

St. Stephen Parish

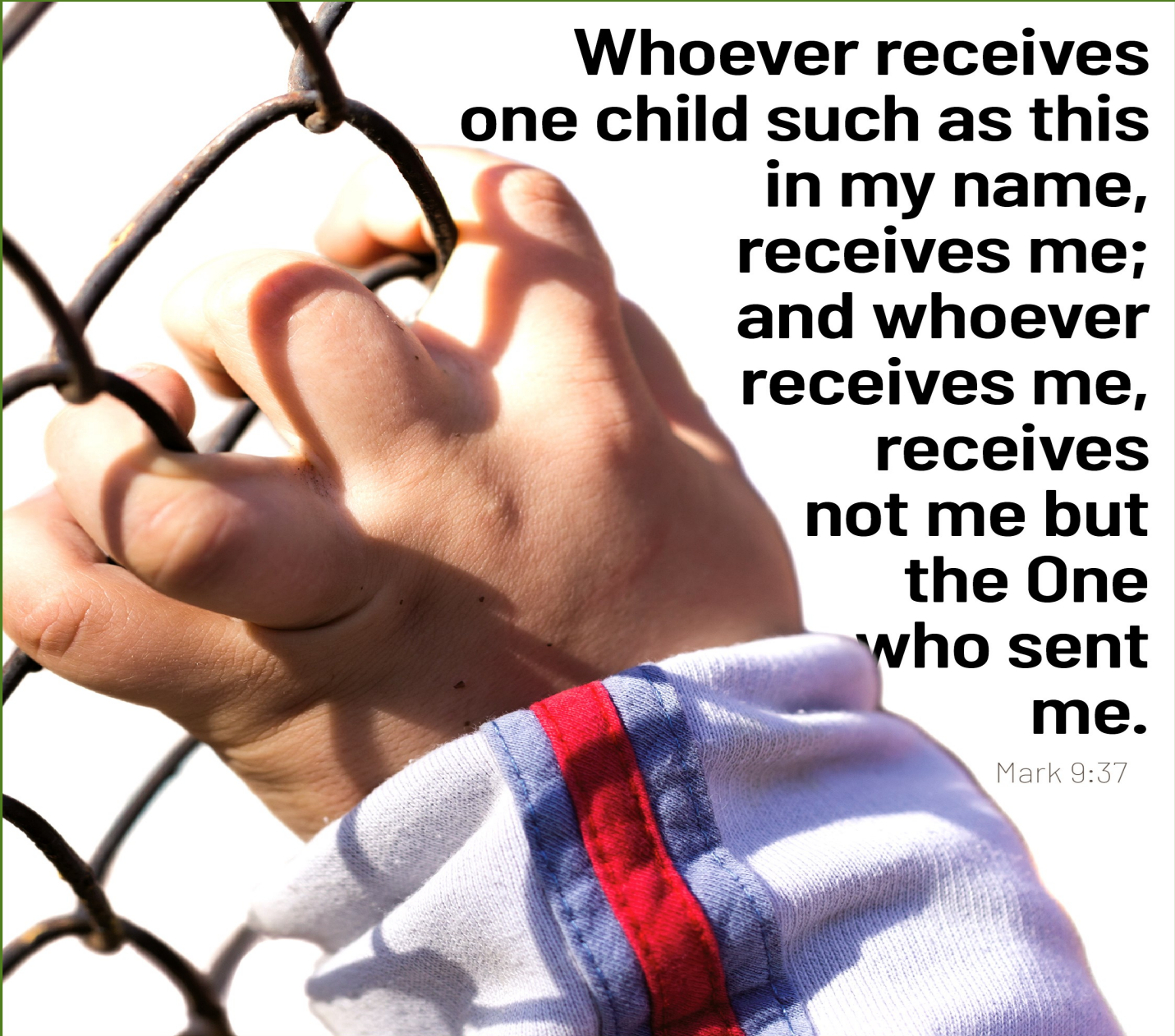
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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

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.



