is not so much the monetary amount, but rather having participation from all the members of our parish community. A reminder that any shortfall in the amount that we do not collect for the AAA is taken from our general savings and any contributions in excess of our goal from the AAA are returned to the parish. There is a link on our website page to make a contribution online or you may use a brochure for the appeal as found in the church vestibule or parish office.

*Father Schunk*

### Our Saint of the Week Saint John Eudes Feast day - August 19



John, born in Normandy, France, in 1601, was educated by Jesuits. He became a priest and joined a religious community, the Oratorians. Using his gifts as a preacher and confessor, he gave parish missions. He saw that parish priests needed support in becoming men of prayer and action. He held conferences for them in which he outlined their duties. Later, John started his own society of priests called the Congregation of Jesus and Mary. The members were dedicated to promoting good seminary training, which would form Christlike priests.

Christian love impelled John to feel compassion for the women who were trying to escape prostitution. He wanted a place for them to live, a refuge from their former way of life. To serve the women in these refuges, he established a society of religious women called the Congregation of Our Lady of the Refuge. It now serves the needs of troubled girls around the world.

Saint John Eudes has been called the Apostle of the Sacred Heart because he revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He died in France in 1680.



**Join the FUN!**  
Monday, September 9, 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

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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



<b>Monday, Aug 19</b> 8:00 a.m.	† <b>Larry Teshara</b> <i>(By: Teshara Family)</i>
<b>Tuesday, Aug 20</b> 8:00 a.m.	† <b>Silas Werner</b> <i>(By: Murphy Family)</i>
<b>Wednesday, Aug 21</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Gwendolyn Walsh Sp. Int.</b> <i>(By: Ding, Carol &amp; Kids)</i>
<b>Thursday, Aug 22</b> 8:00 a.m.	† <b>Richard Faziola</b> <i>(By: Hilda Faziola)</i>
<b>Friday, Aug 23</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Bubot Plondaya Sp. Int.</b> <i>(By: Carlota &amp; Family)</i>
<b>Saturday, Aug 24</b> 8:00 a.m.	† <b>Elena Wooll</b> <i>(By: Patrica E. Frank)</i>
4:30 p.m.	† <b>Denis O'Connor</b> <i>(By: Rose O'Connor)</i>
<b>Sunday, Aug 25</b> 8:00 a.m.	† <b>Augusto Caesar Gonzales</b> <i>(By: Ding Carol Family)</i>
10:30 a.m.	† <b>Wilfredo Mendoza</b> <i>(By: Sinia Gong)</i>
6:30 p.m.	† <b>Josefina McMillian</b> <i>(By: Angelita Pangilinan)</i>

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
August 18, 2024  
Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. — *John 6:53*



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (*Proverbs 9:1-6*).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (*Psalms 34*).

**Second Reading** — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (*Ephesians 5:15-20*).

**Gospel** — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (*John 6:51-58*).

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday:	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday:	<b>St. John Eudes</b>
Tuesday:	<b>St. Bernard</b>
Wednesday:	<b>St. Pius X</b>
Thursday:	<b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Friday:	<b>St. Rose of Lima</b>
Saturday:	<b>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</b> <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>

**Stewardship: A Way of Life**

**Sunday Collections**  
August 11, 2024

\$ 4,681.33	1st Collection
\$ 693.00	2nd Collection (Building Faith/Debt Relief)
<b>\$ 5,374.33</b>	<b>TOTAL Sunday Collections</b>

**Faith Formation**  
Religious education classes for Children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> who attend public schools begin Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4:15pm in Church.  
Register online: [bit.ly/StStephenFF](http://bit.ly/StStephenFF)



**Register online for Faith Formation**  
[www.bit.ly/StStephenFF](http://www.bit.ly/StStephenFF)  
or scan this QR Code:



**SFSU Newman Club**

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

*Please call the office to add or remove names of people*

## 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

<b>PARISH GOAL</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>\$ 84,637.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Received</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>\$ 26,021.00</b>
<b>Week No. 24 (as of 8/13/2024)</b>		<b>(73 household)</b>
<b>Outstanding Balance</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>\$ 58,616.00</b>

*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 \$58,616 be met so that we do not pull out from our parish savings*

