

St. Stephen Parish

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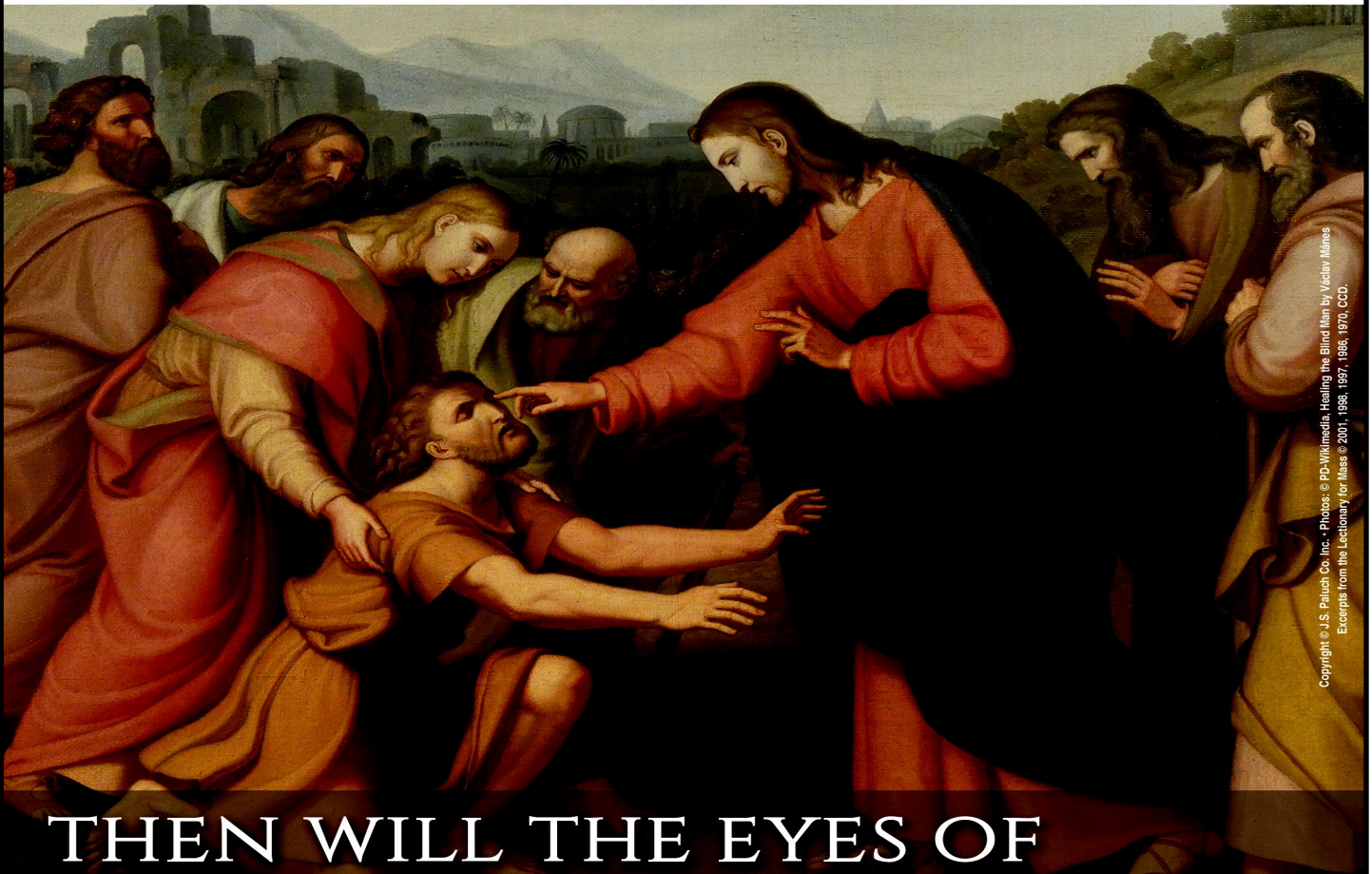
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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



THEN WILL THE EYES OF
THE BLIND BE OPENED

the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

September

8

2024

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

Pastor's Corner

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Two weeks ago, I met for the first time with our School Advisory Board and later the Parish Council, and this past week I met with our Parish Finance Council. Having these various groups is very important for our parish because it helps to not only create and atmosphere of transparency, but also seeks out the wisdom, expertise, and ideas of others for the building up of our community. I look forward to our future meetings throughout the year.

