

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 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon."

But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us."

He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me."

He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

Matthew 15:21-28

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

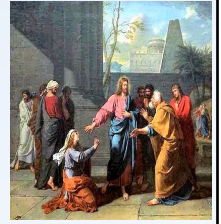
Pastor's Corner

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Isaiah 56:1,6-7; Psalm 67:2-3; Romans 11:13-15; Matthew 15:21-28

In the Gospel of Matthew (15:21-28), we encounter the remarkable story of the Canaanite woman whose unwavering faith moved Jesus to perform a miraculous healing. This passage stands as a testament to the power of faith and persistence, a message that resonates across time and finds embodiment in the life of St. Monica. As we reflect on both the biblical account and the example of this saint, we are reminded of the transformative nature of faith, the strength of intercession, and the boundless love of our compassionate Savior.



The Canaanite woman's plea for her demon-possessed daughter serves as a vivid portrayal of a mother's desperate yet determined faith. In the face of initial silence and apparent rejection, she persists, undeterred by the obstacles before her. Her humility and trust in addressing Jesus as the "Son of David" mirror the core tenets of a faithful heart. In response, Jesus commends her "great faith" and grants her request. This encounter teaches us that our fervent prayers, offered with persistence and humility, can move the heart of God and open doors to His blessings.

St. Monica, too, exemplifies the power of persistent faith and intercession. Her ceaseless prayers for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine, demonstrate the enduring love of a mother and the transformative impact of her unwavering petitions. Just as the Canaanite woman's faith led to the healing of her daughter, St. Monica's prayers paved the way for Augustine's profound conversion. Her life underscores the truth that our prayers, rooted in faith and offered with love, hold the potential to shape destinies and draw souls closer to God.

In a world marked by challenges and uncertainties, the Canaanite woman and St. Monica beckon us to cultivate a similar depth of faith and persistence. Their stories remind us that our encounters with Jesus, be they in moments of trial or triumph, are opportunities for transformative growth. By embracing their examples, we are encouraged to nurture a faith that persists amidst adversity, humbly trusts in God's providence, and fervently intercedes for the well-being of others. As we reflect on their lives, may we draw closer to the heart of our merciful Savior, confident that our faith-filled encounters with Him hold the promise of profound and enduring transformation. *Fr. Michael D Liliedahl*

Our Saint of the week: Saint Louis, King of France

Louis (LOO-ee) was only 12 years old when he was named the king of France. The year was 1226, and his father, Louis VIII, had just died. Louis was too young to rule the country on his own, so his mother ruled in his place. She knew that one day Louis would take his place on the throne. She guided her son and taught him well so that he would become a just and courageous king. Louis took over from his mother when he turned 21. The night before he was crowned, he fasted and prayed. He asked God to make him a good servant, to make him a good and holy king for his people.



After the morning Mass, King Louis IX would ride his horse out into the country to see how he could work to make life better for his people. He would often stop in villages to listen to what the people had to say. He checked that wealthy, powerful nobles were not abusing people. When he heard that the nobles unjustly took from people who had less, he forced the nobles to give back what they had taken. He listened to people's ideas for how to improve their country, and he passed laws to protect those who were vulnerable.

The king ordered churches and hospitals built throughout France. In his travels, the king himself would often visit and care for those who were sick. He listened to the needs of others. As a man given the power to guide his country, he could do great good for his people. He worked for peace in the world, and when he did fight, he was merciful to those he captured.

In 1244, King Louis led a Crusade into the Holy Land. As king, Louis could have taken special privileges and comforts. Instead, he chose to share the hardships of his soldiers. Once, the king was captured. While in prison, he prayed the Liturgy of the Hours every day.

When Louis was dying, he prayed "Lord, I will enter into your house. I will worship in your holy temple, and will give glory to your name." Through his prayer, his support of the Church, and his Christlike service to all, Louis made his whole life an act of worship.

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 21

8:00 a.m.

Gwendolyn Walsh *Sp. Int.*
(By: Ding, Carol & Family)

Tuesday, Aug 22

8:00 a.m.

† **Barbara Frost**
(By: Liam Frost)

Wednesday Aug 23

8:00 a.m.

Bubot Plondaya *Sp. Int.*
(By: Carlota & Family)

Thursday, Aug 24

8:00 a.m.

† **Antonio Sanchez-Corea**
(By: Sanchez-Corea Family)

Friday, Aug 25

8:00 a.m.

† **Katherine Herber**
(By: a friend)

Saturday Aug 26

8:00 a.m.

William A. Grimes *Sp. Int.*
(By: Alice Grimes)

4:30 p.m.

† **Jennifer Dennis**
(By: Joe & Josie Fernandes)

Sunday, Aug 27

8:00 a.m.

St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)

10:30 a.m.

† **Thomas Perlite MD**
(By: Ed & Cecelia Prete)

6:30 p.m.

† **Debbie Fontanillas**
(By: Narcie & Cynthia Ferreira)



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023

Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. *(Isaiah 56.1)*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Thus says the Lord: “Stand firm in justice: do what is right.” *(Isaiah 56:1, 6-7)*

Psalm - O God, let all nations praise you! *(Psalm 67)*

Second Reading - The gifts and the callings of God are unable to be revoked. *(Romans 11:13-15, 29-32)*

Gospel - Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, “It shall be done as you wish.” *(Matthew 15:21-28)*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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

Wednesday: **Saint Rose of Lima**

Thursday: **St. Bartholomes, Apostle**

Friday: **Saint Louis**

Saint Joseph Calasanz

Saturday: **Saint John Eudes**

Sunday: **St. Bernard of Clairvaux**

THE FOUNDATION

Wisdom is the foundation, and justice the work without which a foundation cannot stand. —*St. Ambrose*



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

JULY 2023

\$ 22,632.30 Sunday Collections (7/2, 9,16, 23, 30)

\$ 10,538.86 Online Sunday Collections (7/1-31)

\$ 4,173.50 Donworth Hall JULY Rental Income

\$ 37,344.67 **Total Income for July 2023**

LESS:

\$ 44,499.61 **Parish Maintenance for JULY 2023**

\$ 7,154.94 **OVER/ Under**

Please continue to generously support your Parish!

