

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.

A collection of ancient silver coins, likely denarii, with a prominent gold coin in the center. The coins are scattered and overlapping, with the gold coin being the focal point. The background is dark, making the metallic surfaces stand out.

JESUS SAID TO THE PHARISEES,
"REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR
AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD."

MATTHEW 22:21

October 22, 2023

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6, Psalm 96, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b, Matthew 22:15-21

Our allegiance to country – be it the United States or other nation – is important, but never more important than our allegiance to God. Our primary identity is not as citizens of a particular country, but as children of God. It is God to whom we belong, first and foremost. This is the message of today's readings.

Our first reading from Isaiah is about Cyrus, king of Persia, to whom the Lord gave power to subdue the Babylonians. Cyrus then allowed the captive Israelites to return to Jerusalem. This rebellion was accomplished, not for the sake of Cyrus or his kingdom, but for God's glory. Of primary importance is not belonging to the Babylonians or Persians, but belonging to God and knowing that there is none other besides him.

In the Gospel, Jesus' opponents try to entrap him on the question of taxation. Jesus' response is, *repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God*. Caesar's image and inscription are on the Roman coin. Thus, they belong to Caesar.

Jesus does not ask, but the next question is implied: Where do we find God's image and inscription? The answer is, in us, his children. God created us in his image and inscribed his law on our hearts. No matter what their allegiance to Rome, Jesus' message to his opponents is that they belong to God. Caesar may claim the coins to be his own, but he cannot claim people; they are claimed by God.

We are God's, we belong to him. We must repay to God what belongs to God. How do we do this? We do this by giving God our very selves: loving him with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. We do this by giving God the best we have to offer: our first fruits of time, talent, and treasure. We do this by giving God our primary allegiance: putting God first, before nations or kingdoms, political or economic systems, institutions or ideologies.

Participating in the Eucharist, we are united with Christ and one another in offering our very selves to God. The grace of the sacrament strengthens our unity and allegiance to the One to whom we belong, now and forever.

Liturgy and Life

- How can you allow possessions an appropriate place in your life and not let them be a master of your life and time?
- When does it occur to you to praise God during the week?
- What does it mean to belong to God?



October 20, 2023 - St. Anthony Claret

The well-liked Spanish priest Anthony Claret was the fifth of eleven children. His family was poor but hard working. Weaving was a family trade. Anthony's earliest memories of home were the family's praying the rosary and going to church. From this environment grew his deep love and devotion to Jesus and Mary.

By age twenty-one Anthony had been educated and was in much demand for his skill as a weaver. While suffering because of poor health, Anthony imagined himself as a Carthusian monk. He went to the bishop for advice. The bishop suggested that he first go to the diocesan seminary and then, if he wished, leave and become a monk. Anthony followed this advice and enjoyed seminary life.

Anthony was assigned as archbishop of Cuba. Not having had an archbishop for fourteen years, the island was in need of renewal. Anthony reorganized the seminary training, preached in all the churches, heard confessions, and guided people to Christ. He worked for updated farm methods and credit unions. He wanted the people to own their own farms, knowing that this would improve family life. He made enemies by teaching black slaves. Fifteen times people tried to assassinate him.

After eight years, Anthony was called to Spain to be Queen Isabella II's confessor. He obeyed unhappily. He and the queen agreed that he would not live at the palace but come only to hear her confession and instruct her children. This freed him to open a religious publishing house and write more than two hundred books and pamphlets.

In 1886 a revolution took place, and those associated with the court fled to Rome where Vatican Council I was in session. There he defended the infallibility of the pope. Then he returned to a Cistercian monastery in France where he stayed in solitude until his death.



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Did God answer your prayer?

A man was lost in the desert. Later, describing his ordeal to his friends, he told how, in sheer despair, he had knelt down and cried out to God to help him. "And did God answer your prayer,?" he was asked. "Oh, no! Before He could, an explorer appeared and showed me the way."

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Oct 23

8:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday, Oct 24

8:00 a.m.

† **John Armanini**
(By: Tony & Teresa Devinnenzi)

Wednesday Oct 25

8:00 a.m.

Janice Ysip Sp. Int.
(By: Erwin Ysip)

Thursday, Oct 26

8:00 a.m.

† **John Steele**
(By: Teshara Family)

Friday, Oct 27

8:00 a.m.

Adele Caunan Sp. Int.
(By: Parish staff & Volunteers)

Saturday Oct 28

8:00 a.m.