On Saturday, September 23rd after the 4:30 PM Mass, the School hosts their annual Spaghetti Bingo Dinner event. The entire parish is invited to attend the event, but you do need to purchase tickets in advance, and I have been told they sell out quickly so if you would like to attend, get them now!

Save the date of Sunday, September 29 for the parish's free Legacy Giving Presentation happening after the 10:30 AM Mass. The talk will focus on legacy giving and considering how we as Catholics plan for our future health and welfare. Last spring, there was some initial information and questionnaires that were presented to the parish, and this is part two with an in-person presentation. There will be flyers and more announcements in the bulletin as we draw closer to the event so stay tuned.

In a couple of weeks, our parish will be commencing our faith formation program for adults who are interesting in becoming Christians through the sacrament of Baptism, adults who were baptized in another Christian community and who desire to enter the Roman Catholic Church, and adults who have not yet received the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. The formation team meets weekly with the celebration of the sacraments taking place at Easter. If you are interested in learning more information for yourself or a child who fits these categories, please contact Mary Molly Mullany in the parish office: faithformation@saintstephensf.org. *Father Schunk*



Our Saint of the Week **St John Chrysostom** Feast day September 13

People who are willing to stand up for what is right and condemn what is evil leave their mark on the world. But they also may find themselves with enemies. John Chrysostom, an eloquent bishop-preacher of the fourth century, understood this.

John was born around 347 in Antioch, Syria. His father died when he was a child, so his mother guided his education. John was a gifted student. At 18, he experienced a religious conversion and began to study the Bible. Three years later, John joined a group of monks in the mountains. He left them to live as a hermit in a cave. But his health suffered, and he returned to Antioch. There others quickly noticed his gifts as a monk, a biblical scholar, and an eloquent speaker. Soon he was ordained to the diaconate and was ordained a priest at 39.

In 397, John was made the bishop-patriarch of Constantinople. He lived a simple life, giving his wealth over for the building of hospitals, and he set about reforming the clergy and the city. He deposed bishops for buying their way into office. John sold much of the expensive furniture in the bishop's residence and gave the money to those who were poor. He attacked wealthy people for misuse of their riches. John sought to reform the lax clergy, to straighten out the badly managed budget, and to rid the land of violence. His zeal for charity and justice angered the empress, Eudoxia, and provoked the jealousy of Theophilus, the patriarch of Alexandria. John was impeached and exiled. Even though he had the support of Pope Innocent I, John was exiled even farther away and died en route in 407.

The role of a true prophet is to comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comfortable. John Chrysostom did just that.



Join the FUN!
TOMMOROW
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

Save the Date
September 29, 2024
11:45 a.m. (after 10:30 am Mass)
Donworth Hall

Catholic Teachings on Health Care and Advance Planning

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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GIVING**
easy. fast. effective.

We Rent Our Hall

FOR ANY OCCASION
USE OUR PARTY ROOM!

**Our 20,000 sq. ft.
Parish Event Center
Donworth Hall is Available
to Rent**
Shay at 415 681-2444x7
Or online at:
[donworthevents@
saintstephensf.org](mailto:donworthevents@saintstephensf.org)

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Sep 9

8:00 a.m.

† **Alice & Dan Leehane**
(By: Dan Leehane)

Tuesday, Sep 10

8:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday, Sep 11

8:00 a.m.

† **Dr Albert Friezche**
(By: Sandra Friezche)

Thursday, Sep 12

8:00 a.m.

† **Sol Vivas**
(By: Dorothy Over)

Friday, Sep 13

8:00 a.m.

† **Mary & Michael Walsh**
(By: Dan Leehane)

Saturday, Sep 14

8:00 a.m.

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

4:30 p.m.

St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Schunk)

Sunday, Sep 15

8:00 a.m.

† **Rene Salera**
(By: Becky Parini)

10:30 a.m.

† **Renee Lobo**
(By: Deborah Lobo)

6:30 p.m.