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!

.St. Stephen Choir

Do you love to sing? Would you like to sing in a group setting? Then come join our choir! The Choir will sing at all 10:30 Masses with the Choir singing starting September 10th.

Join us at our first practice on Sunday, Sept. 3rd - 9:15AM, Marian Room



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



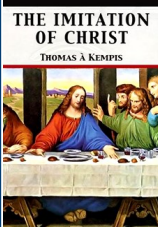
RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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*.

Boy Scouts - Troop 333 - Scout N' Seek

Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Dahlia Dell Picnic Area in Golden Gate Park. Join Troop 333 for Scout N' Seek to get a taste of Scouting, learn a new skill, and have some fun! Troop members will teach orienteering, and then prospective Scouts will seek hidden troop members across the event area using orienteering skills. Troop members will also lead activities to teach fun yo-yo skills (and geared towards satisfying cub scout YoYo Adventure requirements). We have limited capacity so please RSVP your Scout and responsible adult at <https://bit.ly/Troop333RSVP>

Feel free to contact Katherine Dulany at 415-999-8603 or katherinedulany@yahoo.com for more information.

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.

Volunteers Needed

Interested in passing on the Catholic Faith to the next generation? Come help teach!



We are looking for volunteers (students in high school, college, or adults); there are two different opportunities:

1. The Faith Formation program on Monday afternoons, serves students who attend public school or non-Catholic private school in grades 1 – 8.
2. Children's Liturgy is on Sundays during the first half of 10:30 Mass and serves the younger children, pre-school aged through first grade.

Teaching background is not required. Help spread God's Love – You can make a difference!! All materials are provided. Grab a friend and co-teach.

If interested or have any questions, please contact Mary Molly at FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org or call Mary at 415.681.2444 x4

2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

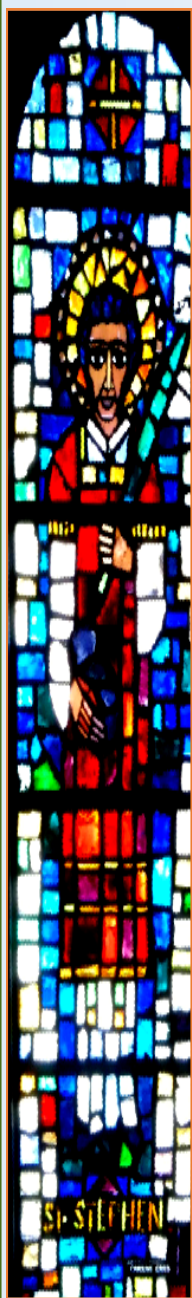
Campaign GOAL	:	\$ 86,973.00
Total Payments Received	:	\$ 44,871.00
Campaign Goal Balance	:	\$ 42,102.00

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 Edward Vaughn Jones

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



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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2023-2024

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| • Caritas | Nellie Hizon |
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| • Communion Ministers | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Faith Formation | Mary Molly Mullaney |
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| • Head Sacristan | Ed Quan |
| • Lectors | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Liturgy Committee | Fr. Michael Liliedahl |
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| • Men's Club | Mark Lam |
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| • St. Stephen Book Club | Mary Molly Mullaney |
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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 20, 2023

Song Lyrics for 10:30 am Mass

Gathering: Sweet Redeemer

King of Kings, blessed Jesus
Hand of mercy, giver of grace
I have come to sing glory
To lay my heart before you in this place.

Refrain: Sweet Redeemer, I surrender

All I am to you

Sweet Redeemer, I surrender

All I am to you

I was lost and you found me
In the darkness you were my light
When I fell down you forgave me
Lifted me up and held me to your side

Refrain

Bridge: From the shadows of the tomb

You called me

You rolled away the stone

From the burden of my sin

You saved me

You made my heart your home

Refrain

Glory to God

In Breaking Bread pew hymnal #924

Prep of Gifts: The Summons

In Breaking Bread pew hymnal # 387

Mass Setting: Spirit and Grace

Holy BB #927

Memorial Acclamation BB #928

Great Amen BB #931

Lamb of God BB #932

Communion: You Alone

Refrain:

You alone are holy, you alone are Lord

You alone are worthy
To be honored and adored
Mercy you have given
Kindness you have shown
Love is you alone

Who of us is sinless in this place?
Who of us deserves your saving grace?
Who of us is good at all,
Without your blessed love that falls
Upon our hearts to heal this broken-ness

Refrain

What is there to do but thank you then,
For the gift that we might call you friend?
Greater love has not been known
Than that for which you gave your only Son
That you might see us pure and blessed

Refrain

Sending: Love Has Come

With one voice the angles sing
Songs that make creation ring
Prophets hear and call us
To live in spirit and in truth
God the Father Elohim
Voice of thunder, spirit wind
Breathe on me your very life
Grace will make the darkness bright

Refrain: Word of God enthroned,

Dwell in us forever more

Love has come to show the way

Hallelujah peace be with us

Love has come to show the way

God of covenant divine,
Lead us to the end of time
Beyond sorrow, beyond fear
Beyond pride and earthen tears

Refrain (repeat last line)