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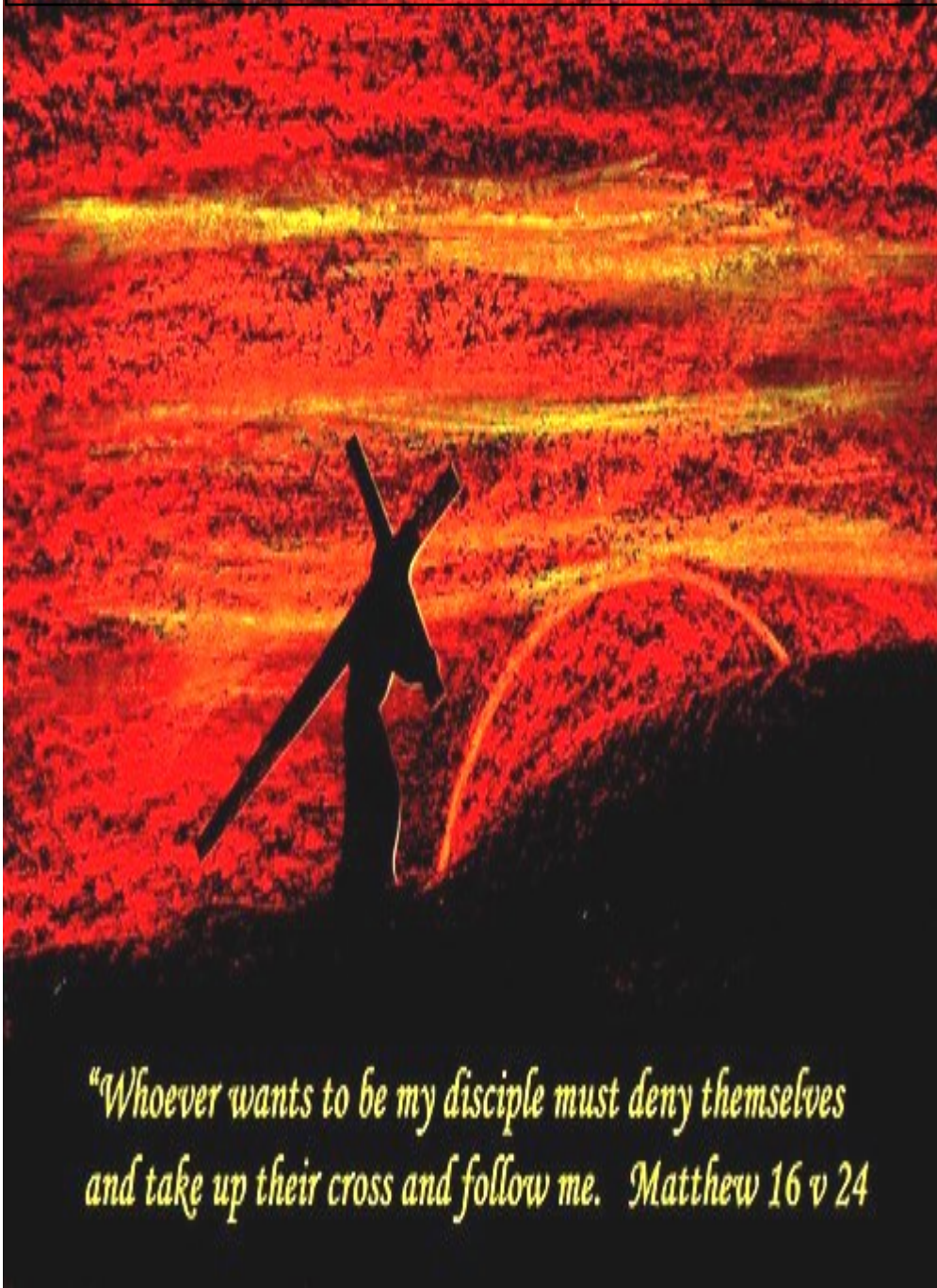
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Weekday Mass: 8:00 a.m. Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. or 30 min. before each Sunday Mass

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

September 3, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me. Matthew 16 v 24*

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."

He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?

"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Matthew 16:21-27

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

Pastor's Corner

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremia 25;7-9; Psalm 63; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

In this week's Gospel reading from Matthew 16:21-27, we encounter a pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry. After revealing his true identity as the Messiah, Jesus begins to foretell his impending suffering, death, and resurrection. Peter, often known for his impulsive nature, rebukes Jesus, but is met with a stern response: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." This exchange underscores the profound truth that discipleship requires not only following Christ in his glory but also embracing the cross of suffering and sacrifice.



