

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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 15 2023

ON THIS MOUNTAIN THE LORD OF HOSTS
WILL PROVIDE FOR ALL PEOPLES
A FEAST OF RICH FOOD AND CHOICE WINES,
JUICY, RICH FOOD AND PURE, CHOICE WINES.

~ ISAIAH 25:6



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

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Isaiah 25:6-10a, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14

In every culture, food is an essential part of celebrations – from the wedding banquet to the Christmas meal. As families and friends we gather around the table, not just out of necessity, but because the time spent together there has emotional, spiritual, and human meaning. At the table, a deeper sense of unity among all is present; food unites as much as it nourishes. So we can understand why food, and the sharing of it, is so present throughout Scripture.



We see that image in today's readings from the great banquet foretold by Isaiah with its rich food and choice wines, to the wedding feast in the Gospel. Even Paul hints at it by referring to being well fed and living in abundance. Added to this, the wonderful Psalm 23, with its table spread and its overflowing cup, gives us a glimpse of what the fullness of the Kingdom will be like – a great feast, hosted by the Lord, where everyone has a place and is gathered not just to be fed but to celebrate and find peace.

It makes sense that Jesus chooses this image to flesh out his teachings on the Kingdom. It would clearly have resonated with his audience, even if some, like the chief priest and elders, failed to understand it fully.

Like many, they failed to understand that while God invites all to his banquet, that invitation must be accepted. We respond by the way we live our lives. As the parable unfolds, some responses are clearly indifferent, but others seem to resent the intrusion of the invitation, and even respond with violence and hostility. Little do they know that by rejecting the invitation, they are also rejecting the King.

But the King does not give up. Why? Because, as Isaiah tells us, God generously wants all to share in his eternal banquet.

But is that the same as saying that all will be there at the great event? No! Like some in the parable, there will be some in this life who will refuse the Lord's invitation. Consumed by this world and its busyness, and concerned with earthly treasures, they lose sight of what is eternal.

How have we responded to that invitation? By gathering on this day, we recommit to our acceptance of it. Around the table of the Lord we find our deepest and truest identity, and the grace we receive encourages and strengthens us in our lifelong preparation for our attendance at the heavenly wedding feast. Here, today, we get a foretaste of that great and glorious banquet. May it strengthen our faith in the promise that awaits us at the heavenly banquet.

Take the strength you have received by participating in today's journey, use it to spread, as a disciple of Jesus, his divine message to those whom you come into contact with this day and always.

October 20, 2023 - St. Paul of the Cross

Paul Francis Danei was born in Italy in 1694, the second of 16 children. Because of his father's financial difficulties, Paul had to leave school to help support his family. At age 15, he began to realize how much Jesus suffered for him. In response, he prayed and did difficult things such as sleeping on the floor and not eating foods he liked. He wanted to follow Christ more closely and share in his passion and death.



At age 20, Paul joined the Venetian army that was defending the faith. After a year, he went back to a life of prayer and penance. Then God called him to form a group of men dedicated to preaching parish missions. These men, called Passionists, would preach the mystery of Christ crucified—the mystery of the Father's love—in hopes that Christians would turn from their sins and rededicate their lives to Christ. Paul developed a method for giving parish mission talks that involved laypeople.

Paul received gifts of prophecy and healing from the Holy Spirit. He was so powerful when he preached and so gentle in confession that he brought many sinners back to the Lord. Paul once said, "England is always before my eyes, and if ever again it becomes Catholic, the benefit to the Church will be immeasurable." Within 65 years, a Passionist named Dominic Barberi went to England to help reconcile John Henry Newman and others to the Catholic Church, aiding the revival of Catholicism there. Paul of the Cross died in 1775.



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"God knows all our sins 'cause they're stored in His cloud."

The man was in no shape to drive, so he wisely left his car parked and walked home. As he was walking unsteadily along, he was stopped by a policeman. "What are you doing out here at 2a.m.?" said the officer. "I'm going to a lecture," the man said. "And who is going to give a lecture at this hour?" the cop asked. "My wife," said the man.

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We Rent Our Hall

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USE OUR PARTY ROOM!

Our 20,000 Sq. Ft. Parish Center Available to Rent

For more information, call Shay at 415 681-2444 x7

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Oct 16

8:00 a.m.

† **Nerio & Boy Plondaya**
(By: Carlota & Family)

Tuesday, Oct 17

8:00 a.m.

† **Mildred Abe**
(By: William Vogel)

Wednesday Oct 18

8:00 a.m.

Stephen Bautista Sp. Int.
(By: Bautista Family)

Thursday, Oct 19

8:00 a.m.

† **Yvonne Hanlon**
(By: Terry Long)

Friday, Oct 20

8:00 a.m.

† **Marvel Fernandes**
(By: Joe & Josie Fernandes)

Saturday Oct 21

8:00 a.m.

† **Aurora Roque**
(By: Ruby Roque)

4:30 p.m.

St Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr. Michael)

Sunday, Oct 22

8:00 a.m.

† **Klaus Reinsberg**
(By: Helga D'Arcy)

10:30 a.m.

Marilyn Mullaney Sp Int
(By: Mary Molly Mullaney)

6:30 p.m.

