

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.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2024

Whoever is not
against us is for us

Mark 9:40

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

Pastor's Corner

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A big thank you to moms Shawna Stecher, Kristin Gleason, Siobhan McHugh, and many other families for making last Saturday's Spaghetti Bingo such a successful and fun event. There was delicious food and drink, community spirit, a lot of BINGO, and of course, prizes! I do not think we could have been blessed with a better evening. It is events like this that make our parish community such a wonderful place and it all happens with the hard work of our parishioners for which I am very grateful.

Today (Sunday), we are hosting after the 10:30 AM Mass Mark Henry and his presentation on health care planning and legacy giving. If you are attending one of the other Masses, you may still join the presentation. We are planning to begin around 11:45 AM in Donworth Hall. If you did not RSVP, please know you are still welcome to come to the presentation. Refreshments will be provided.

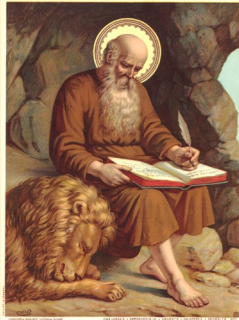
On October 4th, we celebrate the co-patron saint of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Saint Francis of Assisi. We recall his famous canticle in which he gives praise and thanks to God for the wonder of creation. May we all be mindful of being stewards of such great a gift from God that we share and call our Common Home.

Part of Creation of course are the animals, and so next Sunday, October 6, our 10:30 AM Mass will be outdoors in the plaza and at the conclusion of Mass, we will have the annual Blessing of the Animals. You are welcome to bring your pets (on a leash, unless it is a turtle) as we celebrate the Eucharist and give thanks to God for the blessings our pets are to us in our lives as companions and helpers. **Father Schunk**

OUR SAINT FOR THE WEEK:

Saint Jerome

Feast day September 30



Born in Stridon, a town on the confines of Dalmatia and Pannonia, about the year 340-2; died at Bethlehem, 30 September, 420.

He went to Rome, probably about 360, where he was baptized, and became interested in ecclesiastical matters. From Rome he went to Trier, famous for its schools, and there began his theological studies. Later he went to Aquileia, and towards 373

he set out on a journey to the East. He settled first in Antioch, where he heard Apollinaris of Laodicea, one of the first exegetes of that time and not yet separated from the Church. From 374-9 Jerome led an ascetical life in the desert of Chalcis, south-west of Antioch. Ordained priest at Antioch, he went to Constantinople (380-81), where a friendship sprang up between him and St. Gregory of Nazianzus. From 382 to August 385 he made another sojourn in Rome, not far from Pope Damasus. When the latter died (11 December, 384) his position became a very difficult one. His harsh criticisms had made him bitter enemies, who tried to ruin him. After a few months he was compelled to leave Rome. By way of Antioch and Alexandria he reached Bethlehem, in 386. He settled there in a monastery near a convent founded by two Roman ladies, Paula and Eustochium, who followed him to Palestine. Henceforth he led a life of asceticism and study; but even then he was troubled by controversies one with Rufinus and the other with the Pelagians.

One of the best prayers I ever heard:

"Lord please make me the person my dog thinks I am."



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



California
Catholic
Conference

CHILDREN: THE UNEXPECTED GIFT

Every time a child enters the world, it is an opportunity to celebrate the arrival of an unexpected gift from God. When we embrace this call as parents, our extraordinary act of hope has the power to transform us through selfless love, tender care, profound joy, and refashioned dreams. Learn more and share the good news about marriage and family life at: www.radiatelove.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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GIVING
easy. fast. effective.



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 30

8:00 a.m.

† **Frank Glynn**
(By: Maria Dadi)

Tuesday, Oct 1

8:00 a.m.

Rosary Prayer Group Sp. Int.
(By: Kathleen Jordan)

Wednesday, Oct 2

8:00 a.m.

Alaia Dean Sp. Int.
(By: Papa & Mama)

Thursday, Oct 3

8:00 a.m.

Lennard-Gary Torres Sp. Int.
(By: Lourdes Torres)

Friday, Oct 4

8:00 a.m.

