

St. Stephen Parish

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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.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023

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There was a landowner who planted a vineyard,
put a hedge around it,
dug a wine press in it, and built a tower.
Then he leased it to tenants
and went on a journey.

Matthew 21:33

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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28, Psalm 25:4-9, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32

Today's first reading and Gospel present to us similar parables about a landowner who takes great care in setting up his vineyard, only to be deeply disappointed by the results. In both cases, the landowner is clearly meant to represent God, but there are distinct differences.

Isaiah says that the vineyard is the house of Israel. In spite of God's great care for the people of Israel, they disappoint him and do not produce the fruit of obedience to the covenant that God desires. Therefore, he takes away all of his carefully laid protections on the vineyard and lets it be susceptible to the effects of the world: trampled underfoot and left to be overgrown, and to suffer drought.

In Jesus' parable, the tenants to whom the vineyard is leased are expected to take care of the vineyard and give their share of the produce to the landowner. When the time to do so comes, however, the tenants ignore any attempts on the part of the landowner's agents to collect his share of the produce. They go so far as to kill the vineyard owner's son.

We know that the first parable speaks of the disobedience of the Israelites in the Old Testament. But that same disobedience is present in the second parable. For who else is the Son, in this parable, but Jesus? Who else are the murderous tenants, but those who reject the Son? For as Jesus says, *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes. Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.*

We who are here, baptized into the Kingdom, would do well to pay as much heed to these words as those to whom they were spoken should have. For as tenants of this vineyard – this Kingdom – we are responsible for it. God has blessed us with the land and the means for reaping its bounty, and by his grace we bring about the fruit of goodness, justice, and peace – and the produce of others who seek to follow Jesus because of our witness. As his tenants in this world, God gives us all the equipment we need – talents, work, education, special opportunities – to further the kingdom of God, to make God's Kingdom visible in our world to the people we meet day in and day out. Today, let us commit ourselves to bearing good fruit as God's vineyard, and to using our skills and opportunities to spread the message of God's Kingdom – God's Vineyard – to the people we encounter every day.



October 14, 2023 - Saint Callistus

Callistus was born in the late second century as a slave to a Christian master. His master noticed that Callistus had skill in finance and put him in charge of a bank. Some enemies of Callistus falsely accused him of embezzlement. Terrified, Callistus tried to escape from Rome. He was caught and condemned to the mines of Sardinia. After partially serving his sentence, he was released so that he might recover some of the money. He was arrested for fighting and sent back to the mines. Fortunately for

him and other Christians, Marcia, the emperor's mistress, won their release. Pope Zephyrinus made Callistus manager of the burial grounds. Even today the land is named the cemetery of Saint Callistus. Callistus proved himself responsible and was ordained a deacon. In 217, Callistus was elected as the next pontiff. This shocked Hippolytus and his followers. In rebellion, this group elected Hippolytus as pope, later known as the first antipope. This made two men who claimed to be pope.

A schism, or split, in the Church went on for 18 years. Pope Callistus I gently tried to encourage Hippolytus to understand his error. At the same time, Callistus tried to make wise rules for the Church. He felt there should be mercy for those who had fallen away during persecution but who later repented. Callistus said the Church has the authority to forgive all sins. This angered Hippolytus, who felt that Callistus was lenient. Hippolytus wrote bitterly about the pope, who bore the insults calmly and humbly. Callistus I remained steady in his desire to bring peace to the Church. He was martyred in a riot.

GOD'S PATIENCE

Robert Ingersoll, that great agnostic of a day gone by, once said to a contemporary, "I will give God five minutes to strike me dead for the things I have said." After five minutes and nothing had happened, Ingersoll's friend remarked, "Did you think you could exhaust God's patience in just five minutes?"



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"How many prayers can God listen to at once?"

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Oct 9

8:00 a.m.

Gary R Torres *Sp. Int.*
(By: Lourdes & Lennard Torres)

Tuesday, Oct 10

8:00 a.m.

† **Richard N Peterson**
(By: Edison Ongpian)

Wednesday Oct 11

8:00 a.m.

Francis Yiu *Sp. Int.*
(By: St. Stephen Parish Staff)

Thursday, Oct 12

8:00 a.m.

