

St. Stephen Parish

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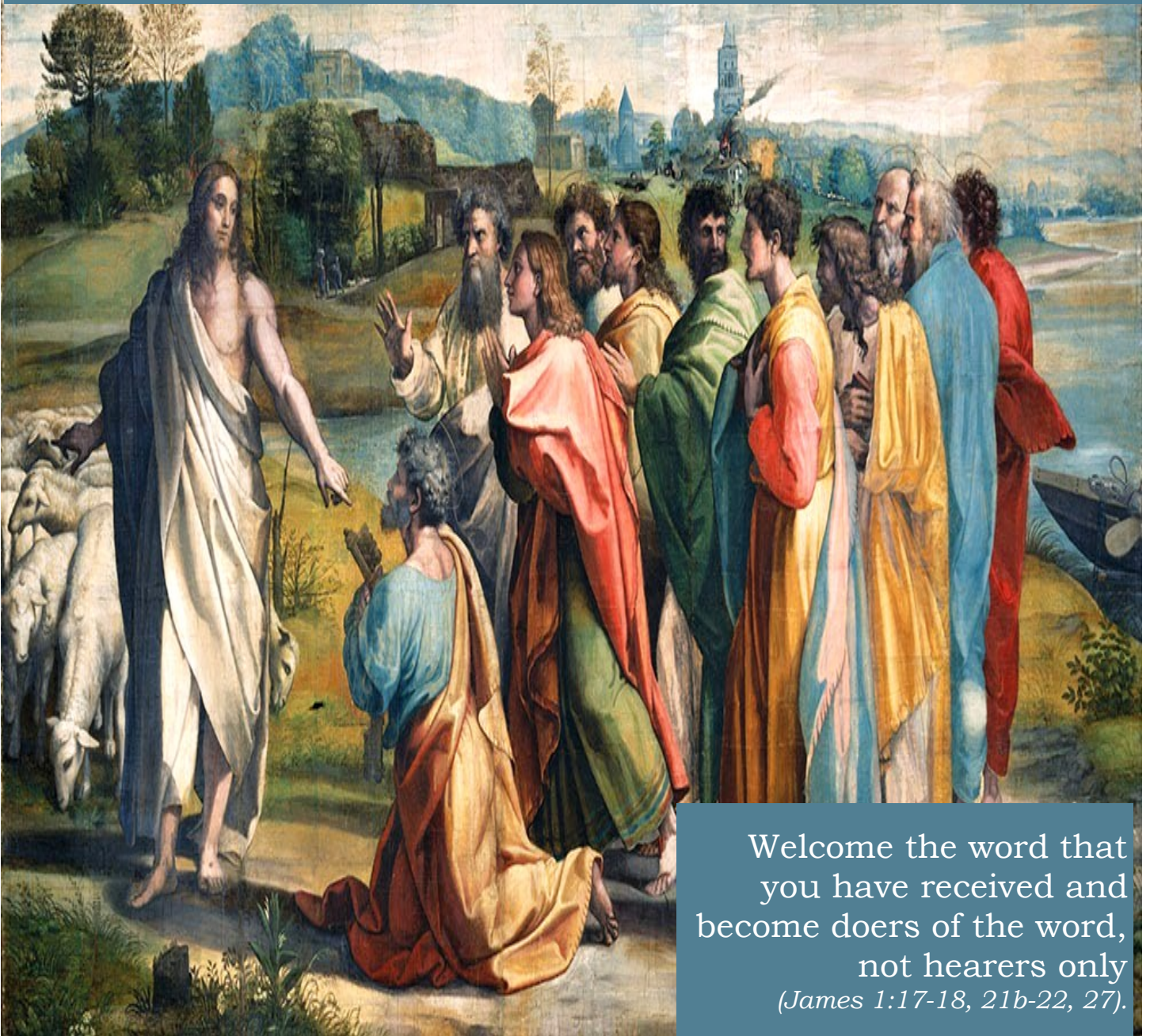
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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

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.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1, 2024



Welcome the word that
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become doers of the word,
not hearers only
(James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

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

Pastor's Corner

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

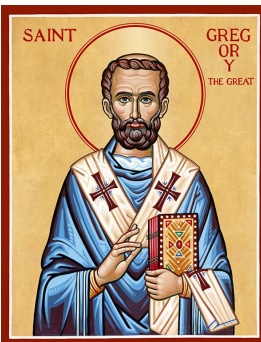
On Monday, we will celebrate Labor Day, the unofficial end to summer. But more importantly, our federal holiday reminds us of the importance and dignity of work. The work that we do has meaning for us as we participate in the care and cultivation of our world given to us by God. We also realize, through work, the importance of caring for others, as it is often through our work that we support ourselves and our families. A person who is unemployed or underemployed is not just lacking financial resources, but more importantly a dignity that comes from our desire to care for others,

particularly for those whom we love. Let us pray for all those seeking work this day, that they find work which upholds their human dignity.