† **Lucia Angeles**
(By: Angelita Pangilinan)

Saturday, Oct 5

8:00 a.m.

† **Mike Moriarity**
(By: Godaghe & John Calahan)

4:30 p.m.

† **Geronimo & Pilar Ventura**
(By: Kit Dy)

Sunday, Oct 6

8:00 a.m.

† **Zenaida Sangalang**
(By: Sangalang Family)

10:30 a.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Schunk)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUND ORDINARY TIME

September 29, 2024

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. — Psalm 19:8



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (*Numbers 11:25-29*).

Psalm — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (*Psalm 19*).

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (*James 5:1-6*).

Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (*Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Monday: **St. Jerome**
Tuesday: **St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**
Wednesday: **The Holy Guardian Angels;**
Friday: **St. Francis of Assisi**
First Friday of the Month
Saturday: **St. Faustina Kowalska;**
Blessed Francis Xavier
Blessed Virgin Mary

To be astonished is one of the surest ways of NOT growing old too quickly. SIDONIE-GABRIELLE COLETTE

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections
September 22, 2024

\$ 4,136.70 1st Collection

\$ 799.00 2nd Collection (Priest Retirement Fund)

TEXT to GIVE

Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256
using your mobile device.

Celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi

(Patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco)

Next **Sunday, October 6th**, our parish will celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Co-Patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco (Actual feast is October 4th). In recognition of this special day, our 10:30 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 ADFS 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>

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB EVENTS

Newman Thursday Nights

Weekly Masses on Mondays and

Thursdays @ 12nn

Adoration & Confessions every Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Sunday Supper evenings @7:30pm



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.

Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, Al Vicente Jr, 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, Marie Bachand, Nestor & Nelson Plodaya, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plodaya, Robert Liam, Eden Finn, Edileide Jose Barbosa, Kenneth Fambrini, Larry Barbriere, 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.

2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL : \$ **84,637.00**
Total Amount Received : \$ **34,083.00**
Week No. 30 (as of 9/24/2024) (146 household)
Outstanding Balance : \$ **50,329.00**

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

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.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith. *Loyola Press*



Statues of St. Francis

Throughout the city one can find statues of St. Francis memorializing this 13th century saint whose universal spirituality embraced a particular love for the poor and excluded. Many of these statues were made by the famed artist, Benjamino Benvenuto Bufano. Statues of Bufano's St. Francis can be found at the following San Francisco locations:

"**St. Francis on Horseback**" on Westside Courts public housing at Sutter and Broderick.

"**Head of St. Francis**" on the main quad at San Francisco State University.

"**St. Francis of the Guns**", at City College of San Francisco, Ocean Avenue campus.

"**St. Francis**" at the Longshoremen's Memorial Building at Jefferson and Taylor.

"**St. Francis**" at the entrance to Grace Cathedral on Nob Hill.

Also, Bufano's 38 foot statue "**Madonna of Peace**" may be seen on Brotherhood Way.



6 FACTS

ABOUT

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



His name was originally John.



He was a party animal.



He was a prisoner of war for a year.



He traveled into Muslim territory to convert the Sultan.



He was the first record person to receive the stigmata.



The Franciscans got papal approval after Innocent III had a vision.



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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: Gathering: Lead Me
Guide Me #401

Preparation: You Alone #661

Communion: Unless A Grain Of Wheat #332,
Bread Of Life #328

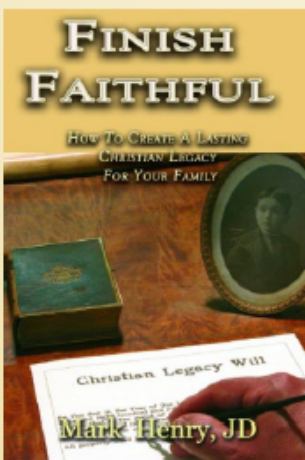
Sending: Glory And Praise To Our God #556



St. Stephen Catholic Church

presents

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



Guest Speaker:

Mark Henry, JD
author, Finish Faithful



TODAY Only!
Sunday, Sept 29, 2024

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.