**Whoever receives
one child such as this
in my name,
receives me;
and whoever
receives me,
receives
not me but
the One
who sent
me.**

Mark 9:37

Twenty-fifth
Sunday in Ordinary Time

**September 22,
2024**

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

Pastor's Corner

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We welcome to our parish community seminarian Jimmy Velasco. Jimmy is a year 3 seminarian at Saint Patrick's Seminary (classmate of Derek Delgado who was with us last year) and will be assisting with the college campus ministry program at the parish for his pastoral assignment this year. This means he will usually be attending the 6:30 PM Sunday Mass and the campus events during the

course of the week. Jimmy grew up at Church of the Epiphany and will be a great addition to the campus ministry team this year.

As I wrote last week, Father Michael and I will be away this week from September 23-26 (Monday afternoon through Thursday afternoon) at the priest convocation for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The gathering is considered an "all-hands" meeting for the priests. While we are away, we will have daily Mass every day this week, with the exception of Thursday, September 26. We thank you in advance for your prayers while all the priests are away at our gathering.

As you read in the bulletin last week, next Sunday, September 29 after the 10:30 AM Mass, we will be sponsoring a free special presentation on Legacy Giving in Donworth Hall. Last spring, seminarian Derek Delgado was assisting with promoting information on the topic and this is the follow up, in-person presentation. The presentation will have Catholic author and attorney Mark Henry discussing Catholic teachings regarding health care and the importance of advance planning so that decisions concerning your health care properly reflect your wishes. Mr. Henry will also cover how you can plan to leave a legacy for your family and our Catholic community. To assist with our planning, we request people email Carol in the parish office to let us know if you are interested in attending. You may see the flyer in the bulletin for more information. We hope to see many of you in attendance. **Father Schunk**



OUR SAINT FOR THE WEEK:
St. Vincent de Paul
Feast day September 27

St. Vincent de Paul spent the early years of his priesthood ministering among the wealthy in the French countryside near Paris. In 1609 he became tutor to the children of the Gondi family, an involvement that taught him a principle for his work: evangelize the rich and direct them to serve the poor. At that time, Vincent observed that many poorly catechized peasants were not making good confessions. He also noticed that inadequately trained priests did not know how to administer the sacrament of Penance. Encouraged by Madame Gondi, in 1617, Vincent preached a parish mission that pointed to his future. He stirred so many people to repentance that Jesuits from a nearby town had to help hear confessions. In 1625, Vincent founded the Congregation of the Mission, a community of priests with a threefold commitment. Members obligated themselves to pattern their lives on Christ, to take the gospel to the rural poor, and to help educate priests in their practical duties. The priests mainly conducted parish missions, preaching and hearing confessions. With the collaboration of St. Louise de Marillac, in 1633, Vincent founded the Sisters of Charity, the first community of "unenclosed" women dedicated to care of the sick and the poor. Vincent de Paul stumbled into his life's work. Thus he is a healthful model for those who suffer stress trying "to find God's plan" for their lives. Vincent did not start with grandiose plans. He began much more simply. When he observed a need, he figured out a Christian way to meet it. In his last years Vincent was confined to an armchair because of his swollen and ulcerous legs. But he remained cheerful, directing his charitable works by writing hundreds of letters. He was nearly eighty years old when he died in 1660. If we would do more of that, we would be better Christians with lower blood pressure.

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 Mark Henry sponsored as a free service by St Stephen Parish Office

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 415-731-8211



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@

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Sep 23

8:00 a.m.

† **Frank Glynn**
(By: Maria Dadi)

Tuesday, Sep 24

8:00 a.m.

Teresa Devincenzi Sp. Int.
(By: Parish Staff)

Wednesday, Sep 25

8:00 a.m.

† **Jacqueline Thompson**
(By: Charlotte Bautista)

Thursday, Sep 26

8:00 a.m.

No Mass

Friday, Sep 27

8:00 a.m.

† **Reynaldo Aseron**
(By: Emma Sagala)

Saturday, Sep 28

8:00 a.m.

† **Teresita Yabut**
(By: Edna & Rodel Rodis)

4:30 p.m.

Norman Ventura Dy Sp.Int.
(By: Africa Dy)

Sunday, Sep 29

8:00 a.m.