As we delve into this passage, we are reminded of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a remarkable example of someone who heeded Jesus' call to take up his cross. St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan friar, demonstrated unparalleled courage during World War II. When he was imprisoned in Auschwitz, he voluntarily took the place of a fellow prisoner condemned to death, showing a profound willingness to lay down his life for another. His selflessness echoes Jesus' teaching that "whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it."

Just as St. Maximilian Kolbe embraced the cross, we too are called to renounce selfish desires and worldly pursuits in favor of a life aligned with God's will. It's easy to be drawn into the allure of comfort and success, but the Gospel challenges us to prioritize spiritual riches over earthly ones. This demands a radical shift in perspective – recognizing that the path to true fulfillment involves sacrifices and challenges, which lead to a deeper union with Christ.

In a world saturated with messages of self-gratification, the Gospel invites us to embrace a countercultural mindset. As Jesus asserts, "For what will it profit someone if they gain the whole world and forfeit their soul?" We encounter Christ most intimately when we let go of our ego-driven desires and open ourselves to the transformative power of his love. It's worth considering: What are the attachments that hinder our journey of discipleship? What crosses are we avoiding for the sake of convenience?

In conclusion, this week's Gospel calls us to reevaluate our priorities and take up our crosses with courage and faith. St. Maximilian Kolbe's life stands as a testament to the profound impact of selfless love and sacrificial living. Just as he did, may we too find the strength to relinquish our selfish inclinations and embrace the transformative journey of discipleship. As we follow Jesus, let us remember his words, "Whoever loses their life for my sake will find it." Through the embrace of the cross, we discover the path to eternal life in Christ. *Fr. Michael D. Lilledahl*

September 3 St. Peter Claver

Peter felt he was called to be a missionary. When he was 29 years old, Peter left his home in Spain and went to Cartagena (in what is now Colombia), South America. There he continued his studies and was ordained a priest. Cartagena was a busy city, but its economic success came from dealing in human misery. Cartagena was the main market for the slave trade in the New World. Hundreds of thousands of people were brought there from Africa, herded into warehouses, and auctioned off to the highest bidder. They had been captured, chained together, crowded onto ships, and neglected during the long journey to South America. The conditions were so terrible that an estimated one-third of the captives died during the journey.



Whenever a ship carrying Africans arrived in port, Peter was there. He would hurry down with a jug of water, and a basket full of medicine, fruit, bread, and clothing. He would greet the slaves by giving them a drink of water. His first concern was to tend to their human needs—to ease their suffering and somehow restore their sense of dignity. He saw the suffering Jesus in the people he served. And he heard in their cry: "What you do for others, you do for me." Peter nursed many back to health and, while they were in warehouses awaiting their sale, he told them that Jesus loved them and gave them the sacraments.

Peter Claver could not eliminate the strong hold that slavery had on society. The hearts and the consciences of many people had been so hardened that they refused to see this evil of slavery in their midst. But Peter did what he could. He tried to be a visible sign that the African slaves were indeed human beings, children of God. By bringing the love of Jesus to them, he was laying the foundations of justice and charity for the future. During his 40 years in Colombia, Peter Claver baptized nearly 300,000 Africans. A man of deep prayer, unbounded energy, and steady devotion, Peter Claver realized that it was his relationship with Christ that nourished his spirit and gave him the courage to go on when so many problems surrounded his work. When he died the city that had opposed so many of his efforts honored him.

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Sep 4

8:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday, Sep 5

8:00 a.m.

† **Basilio Sabisor Jr**
(By: Ding, Baby & Kids)

Wednesday Sep 6

8:00 a.m.

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

Thursday, Sep 7

8:00 a.m.

† **Francisco Cagalingan**
(By: Ding, Carol & Family)

Friday, Sep 8

8:00 a.m.

† **Elmer Ramos**
(By: Robelas Family)

Saturday Sep 9

8:00 a.m.

† **Alice & Dan Leehane**
(By: Dan & Joan Leehane)
Elvie Ysip Sp.Int.
(By: Parish Staff & Volunteers)

4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sep 10

8:00 a.m.

