

# 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.

## MATTHEW 22:36-39

36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'[a] 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

*October 29, 2023*  
*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26, Psalm 18, 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10, Matthew 22:34-240

The opponents of Jesus just won't give up! Last week, they tried to trip him up on the sticky question of taxes to Caesar. Today is a cunning attempt to lead him into a hair-splitting debate and lose him in the wilderness of the subtleties of the Mosaic Law! It is noteworthy that Matthew uses the same Greek word here – to test – as when describing Jesus' earlier confrontation with Satan in the desert. Clearly, he wants us to understand that those who test Jesus are in league with, or at least unwittingly doing, the work of Satan.

Matthew sets the scene well! A Pharisee – a lawyer – asks Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest. His response does not seek to set aside the Law, but instead to interpret it more fully. For Jesus, the greatest commandment is found in Deuteronomy: *You shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength* (6:5).

Jesus' answer emphasizes the centrality of love – a cord that binds together the human heart and soul and directs us toward God.

While asked for only one commandment, Jesus adds a second, quoting from Leviticus, which he says is equal to and inseparable from the first: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself* (19:18). Everything, he says, hangs on these two interrelated commandments. Like a door on two hinges that will not open or close properly if out of alignment, so, too, our lives if we do not love God and our neighbor. Jesus is not discounting any other commandments, but simply emphasizing that these two are foundational.

So what does this declaration mean for us today? As we struggle to live the Christian life, we can so easily compartmentalize love of God and love of neighbor. Sometimes, it may seem easier to love God than to love our neighbor. But, as Jesus proclaims, these two loves cannot be separated.

By linking this Gospel with a practical reading from Exodus, we are reminded that this love is more than a warm and fuzzy feeling. Out of Israel's experience of slavery in Egypt, there emerged the reality of a God who is compassionate and protective of the weak. No one is to take advantage of them or to imprison them in a relentless cycle of dependence. How challenging these ancient words and this ethical wisdom can sound today.

Paul confirms this teaching by reminding the Thessalonians of their fidelity to Christ. He rejoices with them because they have remained steadfast and active in faith. For them, faith is more than a passing fad. Clearly, they have recognized the word of God in Paul's preaching, and through the lived example of their lives, have now become ministers of the Gospel to others within their community and beyond. Awaiting the return of Christ, they have become people of hope, bringing the combined love of God and neighbor to others.



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"Look, Mommy! We're pretending to love each other."

## November 3, 2023 - St. Martin de Porres



Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru, to parents of mixed race. Raised primarily by his mother, a freed slave, Martin experienced the effects of racism and poverty early in his life. He became the apprentice of a barber, learning not only how to cut hair, but to perform basic medical treatments. Feeling called to give his life to God in service of the lowly, Martin entered the Dominicans, who accepted him as a lay helper and later as a brother. He spent his days caring for the those who were sick and poor, as well as performing menial tasks within the monastery. His nights were spent in prayer, penance, and adoration. Martin treated everyone with respect and dignity, regardless of their race or social status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage to care for Lima's many street children.

At his canonization ceremony in 1962, Pope John XXIII said of Saint Martin: "He tried with all his might to redeem the guilty; lovingly he comforted the sick; he provided food, clothing and medicine for the poor; he helped, as best he could, farm laborers and Negroes, as well as mulattoes, who were looked upon at that time as akin to slaves: thus he deserved to be called by the name the people gave him: 'Martin of Charity.'"



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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Monday, Oct 30**

8:00 a.m.

† **James Miles**  
*(By: William Vogel)*

**Tuesday, Oct 31**

8:00 a.m.

† **Kevin Tran**  
*(By: Carolyn Yiu)*

**Wednesday Nov 1**

8:00 a.m.

**Madonna Sabisor Sp. Int.**  
*(By: Carlota & Family)*

**Thursday, Nov 2**

8:00 a.m.

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

**Friday, Nov 3**

8:00 a.m.

**Carlota Plondaya Sp. Int.**  
*(By: Ding, Baby & Kids)*

**Saturday Nov 4**

8:00 a.m.