† **Ryan W Dresser**
(By: Ruby Roque)

Friday, Oct 13

8:00 a.m.

† **Jerry & Julia Fitzgerald**
(By: Mary Fitzgerald)

Saturday Oct 14

8:00 a.m.

Lennard F Torres *Sp. Int.*
(By: Gary & Lourdes Torres)

4:30 p.m.

† **Timmy McCarthy**
(By: Kathleen & John Manning)

Sunday, Oct 15

8:00 a.m.

† **Helen & Vincent Greely**
(By: Dan & Joan Leehane)

10:30 a.m.

† **Mary & Rocco Yiu**
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

6:30 p.m.

St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

— *Philippians 4:6*

TODAY'S READING

First Reading *Isaiah 5:1-7*

The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 80:9, 12-16, 19-20*

The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel.

Second Reading *Philippians 4:6-9*

Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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

Monday: **St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi; Columbus Day; Canadian Thanksgiving Day**

Wednesday: **Saint John XXIII**

Saturday: **St. Callistus I; Blessed Virgin Mary**



You're ALL Invited!

HOLY HOUR of EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Exposition, Adoration and Benediction

(Weekdays, right after the 8am Mass)

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

Anointing of the Sick at Mass

Sunday, October 15

10:30 A.M.

Parish Office Closed Tomorrow
Monday, October 9, 2023

Columbus Day

The Remarkable Salesman

Christopher Columbus was the world's most remarkable salesman. He started out not knowing where he was going. When he arrived, he didn't know where he was. And when he returned, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on a big cash advance and he received a repeat order.



Anonymous

50+ Club

Monday, November 6, 2023

Doors Open 12:30pm

New members are most welcome!

For any questions/ concerns, please call:
Helga at 415-731-8211

TEXT to GIVE

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

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.

Perry Young, 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 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.

San Francisco State University
Newman Club



Join the SFSU Newman Club for Newman Nights every Thursday from 6-8 pm. We will meet for Mass in the church and will move to the rectory for fellowship after.

- October 12 **Dinner at Stonestown Mall**
- October 19 **SEEK24 Party!**
- October 26 **Pumpkin Painting** (come dressed in a costume!)

Please also join us Sundays at 6:30 for student Mass with fellowship dinner after at no cost to you!

- **Way of the Disciple Retreat October 20-22.** Talk to a FOCUS Missionary for more information.
- Come encounter beauty, truth, and goodness at SEEK24! **SEEK** is a national Catholic conference January 1-5 in St. Louis, Missouri featuring renowned speakers, entertainment, prayer, and community with thousands of college students and young adults. You are called to be the light of the world—come and see how Christ wants to change your life! *Join the Newman Club for this transformative experience.*

All SFSU and surrounding community college students are welcome! For any questions, email victoria.connor@focus.org



St. Stephen School - Women's Guild
THE BOOK FAIR

We can't wait to welcome you all as we come together in our school library, which will be transformed into an enchanted Secret Garden. Our very special **Family Day** will take place on **Sunday October 22nd**, after 9.30am mass. This fantastic event is most successful with everyone's support.



Come one, Come all!

St Stephen Parish presents
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

featuring: *The Princess Bride*

Showing starts 7:00PM

@ Donworth Hall

Saturday, October 14, 2023

POPCORN on the house!

Bring your own chair, blankets, mats or anything that will make you feel comfortable while watching a movie with your family & friends!

This is a parish community fun event that will surely warm your heart!

Non-alcoholic drinks & candies available for sale

Religious Education for 1st to 8th Grade Students Attending non-Catholic Schools



It's not too late to register for Faith Formation classes. We provide religious education for students who attend public schools, in grades 1-8. We meet on Mondays from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the parish. Please register online: bit.ly/StStephenFF

Contact Mary Molly with questions at 415.681.2444 x4 or FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org

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 St. Stephen Program runs from mid September and ends in May. We meet once a week; Monday afternoons, 4:15pm to 5:30 pm. (except holidays).