† **Rommel Jessica Rivera**
(By: Cagalingan Family)



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I can do all things in him who strengthens me
Philippians 4:13

TODAY'S READING

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines
(*Isaiah 25:6-10a*).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (*Psalm 23*).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need
(*Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (*Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	Saint Hedwig
Tuesday	Saint Ignatius of Antioch
Wednesday	Saint Luke
Thursday	Saints John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Friday	Saint Paul of the Cross
Saturday	Saint Hilarion



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.

Stewardship: A Way of Life September 2023

\$ 21,654.51	Sunday Collections (9/3, 10, 17, 24)
\$ 7,143.00	Online Sunday Collections (9/1-30)
\$ 3,883.00	Donworth Hall SEPT Rental Income
\$ 32,680.51	Total Income for SEPTEMBER 2023

LESS:

\$ 16,570.58	Parish Maintenance for SEPTEMBER 2023
\$ 16,109.93	OVER/ Under

Please continue to generously support your Parish!

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 "**SAINTSTEPHENSF**" 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 Barbieri, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names

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 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
Book Fair Fun Is Starting Soon!

We hope to see you all at the **Saint Stephen's School Library on Sunday, October 22nd after 10:30 mass.** We will have all the latest books available for purchase. Every sale helps support our school library! Email the Co-Chairs at: ststephenbookfair@gmail.com with any questions. *Thank you and see you at the fair!*

2024 Mass Intention Book Now Open!

Due to a large volume of Mass requests and in order to be fair to the needs of our parishioners, the following is the Mass Book Policy:

1. Only registered Parishioners can request up to a maximum of 10 masses/year. & only 2 of those Masses may be on weekends depending on availability - this makes it fair to all parishioners who wish to have a weekend Mass.
 2. Mass intentions cannot be reserved by phone or via SMS. Requests must be submitted in writing or via email. You may drop your requests together with your donation payment at the Collection basket or at the Parish Mailbox or slow mail to the Parish Office.
 3. Not all dates are available, so we ask that you be prepared with alternate dates and times. If your requested date is not available, an alternate next open date shall be chosen.
 4. Mass Intentions are at least \$10 each. If you're paying by check, Check Memo should indicate - Mass intention on xx/xx/23 (date) OR No. of Mass intentions;
 5. Allow time for processing and provide your email or phone no. to confirm your masses.
- For any questions, please call Carol, 415-681-2444 x3 or email carol@SaintStephenSF.org.

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	:	\$ 48,171.00
Campaign Goal Balance	:	\$ 38,802.00

We thank the following parishioners who have shared their treasures with the parish **this week** as of 10.10.2023:
 (For a complete listing, refer to AAA Poster in Church vestibule.)

Mrs Betty Ganduglia

HELP THE HOMELESS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Winter Faith Shelter Walk 2023

**REGISTER OR DONATE AT:
 GO.DOJIGGY.IO/SHELTERWALK**

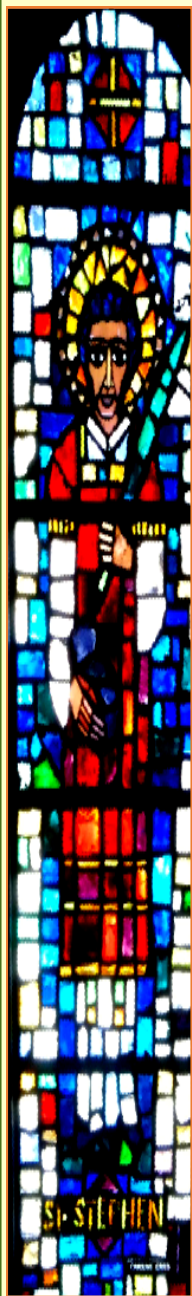
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

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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| • Bridge Group | Virginia Stefanelli |
| • 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 15, 2023

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

Gathering: Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowing here I find my rest
Without you I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart
 Lord, I need you, oh I need you
 Every hour I need you
 My one defense, my righteousness
 O God, how I need you
Where sin runs deep, your grace is more
Where grace is found, is where you are
Where you are, Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
 Chorus
 Bridge: Teach my song to rise to you
 When temptation comes my way
 When I cannot stand I fall on you
 Jesus you're my hope and stay
 Chorus (with repeat last line)

Glory To God (Spirit & Grace setting)

In Breaking Bread Hymnal #924

Preparation of Gifts: Purify My Heart

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold...pure gold
 Refiners fire, my heart's one desire
 Is to be...holy, set apart for you Lord
 I choose to be...holy
 Set apart for you my master
 Ready to do your will

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within and make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within
 Chorus
 (Repeat chorus)

Mass Parts: (Spirit & Grace setting)

In Breaking Bread hymnal #927-932

Communion: Remembrance

Oh how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery
Say take this bread, take this wine
Now the simple made divine
(Remembrance cont.)
For any to receive
 By your mercy we come to your table
 By your grace you are making us faithful
 Lord we remember you
 And remembrance leads us to worship
 And as we worship you
 Our worship leads to Communion
 We respond to your invitation
 We remember you
See his body, his blood
Know that he has overcome
Every trial that we will face
And none too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed
All are welcome in this place
 Pre-chorus
 Chorus
Bridge: Dying you destroyed our death
 Rising you restored our life
 Lord Jesus come in glory (4X)
 Chorus

Sending: Lord I Lift Your Name

Lord I lift your name on high
Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us
You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high

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

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