Just over a week ago, the parish and school leadership met with a legislative aide from Supervisor Joel Engardio's office. Our parish falls within the boundaries of District 4, which Supervisor Engardio represents on the SF Board of Supervisors. His office had reached out to us as a general courtesy so we could meet and discuss any issues that are a concern to our community. We are very grateful to have had the opportunity to speak about several issues in the neighborhood, particularly surrounding safety as we have a vibrant school and many active seniors who are at the parish on a regular basis. All of us create the fabric of our neighborhood and it is important that we all contribute to the building up of our community as virtuous citizens.

As the new school year begins, we are beginning the work to invite the young men and women of the parish to be Altar Servers. We are grateful for the work of Mrs. Giovanna Hrvatin to train and prepare the Altar Servers for this important ministry to our entire parish. Interested students in our Parish School or Faith Formation Program should stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks **Father Schunk**

Our Saint of the Week
St. Gregory the Great
Feast day September 3



"Gregory was born about A.D. 540 in Rome, the son of a wealthy senator. Like most of the nobility of his time, he was well educated. But unlike many, he was generous and concerned about those who were poor.

In his early thirties, Gregory was made the chief prefect, or governor, of Rome. Gregory was attracted to the religious life and soon left his

position. He converted the family estate in Rome into the Abbey of Saint Andrew, became a monk there, and founded six Benedictine monasteries on his estates in Sicily. In about 578, he was ordained a deacon of Rome and sent as the papal ambassador to Constantinople, where he served until 585. When he arrived back in Rome, he was made the abbot of Saint Andrew's.

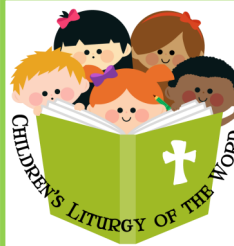
In 590, Gregory was acclaimed pope by the clergy and the people of Rome. Unwillingly, Gregory accepted the role, calling himself the "servant of the servants of God." Because of his political skill, learning, talents, and deep devotion to God, Gregory was able to make peace with the invading Lombards, save the city from famine by reorganizing the property and granaries of the Church, and restore order within the Church. In 596, he sent Augustine of Canterbury and 40 other monks to England to teach the Angles the faith. Gregory is called the "Apostle of England." He died March 12, 604.



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



ATTENTION Parents!

Starting Sunday, September 8th,
Children's Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. .
Mass will resume.

Contact Mary Molly for details

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 Donation link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish.

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Sep 2

8:00 a.m.

† **Paul McGloin**
(By: Lupita Chase)

Tuesday, Sep 3

8:00 a.m.

Araceli Caparas Sp. Int.
(By: Wilda Datangel)

Wednesday, Sep 4

8:00 a.m.

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

Thursday, Sep 5

8:00 a.m.

† **Basilio Sabisor Jr**
(By: Carlota & Family)

Friday, Sep 6

8:00 a.m.

† **Apolinario Reyes**
(By: Liberty Mungcal)

Saturday, Sep 7

8:00 a.m.

Francisco Cagalingan Sp. Int.
(By: Ding, Carol & Family)

4:30 p.m.

Elvie Ysip Sp. Int.
(By: Parish Staff)

Sunday, Sep 8

8:00 a.m.

† **Michael Gragnani**
(By: Diane Gragnani)

10:30 a.m.

† **Freddy Abraham**
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

6:30 p.m.

St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Schunk)

We pray for the repose of the soul of

Rev. THOMAS HAMILTON
Pastor, St Gabriel Parish

September 13, 2024
4:00 pm Visitation
6:00 pm Vigil
St. Gabriel Church

September 14, 2024
1:00 pm Funeral Mass
Holy Name of Jesus Church

May he rest in Peace



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. — *James 1:21b*

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Monday: **Labor Day, Parish Office Closed**
Tuesday: **St. Gregory the Great ;**
Thursday: **St. Teresa of Calcutta**
Friday: **First Friday**
Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday**



Fr David Schunk & Fr Michael Lilledahl together with Parish Staff wish you all a Happy and Safe Labor Day Weekend!

Note: Parish office CLOSED on Monday, Sept 2nd

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections
August 25, 2024

\$ 4,771.70 1st Collection
\$ 537.75 2nd Collection (Parish Subsidy)

TEXT to GIVE

Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256
using your mobile device.



You're All Invited!
HOLY HOUR of EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION
Exposition, Adoration and Benediction
(Weekdays, right after the 8am Mass)

Mondays thru Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8*).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (*Psalms 15*).

Second Reading — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (*James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27*).

Gospel — You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*).