**Luciana & Jesue Mangana**  
*Sp. Int (By: M & M Magana)*

4:30 p.m.

† **Al Vicente**  
*(By: Vicente family)*

**Sunday, Nov 5**

8:00 a.m.

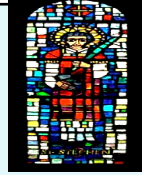
† **Mila Pasqual**  
*(By: Emma Sagala)*

10:30 a.m.

**Robert Liam Sp. Int**  
*(By: Lolo & Lola Cags)*

6:30 p.m.

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



**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*October 29, 2023*

The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor.

Exodus 22:20-26

**TODAY'S READING**

**First Reading**

The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor. *Exodus 22:20-26*

**Responsorial Psalm**

The Lord is our strength. *Psalm 18:2-4,47,51*

**Second Reading**

Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.


*1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10*

**Gospel Reading**

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment. *Matthew 22:34-40*

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Tuesday	:	<b>Halloween</b>
Wednesday	:	<b>All Saints</b>
Thursday	:	<b>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)</b>
Friday	:	<b>St. Martin de Porres; First Friday</b>
Saturday	:	<b>St. Charles Borromeo; First Saturday</b>


  
 You're ALL Invited!  
**HOLY HOUR of**  
**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION**  
 Exposition, Adoration and Benediction  
*(Weekdays, right after the 8am Mass)*  
 Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**Everyone is Invited!**  
**November 1**  
**ALL SAINTS Day**  
**is a Holy Day of Obligation**  
 Masses at:  
**8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.**

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

- 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.*

**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

**P**lease 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.*



## All Soul's Day

Daniel 12:1-3; Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40  
Thursday, November 2

### All Souls Day

*Those who lead others to justice shall be like the stars forever.*

Christians had a custom of remembering the dead from early on. Third-century writings speak of a need for purification before seeing God, and even among members of the Jewish community before Christ, some prayed for the dead (2 Macc 12:42). Though the Roman Church has spoken of a time for penance after death, the Eastern Church has seen it as a need for growth before entering God's presence.

On this day we remember all "who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith." A companion feast to All Saints, All Souls is an affirmation of our belief that the living and the dead are held together in one communion before God. In Christ, we share one body, and so our prayer for the dead and their prayer for us is "efficacious," in Augustine's word: It can effect change. In the turbulent time of Daniel's prophecy, as in our age, it is inspiring to hear that those who stand for justice on earth will share in the light of Christ for all time, radiant as the stars.

*One who is dead has been freed from sin.* Paul is a near-perfect example of the detachment Christians are invited to live. He understands that accepting discipleship in Christ is dying to worldly values and living only for the kingdom. Surrendering to the ways of the kingdom – love, joy, humility, forgiveness, among others – means being freed from the hooks that sin has in us, like jealousy, resentment, pride, stubbornness of heart. We cannot serve two masters, we know. If we serve the kingdom, we are dead to the empty claims of this world.

Death is always hard, because of the loss of the familiar. But being lost to the vain games of human culture liberates us for the sustaining joy of life in Christ. The problem with talking about this is that anyone who has not experienced this freedom thinks you are just talking about boring old religion. Real death with Christ leads to a life that is anything but boring.

*"All that the Father gives me shall come to me."* In John's Gospel, Jesus repeats that He has come not to do His own will but His Father's. In light of this, I am embarrassed that so often I insist on my own will being done, particularly as I know God's will is infinitely wiser and better than mine.

When it comes to the last day, God has a plan that exceeds our hopes. All who have been given to Christ will be raised up on the last day. Narrowly viewed, that of course means all the baptized. But as Jesus himself says elsewhere (Jn 10:16), "I have other sheep you know nothing about."

The baptism of Spirit and fire was given to many so-called inappropriate people. Jesus' followers were upset when those not of their number cast out demons; the apostles were likewise astounded in Acts when the Gentiles started speaking in tongues. Those who are given to Christ might well surprise us in the end.