Anonymous	Ms. Cynthia G. Kelly
M/M Carlos Altamirano	Mr. Paul Laveroni
M/M Dale Allen Jr	Mrs. Karen Leach
M/M Allan D Ayson	M/M Daniel Leehane
M/M John Azevedo	M/M John Lie
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Anne Berry & Paul Schrage	Ms Pamela Mapson
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M/M Greg Breslin	Mrs Gayle Montalbano
Mrs Zenaida Cajilig	Sean McGrillen & Sarah Barca
M/M Gerald Carrillo	Ms Jessica Montgomery
Mr Tom Carroll	Ms. Mary Molly Mullaney
Mr. Frank Cassinelli	Mr Thomas A Mullaney Jr
M/M Yu-Lang Chen	M/m Remidius Ojong
M/M Thomas Cleary	Ms. Myrna Orais
Ms Buena Cuevo	M/M Freddy Ramos
Ms Alicia De Jesus	Dr & Mrs Mariano Rayos
Ms. Joanne Desmond	M/M John Ritchie
M/M Glenn Dudro	M/M Henry Sanchez
M/M John & Marie Duggan	M/M Emil Sayada
M/M James Dyer Jr	Rev David Schunk
Christian Fernandez & Leah Luistro	Ms. Lutzie Sotto
M/M Gerard Fernandez	Mrs Virginia Stefanelli
M/M Michael Fesko	Ms Dominic Suarez
M/< Kevin Fitzpatrick	Ms. Peggy Teshara
Mrs Sandra Frieztsche	M/M Tom Tuohy
M/M Lawrence Gallagher	Mrs Milagros Ubungen
M/M Darius Garcia	Mr Gregory Von Holt
M/M Gavin Garzee	Jason Wong & Joji Quimbo
M/M Ryan Gille	Mrs. Maria Xavier
Ms. Diane Gagnani	M/M Reynaldo Ysip
M/M William Green Jr	
M/M James Hargarten	
M/M Lawrence Hayes	
Ms Joanne Hayes-White	
M/M Viet Ho	
M/M Claudio Hrvatin	

**Thank You !!**

### The Bread of Life from Heaven is the Body of Christ



The *Bread of Life*, or the Holy Eucharist, is the Sacramental Body of Christ. Theologians recognize four elements in this “Body of Christ.”

- 1) The physical body is the physical body of Christ, which was born in Bethlehem and died on Calvary.
- 2) The risen body is the transformed and glorified body of Jesus (I Cor 15: 35-49) in which Jesus appeared to his disciples.
- 3) The Mystical Body is the Church which is the continuation of Jesus Christ on earth. Each baptized believer is an integral part (member), of the Mystical Body of Christ.
- 4) The Sacramental Body is related to and distinct from the above-mentioned bodies of Christ. During the Holy Mass, Jesus takes the bread and wine which we offer on the altar, offers it to God his Father and declares: “This is no longer your body, it is My Body; this is no longer your life’s blood, it is My Blood.” The Eucharist is, thus, Jesus' sacrificing himself, dying for us, and calling us to perform the same sacrifice for others. The Eucharist is the eternal sacrifice of Jesus providing life to those who eat his Body and drink his Blood. Thus, the Holy Mass is the Sacramental act which transforms our lives into the Divine Life. In each Mass, Jesus transforms us into other Christs - ritually, sacramentally and existentially – thus keeping his promise: “*I will be with you till the end of the world.*”

### Touching the body of Christ

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), had a rule that when a newcomer arrived to join her Order, the Missionaries of Charity, the very next day the newcomer had to go to the Home of the Dying. One day a girl came from outside India to join the Order. Mother Teresa said to her: "You saw with what love and care the priest touched Jesus in the Host during Mass. Now go to the Home for the Dying and do the same, because it is the same Jesus you will find there in the broken bodies of our poor." Three hours later the newcomer came back and, with a big smile, said to her, "Mother, I have been touching the body of Christ for three hours." "How? What did you do?" Mother Teresa asked her. "When I arrived there," she replied, "they brought in a man who had fallen into a drain and been there for some time. He was covered with dirt and had several wounds. I washed him and cleaned his wounds. As I did so I knew I was touching the body of Christ." To be able to make this kind of connection we need the help of the Lord himself. It is above all in the Eucharist that he gives us this help.



### THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life’s different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course. —*St. Boniface*

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*How can this man give us his flesh to eat?*

This question shows the amazing lack of faith found among some of Jesus' followers. Their first mistake was to refer to him as a man instead of the Son of God. They wonder how he can become food for them, but many of them have seen his mighty deeds. In this very same chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus has been seen walking on water and feeding thousands with five loaves and two fish. Clearly, he can do all things, including taking bread and wine and offering it as his own flesh and blood.



The Eucharist draws countless people to Mass, to adoration and to the Catholic Church every day. Sadly, where there is light there are also shadows. Many people who have left the Catholic Church cite one of the reasons being that they no longer believe what the Catholic Church teaches about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Statistics are alarming, but where Eucharistic faith is diminished, Mass attendance dwindles. Where Eucharistic belief is deeply rooted, faith flourishes.

It is our job – we who believe – to reawaken the Eucharistic faith of fellow believers and to go out and announce it to those who do not know that Jesus is the true bread sent from heaven. Why? Jesus answered that question for us – *Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.* We want to go to heaven. We want everyone to go to heaven. Jesus has made the Eucharist a vital and necessary means by which we obtain eternal life.

