

St. Stephen Parish

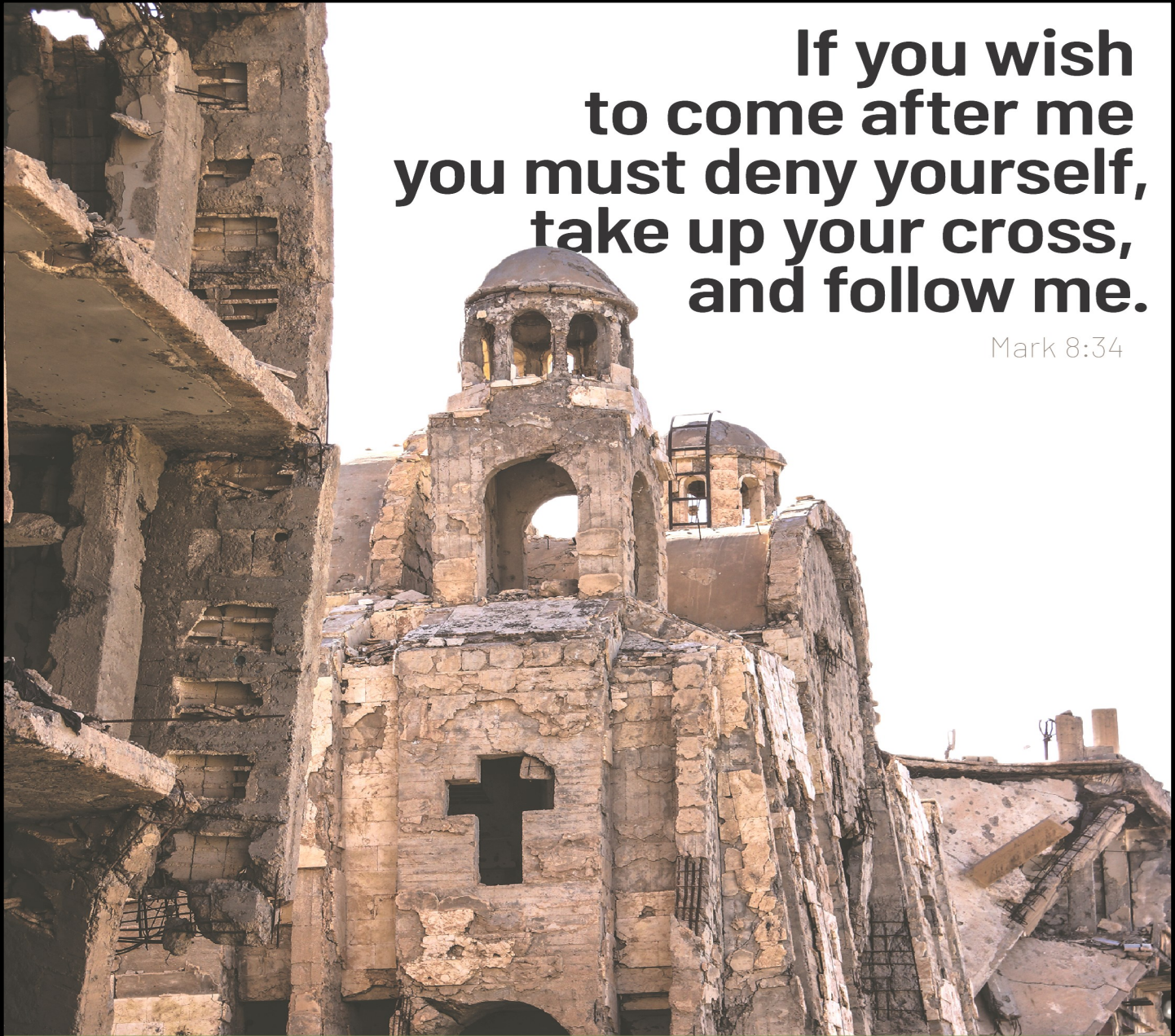
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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

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.