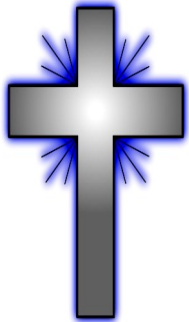
† **Peter John Evanikoff**
(By: The Jordans)

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 8, 2024

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?
— James 2:5



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Monday: **St. Peeter Claver, Priest**
Thursday: **The Most Holy Name of Mary**
Friday: **St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Saturday: **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections
September 1, 2024

\$ 6,129.40 1st Collection
\$ 1,041.00 2nd Collection (Maintenance Fund)

TEXT to GIVE

Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256
using your mobile device.

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.



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

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

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God
(Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! *(Psalm 146).*

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ *(James 2:1-5).*

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak
(Mark 7:31-37).

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 : \$ 32,883.00
Week No. 27 (as of 9/3/2024) (141 household)
Outstanding Balance : \$ 51,754.00

We thank all those families who have already made their pledge/donations to the Appeal. As of August 2024, we have reached about 38.85% of our goal. For the next 4 months, we pray that the balance of \$51,754 be met so that we do not pull out from our parish savings. Fr Schunk

Anonymous	Ms Alicia De Jesus	Mr Ronald J Lang	M/M Michael Patricio
M/M David Alcock	Ms. Joanne Desmond	Mr. Paul Laveroni	M/M Freddy Ramos
M/M Dale Allen Jr	M/M Glenn Dudro	Mrs. Karen Leach	Dr & Mrs Mariano Rayos
M/M Kevin Allen	M/M John & Marie Duggan	M/M Daniel Leehane	M/m Christopher Rillo
M/M Carlos Altamirano	M/M David Dulany	M/M John Lie	M/M John Ritchie
M/M Allan Ayson	M/M James Dyer Jr	Rev Michael D Liliedahl	Ms Maria Ronquillo-Archini
M/M John Azevedo	M/M Kenneth Fambrini	Ms Diane Linehan	M/M Daniel Salvemini
Mr Charles Barca	Christian Fernandez &	M/M Anthony Lou	M/M Henry Sanchez
M/M Moises Bautista Jr	Leah Luistro	Ms Lesley Ann Luistro-Sy	Ms Olivia Santiago
Ms. Constance E Benas	M/M Gerard Fernandez	M/M Damien Madden	Mr Emmanuel Santos
Anne Berry & Paul	M/M Michael Fesko	Ms Pamela Mapson	M/M Emil Sayada
Schrage	M/< Kevin Fitzpatrick	M/m Rodrigo Marquez	Donovan Schneider &
M/M John Bird	Mrs Sandra Frietzsche	Ms Doris Martin	Deborah Lobo
Mr. Clemence Blondo	M/M Lawrence Gallagher	Ms Eliza Martinez	Rev David Schunk
Mrs. Felisa Boquiren	M/M Darius Garcia	M/M Lawrence Mazzola	Ms. Lutzie Sotto
M/M Gregory Breslin	M/M Gavin Garzee	Ms Joanne McGrail	Mrs Virginia Stefanelli
Ms Anne Burgoyne	M/M Ryan Gille	Sean McGrillen &	Ms Dominic Suarez
Mrs Zenaida Cajilig	Ms. Diane Gagnani	Sarah Barca	M/M William Taylor
Ms Maria Caoile	M/M William Green Jr	Ms Belinda Mistica	Ms. Peggy Teshara
Mr Daniel Caracciolo	M/M James Hargarten	Mrs Gayle Montalbano	Ms Avril Tierney
M/M Gerald Carrillo	M/M Lawrence Hayes	Ms Jessica Montgomery	M/m Gary Torres
Mr Tom Carroll	Ms Joanne Hayes-White	Mr Timothy Mueller	M/M Thomas Tuohy
Mr. Frank Cassinelli	Ms Nathalia Hizon	Ms. Mary Molly Mullaney	Mrs Milagros Ubungen
Ms Adelaida Caunan	M/M Viet Ho	Mr Thomas A Mullaney Jr	Mr Gregory Von Holt
M/M Yu-Lang Chen	Mrs Claudio Hrvatin	Ms Maria Nacagilevu	Jason Wong & Joji Quimbo
M/M Thomas Cleary	Mrs Barbara Isip	Ms Cecille Neubaumer	Mrs. Maria Xavier
M/M Sean Conlon	M/M Alan Jacobs	M/M Remidius Ojong	M/M Reynaldo Ysip
Ms Buena Cuevo	Ms Sheila Kelleher	Mr Peter S Ong	
M/M Jacob Danfoura	Ms. Cynthia G. Kelly	Ms. Myrna Orais	

Thank You !!