2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Campaign GOAL	:	\$ 86,973.00
Total Payments Received	:	\$ 47,321.00
Campaign Goal Balance	:	\$ 39,652.00

We thank the following parishioners who have shared their treasures with the parish **this week** as of 9.26.2023:

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

M/M John Ritchie

M/M Harry E. Smith

HELP THE HOMELESS IN SAN FRANCISCO
Winter Faith Shelter Walk 2023

REGISTER OR DONATE AT:
[GO.DOJIGGY.IO/SHELTERWALK](https://go.dojiggy.io/shelterwalk)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

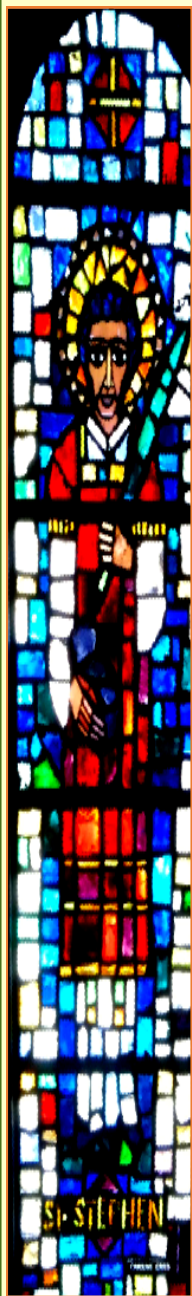
Proceeds from the San Francisco Interfaith Council's WinterFaith Shelter Walk provide the SFIC capacity to support its core mission, the Interfaith Winter Shelter, a critical program which provides shelter and meals for up to 80 homeless San Franciscans nightly during the cold and rainy winter months.

For more information, contact:
 John Ahlback at: jahlback@gmail.com / 650-296-0996.

LOCATION:
 LAKE MERCED (MEET IN PARKING LOT AT END OF SUNSET BLVD.)

REGISTRATION IS AT NOON.
 WALK BEGINS AT 1 PM.
 DISTANCE: 4 TO 4 1/2 MILES.





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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2023-2024

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| • Caritas | Nellie Hizon |
| • 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 |
| • Lectors | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Liturgy Committee | Fr. Michael Liliedahl |
| • Marriage Preparation | Clergy |
| • Men's Club | Marcus Lam |
| • Parish Council | Vicky Francisco |
| • 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.

October 8, 2023

Song Lyrics for our 10:30 a.m. Mass

Gathering: Sweet Redeemer

King of Kings, blessed Jesus
Hand of mercy, giver of grace
I have come to sing glory
To lay my heart before you in this place.

Refrain: Sweet Redeemer, I surrender

All I am to you

Sweet Redeemer, I surrender

All I am to you

I was lost and you found me
In the darkness you were my light
When I fell down you forgave me
Lifted me up and held me to your side

Refrain

Bridge: From the shadows of the tomb

You called me

You rolled away the stone

From the burden of my sin

You saved me

You made my heart your home

Refrain

Glory to God

In Breaking Bread pew hymnal #924

Prep of Gifts: The Summons

In Breaking Bread pew hymnal # 387

Mass Setting: Spirit and Grace

Holy BB #927

Memorial Acclamation BB #928

Great Amen BB #931

Lamb of God BB #932



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:

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

CONTINUE TO CHANGE

When you're through changing, you're through.

—Anonymous

Communion: You Alone

Refrain:

You alone are holy, you alone are Lord

You alone are worthy

To be honored and adored

Mercy you have given

Kindness you have shown

Love is you alone

Who of us is sinless in this place?

Who of us deserves your saving grace?

Who of us is good at all,

Without your blessed love that falls

Upon our hearts to heal this broken-ness

Refrain

What is there to do but thank you then,

For the gift that we might call you friend?

Greater love has not been known

Than that for which you gave your only Son

That you might see us pure and blessed

Refrain

Sending: Love Has Come

With one voice the angles sing

Songs that make creation ring

Prophets hear and call us

To live in spirit and in truth

God the Father Elohim

Voice of thunder, spirit wind

Breathe on me your very life

Grace will make the darkness bright

Refrain: Word of God enthroned,

Dwell in us forever more

Love has come to show the way

Hallelujah peace be with us

Love has come to show the way

God of covenant divine,

Lead us to the end of time

Beyond sorrow, beyond fear

Beyond pride and earthen tears

Refrain (repeat last line)

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, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Pope Leo XIII 1810-1903)