The first reading from Proverbs tells us to *forsake foolishness.* And Paul tells the Ephesians, *watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise.* Where some believe it foolish to believe in God, in God's Son or in the Eucharist, for the person of faith who is open to the Word – it would be foolish not to believe. The world tells us this is myth, we say “no, it is mystery.”

Those who wish to live forever would do well to acknowledge the truth of Jesus' words, and to eat his flesh and drink his blood, and to do so worthily. Then, we will have life because of him. Sadly, when children stop believing in Santa, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy, it would be all too easy for them to believe Jesus and the Eucharist to also be fairy tales. Again the question, *how can this man give us his flesh to eat?* The answer is simple yet profound – because he is God, because God is good, and because God is love.

The 2024 Mass Intention Calendar is now full and has no more available dates for mass intentions for the rest of the year. Stay tuned when the 2025 Mass Intention Calendar will be open for your intentions. Thank you!

### START WITH GRATITUDE

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the **following** of that impulse. —Henry Van Dyke

## JOIN OUR ST. STEPHEN CHOIR



Please consider joining our St. Stephen Choir! The only requirements are that you love to sing, and desire to learn music and vocal techniques (no experience is necessary). As a member you support our parishioners, enhance the Liturgy and form new friendships.

The choir season begins on September 8<sup>th</sup> the Sunday after Labor Day and ends at the beginning of June 2025. Practices are held Sunday mornings at 9:30a.m. in the Marian Room The choir sings mostly at the 10:30a.m. Mass, Contact our Choir Director Fredrick Schaefer at his email:

[fredrick.schafer@yahoo.com](mailto:fredrick.schafer@yahoo.com)

## VOLUNTEER TEACHERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help teach The children's Liturgy at our Sunday 10:30 a/m. Mass. . No previous experience required, just a love of your Catholic Faith and willingness to work with students. Lessons provided and training available. Contact Mary Molly in the parish office to find out more info

## St. Stephen's Book Club

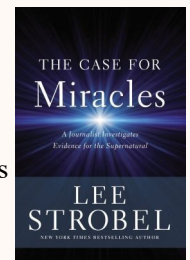
SEPTEMBER Book:

*“The Case for Miracles: a Journalist Investigates Evidence for the Supernatural”* by Lee Strobel

Strobel allows skeptic Michael Shermer to build a case against miracles-- and then builds a case for divine intervention in our world today. He then shows how God remains at work in our world, sometimes openly, sometimes mysteriously, but always in ways that draw us closer to Him.

We will meet on Saturday, September 21, 10:00 a.m. in parish office.

The book is available through the SF Public Library as a book, eBook, or audiobook. [www.bit.ly/Book-Sept](http://www.bit.ly/Book-Sept)



## Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors/Readers

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule is online.

View and sign up at: [www.bit.ly/LitMinSchedule](http://www.bit.ly/LitMinSchedule)

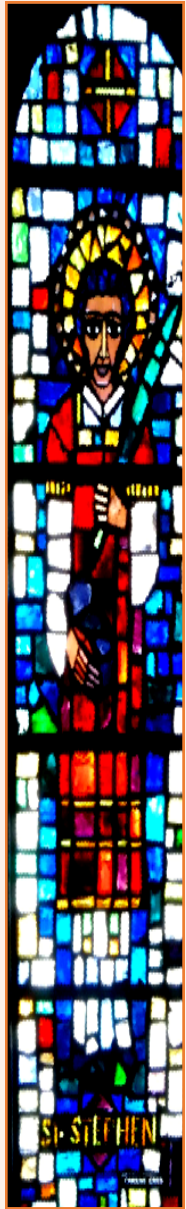
We are temporarily using Sign-up Genius website for scheduling Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors/Readers.

Please review the schedule and sign up when you are available. Contact Mary Molly if you have issues with the schedule or using the webpage.



***Courage is fear that has said its prayers.***





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## ST STEPHEN PARISH 2024-2025

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| • Bridge Group                                                           | Virginia Stefanelli                     |
| • Caritas                                                                | Nellie Hizon                            |
| • Eucharistic Lay Ministry<br>(Word & Eucharist)                         | Mary Molly Mullaney                     |
| • Fifty Plus Club                                                        | Helga D'Arcy                            |
| • Finance Council                                                        | Laura Birsinger                         |
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| • Grief Support                                                          | Clergy                                  |
| • Head Sacristan                                                         | Ed Quan                                 |
| • Liturgy Committee                                                      | Pastor                                  |
| • Marriage Preparation                                                   | Clergy                                  |
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| • Ushers                                                                 | Pastor                                  |
| • Women's Guild                                                          | Jamie Allen                             |

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### Today's Music

#### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Gathering:** Your Words Are Spirit and Life #606  
**Preparati:** I Am The Bread Of Life #342  
**Communion:** The Supper Of The Lord #339,  
 Ang Katawan Ni Kristo #357  
**Sending:** Sending: Give Thanks To the Lord #613

### 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!

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](http://www.saintstephensf.org)

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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!