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

PARISH GOAL	:	\$ 84,637.00
Total Amount Received	:	\$ 27,521.00
Week No. 26 (as of 8/27/2024)	:	(78 household)
Outstanding Balance	:	\$ 57,116.00

We thank all those families who have already made their pledge/donations to the Appeal. As of July 2024, we have reached about 32.50% of our goal. For the next 5 months, we pray that the balance of \$57,116 be met so that we do not pull out from our parish savings

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

Thank You !!

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors/Readers

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule is online.

View and sign up at: 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.

THE POWER OF TOUCH

How often in the Mass do we use our sense of touch? In both formal and informal gestures, we use our hand to hold, carry, sign, bless, offer, pray, reconcile, welcome, and send. In many ways, we need touch in order to be *in touch* with God who is right in our midst.

Yet, we often take for granted the gift of touch – a gift we receive and offer. Notice how quickly we tend to make the sign of the cross over ourselves or how casually we take a person's hand during the sign of peace with hardly a glance into their eyes or a moment of genuine human connection.

Many are careful to attend to the touch they show the Body of Christ as they share Communion. However the Body of Christ is also found in those around us, among the crowd of people that surround us every day. Most especially, the Body of Christ is found in those who have been discarded by society pushed to the fringes, or made invisible by stigma, prejudice, or shame.

In Mass, let us pay attention to how we reverence God in sacred gifts and in sacred people through the act of sacred touch. In doing this, we are training ourselves to find the one within the crowd of people we encounter each day who is most in need of God's healing, given in simple human touch and offered with true reverence and care.

Treasures from our Tradition

We know for certain that the sacrament of penance was a fairly rare event in the life of a Christian in the early centuries, but that everyone had a duty to admit their sins and ask forgiveness before giving thanks in the Sunday Eucharist and receiving Christ's Body and Blood at the table. Everyone today is familiar with this same ancient pattern. We also know about Lent and its journey of renewal, and even those who are returning from summer vacations may speak of a fresh perspective on life and a resolve to do better. Saint Augustine spoke of a third kind of penance, beyond the turning of the catechumens to a different life, beyond the normal everyday fresh starts, to a form that is severe and serious. Certain sins broke faith with the community: the sinners were obliged to give their names to the bishop and were barred from participation in the Eucharist. Augustine mentioned sacrilege, adultery, and murder as the culprits, great wounds for the perpetrator, wounds that were serious, deadly, mortal. Penance was such a frightening prospect that many people delayed their baptism for fear that they would sin, a practice with which Augustine was well acquainted. Pastoral need would eventually call the church to reconsider its practice.

-Rev. James Field, ©J.S. Paluch Co.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Recall that we focus on the Gospel of Mark in Lectionary Cycle B, but substitute John's report of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for Mark's report of this event.



In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples.

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SUFFERING

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence. —Paul Claudel

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 8th, 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:

Faith Formation

Religious education classes
for Children in grades 1st thru 8th
who attend public schools
begin Monday, September 16th
@ 4:15pm in Church.

Register online: bit.ly/StStephenFF



Register online for Faith Formation
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or scan this QR Code:



St. Stephen's Book Club

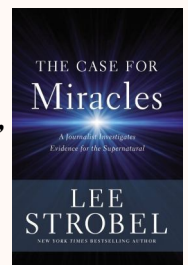
SEPTEMBER Book:

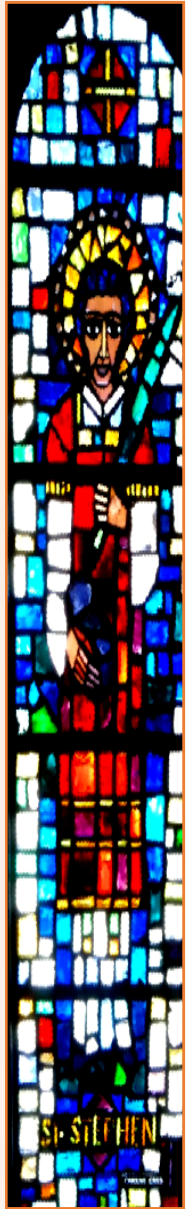
"*The Case for Miracles: a Journalist Investigates Evidence for the Supernatural*"
by Lee Strobel

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





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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2024-2025

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- Eucharistic Lay Ministry
(Word & Eucharist) Mary Molly Mullaney
- Fifty Plus Club Helga D'Arcy
- Finance Council Laura Birsinger
- Front Ofc Lead Volunteer Fely Boquiren
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- Marriage Preparation Clergy
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(Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality)
- Ushers Pastor
- Women's Guild Jamie Allen

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Today's Music

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: Abide With Me #638:

Preparation: For the Beauty Of the Earth #612

Communion: Our Blessing Cup #349,
As Grains of Wheat #343

Sending: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #553



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

Name _____

Contact Phone (H W CP) _____

Email _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

_____ City/ZIP _____

Weekly Sunday envelopes , circle one: Yes No, but commit to participate thru Online Giving.

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!