## LOVE THEM ANYWAY

In Calcutta, India, there is a children's home named Shishu Bhavan (Children's Home), founded by Mother Teresa. The home continues to be operated by her community, the Missionaries of Charity. On the wall of the home hangs a sign which reads:

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered.

### LOVE THEM ANYWAY

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives, **DO GOOD ANYWAY**

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies, **SUCCEED ANYWAY**

The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow, **DO GOOD ANYWAY**

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable, **BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY**

What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight, **BUILD ANYWAY**

People really need help but may attack you if you help them, **HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY**

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth, **GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY**

Mother Teresa counseled her young charges that the challenges offered by this sign can be met only if human beings are motivated by a love and a respect for one another which looks beyond faults, differences, ulterior motives, success and failure. Mother Teresa once said of herself, "By blood and origin, I am all Albanian. My citizenship is Indian. I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the whole world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the heart of Jesus." (*A Simple Path*, Ballantine Books, New York: 1995). It is this relationship of belonging and the loving service which grows out of that belonging which the Scriptural authors called Covenant. (Patricia Datchuck Sánchez)

### Religious Education for 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://bit.ly/StStephenFF)

Contact Mary Molly with questions at 415.681.2444 x4 or [FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org](mailto:FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org)

### 2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

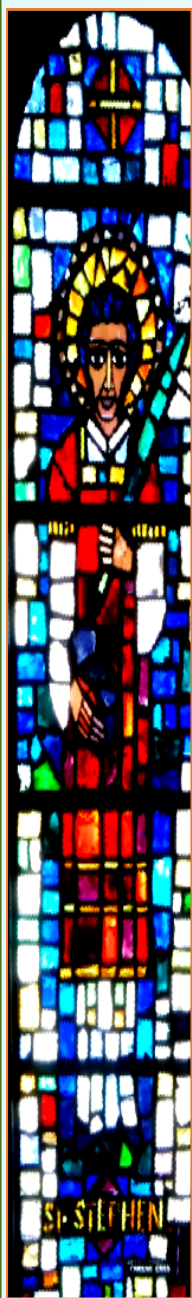
Campaign GOAL	:	\$ 86,973.00
Total Payments Received	:	\$ 48,171.00
Campaign Goal Balance	:	\$ 38,802.00

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| • Altar Society            | Joan Leehane               |
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### ***Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!***

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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.

Sunday October 29, 2023

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

### **Gathering: Here I Am To Worship**

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore you  
Hope of a life spent with you  
Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that you're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me  
King of all days, Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly you came to the earth you created  
All for love's sake became poor

*Chorus*

*Bridge:*

I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross (2x)

Chorus

### **Offertory: Open My Eyes**

Open my eyes Lord, help me to see your face  
Open my eyes Lord, help me to see  
Open my ears Lord, help me to hear your voice  
Open my ears Lord, help me to hear  
Open my heart Lord, help me love like you  
Open my heart Lord, help me to love  
    And the first shall be last  
    And our eyes are opened  
    And we'll hear like never before  
    And we'll speak in new ways  
    And we'll see God's face  
    In places we've never known  
I live within you, deep in your heart O love  
I live within you, rest now in me  
Open my eyes Lord, help me to see your face  
Open my eyes Lord, help me to see



### **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*

### **Communion: How Great Is Our God**

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice  
    How great is our God  
    How great is our God  
    How great, how great, is our God  
And age to age he stands  
And time is in his hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead three in one  
Father, Spirit, One  
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb  
Chorus  
*Bridge {2x}:*  
Name above all names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing, "How great is our God"  
    How great is our God  
    How great is our God  
    How great, how great is our God

### **Sending: Shout To The Lord**

My Jesus, my Savior  
Lord there is none like you  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of your mighty love  
My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship you  
    Shout to the Lord  
    All the earth let us sing  
    Power and majesty, praise to the King  
    Mountains bow down  
    And the seasons will roar  
    At the sound of your name  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares  
To the promise I have in you (2x)

### **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.

Book we are reading for **November & December:**  
*Jesus: a Pilgrimage* by James Martin, S.J.