† **Rod Montgomery**
(By: Ms Jessica Montgomery)
St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Schunk)

10:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

† **Mike Moriarty**
(By: Julie O'Callaghan)

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 22, 2024

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace. — James 3:18



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (*Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*).

Psalms — The Lord upholds my life (*Psalms 54*).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (*James 3:16 — 4:3*).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (*Mark 9:30-37*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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

Monday: **Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, 1887-196**

Tuesday: **Father Stanley Rother**

Thursday: **Saints Cosmas and Damian**

Friday: **Saint Vincent de Paul**

Saturday: **Saint Wenceslaus**
Blessed Virgin Mary

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections
September 15, 2024

\$ 4,723.31

1st Collection

\$ 468.00

2nd Collection (Parish Subsidy)

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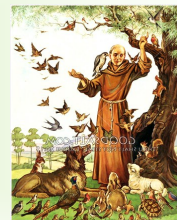
Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256
using your mobile device.

Celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi
(Co-Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of San Francisco)

Sunday, October 6th
Front Patio of Church

In recognition of this special day, our
10:30 a.m. Mass will be held outside, in
front of the church doors.

During the Mass we will have the
traditional Blessing of the Animals.
Come join us for the special celebration
and bring your non-biting pets for a blessing.



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>

"So let me encourage you: The world tells us to develop self-confidence. But the Bible says to put no confidence in the flesh. What we need is not self-confidence. **We need Christ confidence.** So don't fight against your weakness, and don't deny your weakness. *Let it bring a child-like dependence upon our strong Savior.*" -Susan Hunt

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 : \$ 33,783.00

Week No. 29 (as of 9/17/2024) (143 household)

Outstanding Balance : \$ 50,854.00

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

Thank You !!



St. Stephen School News

St. Stephen School is accepting applications for the August 2025-2026 Kindergarten Class. Please call the school office @ (415) 664-8331, if you are interested in obtaining an

application and scheduling a school tour. Children must be five years old by September 1, 2025 and be currently enrolled in a five day Pre-K or Kindergarten Program.

St. Stephen School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origins to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Stephen School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors/Readers 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.

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB EVENTS

Newman Thursday Nights : Sept 26th—Beach Bonfire
Weekly Masses on Mondays and Thursdays @ 12nn
Adoration & Confessions every Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
Sunday Supper evenings @7:30pm



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.



Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone. *Loyola Press*

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.

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Carry Someone With You

There was a tribe of Indians who lived a long time ago in the state of Mississippi. They lived next to a very swift and dangerous river. The current was so strong that if somebody happened to fall in or stumbled into it they could be swept away downstream.

One day the tribe was attacked by a hostile group of settlers. They found themselves with their backs against the river. They were greatly outnumbered and their only chance for escape was to cross the rushing river. They huddled together and those who were strong picked up the weak and put them on their shoulders; the little children, the sick, the old and the infirm, those who were ill or wounded were carried on the backs of those who were strongest. They waded out into the river, and to their surprise they discovered that the weight on their shoulders carrying the least and the lowest helped them to keep their footing and to make it safely across the river.

Jesus is trying to teach the disciples an object lesson about greatness, about servanthood, about leadership. He is saying to them and to us, "Have you lost the childlike joy and love and faith that once were yours?" He is also saying to them and to us, "If you want to walk on secure ground in this world it helps to carry someone with you." *King Duncan*

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:



Today's Music

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: Lift High The Cross #717

Preparation: The Servant Song #395

Communion: Behold The Lamb #341,
Gift Of Finest Wheat #344

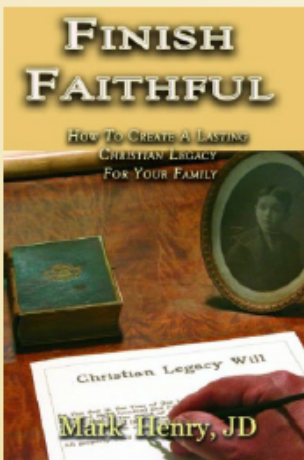
Sending: Enter The Journey #647



St. Stephen Catholic Church

presents

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



Guest Speaker:

Mark Henry, JD
author, *Finish Faithful*



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.