† **Manuel Solis**
(By: Margarita Solis-Tucker)
William & Alice Grimes
Sp. Int. (By: Alice Grimes)

4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 29

8:00 a.m.

† **Jerry Cassidy**
(By: Frost Family)

10:30 a.m.

† **Concetta Devincenzi**
(By: Tony & Teresa Devincenzi)

6:30 p.m.

Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr Michael)



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2023

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."

— Matthew 22:21

TODAY'S READING

First Reading — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the LORD, there is no other" (*Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*).

Psalm — Give the Lord glory and honor (*Psalms 96*).

Second Reading — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (*1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b*).

Gospel — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (*Matthew 22:15-21*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: **St. John of Capistrano**

Tuesday: **St. Anthony Mary Claret**

Saturday: **Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles**

TEXT to GIVE

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



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.

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!

St. Stephen Parish Choir
Welcomes YOU!



Join Our Choir!

THOSE WHO SING PRAY TWICE!!!

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

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 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 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
TODAY!

We hope to see you all at the **Saint Stephen's School Library today, 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!*

MOVIE NIGHT

Our sincerest appreciation to all parishioner and school families who attended the MOVIE NIGHT last Saturday, October 14th featuring Princess Bride. It was heartwarming to see kids feeling at home with their bean bags, lounge chair and sleeping bags eating popcorn while watching movie. Such a homey feeling! Hope to see you all and more in our next Parish Community Event!



WINTER FAITH SHELTER WALK

Special thanks go out to all those who sponsored the St. Stephen's Fog Walkers in the WinterFaith Shelter Walk, a 4-1/2 mile charity trek around Lake Merced. We helped raise funds for the SF Interfaith Council's winter homeless shelter. In supporting the St. Stephen's Fog Walkers in this fundraiser you have become a partner with the four religiously affiliated host sites that open their doors (including St. Mary's Cathedral) and over 50 congregations (including St. Stephen's) that prepare and provide meals and give hope to those who otherwise would be neglected! Thank you!

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. Pls indicated deceased/bday blessing, etc
4. Suggested donation is at least \$10 for each Intention. If you're paying by check, Check Memo should indicate - Mass intention on xx/xx/23 (date) OR No. of 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

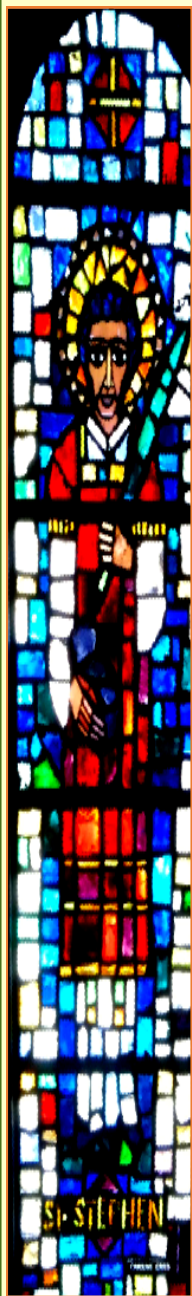
Would you like your children to learn more about our Catholic faith, or to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Please consider sending them to our St. Stephen Faith Formation Program. Our St. Stephen Program runs from mid September and ends in May. We meet once a week; Monday afternoons, 4:15pm 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 10.17.2023:
 (For a complete listing, refer to AAA Poster in Church vestibule.)

No Donor for the week



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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2023-2024

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| • St. Stephen Book Club | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Ushers | Jim Scheg |
| • Women's Guild | Jamie Allen
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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 22, 2023

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

Gathering: You Are My All In All

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking you as a precious jewel Lord,
to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down you pick me up
When I am dry you fill my cup You
are my all in all
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name

Offertory: Come As You Are

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O
sinner, come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home, it's not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure
Chorus
Come as you are
Come as you are Fall
in his arms Come as
you are
There's joy for the morning, O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal (2x)
Chorus (repeat last line)

Communion: Your Love Defends Me

You are my joy, you are my song
You are the well, the one I'm drawing from
You are my refuge my whole life long
Where else would I go
Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me
Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me
Your love defends me
Day after day, night after night
I will remember you're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war is already won,
I know the war is already won
Chorus
We sing Hallelujah
You're my portion, my salvation
Hallelujah
Chorus
We sing Hallelujah
You're my portion, my salvation
Hallelujah
You're my portion, my salvation
Hallelujah
You're my portion, my salvation

Sending: 10.000 Reasons

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship his Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I worship your Holy name
You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Chorus

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. Current book 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.

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*