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB EVENTS



Newman Thursday Nights

Sept 12th, 6:30-8pm—Tote Bag Painting
 Sept 19th—Photo Scavenger Hunt
 Sept 26th—Beach Bonfire

Weekly Masses on Mondays and Thursdays @ 12nn
Adoration & Confessions every Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
Sunday Supper evenings @7:30pm

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SPAGHETTI BINGO FUNDRAISER

Our popular "Festa Italiana" Spaghetti Bingo is around the corner, and you won't want to miss it! Plan to bring the entire familia to enjoy delicious spaghetti **dinner provided** by **Original Joe's**, lively games of Bingo and carnival games in the yard. The **fun begins after 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, September 21st**. Contact our Spaghetti Bingo Chairs - Shawna Stecher, Siobhan McHugh and Kristin Gleeson with questions spaghattibingo@gmail.com.



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.



Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread.

This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret." - *Loyola Press*

FEAR NOT

In these times, there is plenty to be afraid of, if we only look around. It seems that every day the news media have yet more bad news to tell: wars, disease, terrorism, drought, social unrest, and more. Some people have stopped using clock radios to wake up in the morning, preferring a jarring buzzer to the even more jarring morning news. What more do we need before we realize that we are finite creatures, and while there is much we can do to make our world better, ultimately there is a lot that is simply not within our grasp? To this our loving God says, "Be strong, fear not!"...

The Most Expensive Hearing Aid Ever Made

Two older men were talking. One of them was bragging just a little bit. "I just purchased the most expensive hearing aid ever made," he said. "It is imported and is guaranteed for life."

The second man asked: "What kind is it?"

The first man looked at his watch and said, "Five past two."



Got Faith?

Is there someone in your life who is wondering what the Catholic faith is, 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/or Confirmation. The program will begin in mid-September. Participants will receive the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil in April 2025.

For more information please contact Mary Molly Mullaney, phone: 415.681.2444 x4 or email:

FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org.

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
www.bit.ly/StStephenFF
or scan this QR Code:



St. Stephen's Book Club

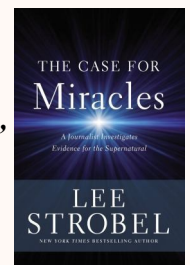
SEPTEMBER Book:

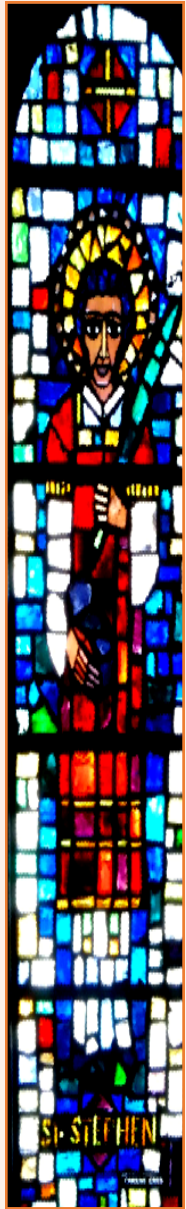
"The Case for Miracles: a Journalist Investigates Evidence for the Supernatural"
by Lee Strobel

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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- Head Sacristan Ed Quan
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- Marriage Preparation Clergy
- Men's Club Marcus Lam
- Newman Campus Ministry Fr Michael Liliedahl
Victoria Connor
- Parish Council Renzo Hrvatin
- Religious Education (Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality) Mary Molly Mullaney
- Ushers Pastor
- Women's Guild Jamie Allen

Parish Office Phone 415.681.2444

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!

Today's Music

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Gathering: Ready The Way (vss. 1,2,&4) #63
- Preparation: Come To The Water #617
- Communion: Ubi Caritas #356, In the Breaking Of The Bread #355
- Sending: Sing A New Song #554



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.