**If you wish
to come after me
you must deny yourself,
take up your cross,
and follow me.**

Mark 8:34

Twenty-fourth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

**September, 15
2024**

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

Pastor's Corner

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This week, our Faith Formation begins, both for the young people of our parish as well as adults who are in the program of Christian Initiation preparing for Baptism or the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. I am grateful for the work of our Director of Faith Formation, Mary Molly Mullaney, and her entire team of Catechists who assist families in witnessing and passing along our faith to others. Next Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass, we will have a special blessing for the Catechists who teach in our Faith Formation Programs.

If you are interested in enrolling or seeking more information on our Faith Formation program for your child or yourself, there is still time - so please reach out to Mary Molly ASAP and she will be able to give you more information.

As I mentioned last week in the bulletin, on Sunday, September 29 the parish will be hosting a Legacy Giving Presentation happening after the 10:30 AM Mass in Donworth Hall. The talk will focus on legacy giving and considering how we as Catholics plan for our future health and welfare. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more information.

Next week, Father Michael and I will be away from September 23-26 (Monday afternoon through Thursday afternoon) at the convocation of the priests serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. All the priests have been gathering every two years so we may have more dedicated time to reflect on our ministry and discuss issues concerning parish life. The gathering is considered an "all-hands" meeting, and our time spent has been very valuable for bringing together the entire presbyterate. While we are away, we will have daily Mass every day that week, with the exception of Thursday, September 26. I will speak with our daily Mass parishioners what we will do on this day when we will not have daily Mass.

Finally, another special event is coming up on Friday, October 11 with the Fourteenth Annual St. John Vianney Luncheon, honoring our retired priests and raising money to support our retired priests. This year, one of the two retirees being honored is our very own former pastor, Father Tony LaTorre! For event information online along with the ability to purchase a ticket/ make a donation, visit: <https://sfarch.org/prflunch> **Father Schunk**

OUR SAINT FOR THE WEEK:
ST. ROBERT BELLERMINI
Feast day September 17

It is said that Robert Bellarmine was so short that he used to stand on a stool to be seen over the high pulpits of Europe. But he was a giant in many other ways.



Robert, born in Italy in 1542, was the third of ten children in a family in which prayer and serving others were priorities. He entered the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits, in 1560. Robert was a brilliant student at the Roman College and eventually taught at the University of Louvain in Belgium. His sermons and his defense of the faith were so powerful that people were attracted from all over, and many were converted. Robert was ordained in 1570, became rector at the Roman College in 1592, and was named superior of the Naples province in 1594. By 1598, he was named a cardinal, and in 1602, he became archbishop of Capua. He was called to Rome in 1605 to work in defense of the Church against heresies. Robert, who was advisor to five popes, was involved in many controversies. One involved the teachings of the scientist Galileo, who was also Robert's friend. In 1931, Robert was declared a Doctor of the Church.

Like Saint Robert, let us use all our gifts from God. May we study hard, pray often, and serve others so that the world will see the greatness of our God.



Join the FUN!
Monday, October 7, 2024
Doors Open 12:30pm
50+ Seniors are ALL INVITED!
Enjoy camaraderie, snacks,
Bingo games, Bridge, etc
For any questions/ concerns,
please call: Helga at 415-731-8211

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, an informational talk by nationally known Catholic Author, Atty by Mark Henry sponsored as a free service by St Stephen Parish Office. See last page for more info

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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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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Sep 16

8:00 a.m.

† **Virginia Pendleton**
(By: Barbara & Gene Conti)

Tuesday, Sep 17

8:00 a.m.

† **Alice McEntee**
(By: Charlotte O'Callaghan)

Wednesday, Sep 18

8:00 a.m.

† **Margaret & Jack Driscoll**
(By: O'Callaghan Family)

Thursday, Sep 19

8:00 a.m.

Paz Calimlim Sp.Int.
(By: Wilda Datangel)

Friday, Sep 20

8:00 a.m.

† **Thomas Mullaney**
(By: Mary Molly & Marilyn Mullaney)

Saturday, Sep 21

8:00 a.m.