Fr Michael Liliedahl Sp. Int
(By: Parish Staff & Volunteers)

10:30 a.m.

St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)

6:30 p.m.

† **Ella & Derek Osborne**
(By: Carolyn Yiu)



September 3, 2023

Twenty Second in Ordinary Time

Be transformed: renew your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. *Romans 12:2*

TODAY'S READING

First Reading: The name of the lord has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart. (*Jeremiah 27:7-9*)

Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you. Oh my lord and my God. (*Psalms 63*)

Second Reading: Be transformed; renew your mind, renew what is good. (*Romans 12:1-2*)

Gospel: - Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (*Matthew 16:21-27*)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: **St. Teresa of Calcutta**

Friday: **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saturday: **St. Peter Claver:**

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

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Exposition, Adoration and Benediction

(Weekdays, right after the 8am Mass)

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



Through the Waters of Baptism
Welcome to our Church!

AURIMAS Petrys
Son of Tadas & Palomar



TEXT to GIVE

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

50+ Club

Monday, September 11, 2023

Doors Open 12:30pm

New members are most welcome!

For any questions/ concerns, please call:

Helga at 415-731-8211

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.

Antoinette Mishirsky, 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 Scossieria, Gwendolyn Walsh,
Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

BROKEN BRIDGES

When we cannot forgive, we break the bridge over which we must pass if we would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.—George Herbert

St. Stephen School WOMEN's GUILD Annual SPAGHETTI Bingo

Welcoming parish and school families Saturday September 16, following the 4:30 mass. Spaghetti dinner provided by Original Joe's.

Please join us for the first St. Stephen Women's Guild event of the year, our annual Spaghetti Bingo, complete with a delicious dinner provided by Original Joe's, lively Bingo games and a yard full of carnival games for the kids!



The fun begins after the 4:30pm mass on September 16th, at Donworth Hall.

Tickets must be purchased in advance via the flyer in the vestibule or by using the QR code below. Questions? Email the Chairs at spaghettingo@gmail.com.

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.

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 meet the second Saturday at 10:00 am in the Conference Room at the parish offices. Contact Mary Molly for more information.

Books we are reading:

September -

Seven Women And the Secret of Their Greatness
by Eric Metaxas

October -

Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc
by Mark Twain (1835-1910)

November & December -

Jesus: a Pilgrimage
by James Martin, S.J.

January, 2024 -

Searching for and Maintaining Peace
by Father Jacques Philippe



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.

For more information please contact Mary Molly Mullaney, phone: 415.681.2444 x4 or email: FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org.

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).

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	:	\$ 45,271.00
Campaign Goal Balance	:	\$ 41,702.00

We thank the following parishioners who have shared their treasures with the parish **this week** as of 8.22.2023:

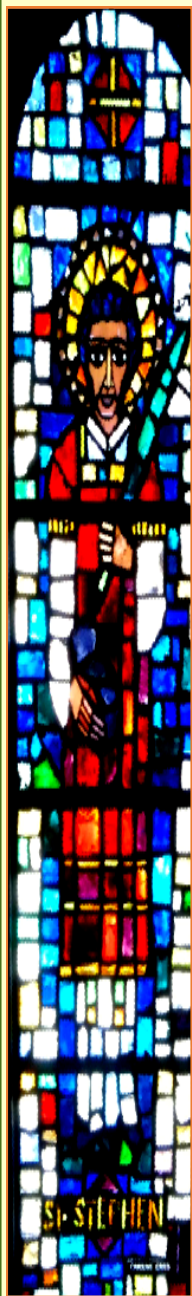
(For a complete listing, refer to AAA Poster in Church vestibule.)

Ms Rita Hock

M/M Edward Vaughn Jones

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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2023-2024

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| • Bridge Group | Virginia Stefanelli |
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| • Church Hospitality | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Communion Ministers | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Faith Formation | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Fifty Plus Club | Helga D'Arcy |
| • Finance Council | Laura Birsinger |
| • Front Ofc Lead Volunteer | Fely Boquiren |
| • Grief Support | Clergy |
| • Head Sacristan | Ed Quan |
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| • Marriage Preparation | Clergy |
| • Men's Club | Marcus Lam |
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| • RCIA | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • St. Stephen Book Club | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Ushers | Jim Scheg |
| • Women's Guild | Jamie Allen
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.

September 3, 2023

Song Lyrics for 10:30 am Mass

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: 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)
 (repeat chorus)