† **Michael Marquez**
(By: Marquez Family)

4:30 p.m.

† **Denis O'Connor**
(By: Rose O'connor)

Sunday, Sep 22

8:00 a.m.

St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Schunk)

10:30 a.m.

† **Rod Montgomery**
(By: Ms Jessica Montgomery)

6:30 p.m.

† **Edgar Caceres**
(By: The Jordans)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 15, 2024



The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. — *Isaiah 50:7*

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (*Isaiah 50:5-9a*).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (*Psalms 116*).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (*James 2:14-18*).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (*Mark 8:27-35*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Monday: **Sts Cornelius and Cyprian**

Tuesday: **St. Robert Bellarmine**
St Hildegard of Bingen

Thursday: **St Januarius**

Friday: **Sts Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong**
Ha-sang and Companions

Saturday: **St. Matthew**

Blessed **Virgin Mary**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections
September 8, 2024

\$ 5,143.05 1st Collection
\$ 529.00 2nd Collection (Debt Relief)

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.

Today's Music

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Gathering** : Open My Eyes #405
- **Preparation** : Take Up Your Cross #713
- **Communion** : Eat This Bread #330,
One Love Released #333
- **Sending** : Take Up Your Cross #715



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 that we should pray for this month.

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.



2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL	:	\$ 84,637.00
Total Amount Received	:	\$ 33,233.00
<i>Week No. 28 (as of 9/10/2024)</i>		<i>(142 household)</i>
Outstanding Balance	:	\$ 51,404.00

We thank all those families who have already made their pledge/donations to the Appeal. As of August 2024, we have reached about 39.26% of our goal. For the next 4 months, we pray that the balance of \$51,404 be met so that we do not pull out from our parish savings. Fr Schunk

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

Thank You !!

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB EVENTS

Newman Thursday Nights

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



You're invited!

14th Annual St John Vianney Luncheon

Honoring ADSF Retired Priests

Rev ANTHONY P. LA TORRE & Rev Paul Rossi

Friday, October 11, 2024 @ noon

Cathedral of St Mary the Assumption

Patrons Hall, 1111 Gough St SF

For more info and tickets,

visit: <https://sfarch.org/prflunch>

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading *Mark 8:27-35*

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.



Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel. *Loyola Press*

IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September)

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the "true cross" by St. Helena, Constantine's mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

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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



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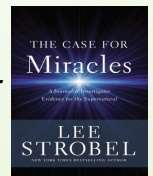
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St. Stephen's Book Club

September Book

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



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

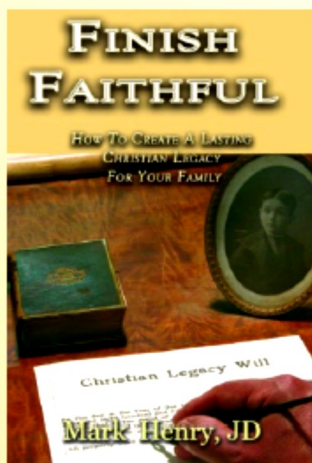
The book is available through the SF Public Library as a book, eBook, or audiobook. www.bit.ly/Book-Sept

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

St. Stephen Catholic Church

presents

Catholic Bioethics; It's Impact on You,
Your Family & Your Planning



Guest Speaker:

Mark Henry, JD
author, *Finish Faithful*



To reserve your seats,
call 415-681-2444 x2 or
email carol@SaintStephenSF.org

IMPORTANT SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED:

- Catholic Teachings on Life Sustaining Care and Euthanasia
- Steps Catholics Can Take to Ensure Their Health Care Decisions Are Carried Out
- New Ways to Save More Taxes When You Give
- How Catholics Can Protect Their Families and Leave a Legacy to their Parish

Day/Date/Time: *Sunday, Sept. 29, 11:45 am (after 10:30 am Mass)*

Location: *Donworth Hall*

REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS WILL BE SERVED

This is a parish hosted event so there is no charge but seating is limited so please arrive early to assure your seat.