

Saint 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.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary time

November 3, 2024



**Join the
FUN!**

**Tomorrow
Monday,
Nov. 4, 2024
in Donworth
Hall**

**Doors Open
12:30pm**

*All Seniors
are invited!*

*Bingo, Bridge,
Snacks*

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

WITH ALL YOUR *heart,*

WITH ALL YOUR *soul,*

AND WITH ALL YOUR *strength.*

Mark 12:30

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

Pastor's Corner

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who made my installation as pastor of our parish last Sunday such a wonderful, faith-filled event. A particular thanks to our parish staff, school community, altar servers, choir, sacristans, and everyone who did things large and small to prepare for the special day. We are very grateful our chief shepherd, Archbishop Cordileone, was able to come to celebrate the Mass as well as Father Michael Lilledahl, Father Daniel Nascimento (Pastor of St. Anne's & Dean of the Sunset Deanery), and Father Paul Warren (former pastor). As the Archbishop mentioned, he enjoys the opportunities to visit the parishes for events such as this and from what I heard, everyone found the Mass and reception to be a very special event for our community.

On Thursday, I will be heading out of town with my parents for a week to visit my sister's family in Eugene, Oregon, taking advantage of the Veteran's Day holiday. It will be a combination celebration for my nephew's second birthday and early Thanksgiving celebration for our side of her family. This will mean I will be away next weekend, but I will see you the following weekend.

On our altar during the month of November, we place the names of our loved ones who have gone before us as we remember them before the sacrifice of our Lord. We are able to do this because our faith leads us to hope in the promise of eternal life. May our prayer be that all of those who have died, rise with him to eternal life.

Father Schunk

OUR SAINT FOR THE WEEK:

Saint Bertilla

Feast Day - Tuesday Nov. 5

Sometime in the mid-seventh century, St. Bertilla entered a convent in France. Bertilla's eighth-century biographer presented her as a model of perfect obedience for nuns and monks. He fashioned the story of her impeccable conduct to encourage them to conform eagerly to their rule of life. But he heaped so much praise on Bertilla's virtuous behavior that she seemed to be more angelic than human. He did not succeed, however, in concealing completely the real Bertilla:

Once, when a troubled sister spoke angry words to her, Bertilla called down divine judgment upon her. Although the fault was forgiven, Bertilla worried about her curse. Then the sister died unexpectedly, choked by asthma. Not having heard the signal for the funeral, Bertilla asked the reason for the resounding chorus of psalms. When she learned of the sister's death, she trembled fearfully. She hurried to the place where the little body lay lifeless and with great faith laid her hand on the dead nun's breast. Bertilla ordered her receding soul through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, not to leave, but before she spoke with him, to forgive her anger against her. And God permitted the spirit that had left the body to return to the corpse. To the amazement of all, the revived cadaver drew breath. Looking at the servant of God, she said: "What have you done, sister? Why did you retrieve me from the way of light?" "I beg you sister," said Bertilla humbly, "to give me words of forgiveness, for once I cursed you when you had a troubled spirit." "May God forgive you," said the nun. "I harbor no resentment in my heart against you now and I love you. Please entreat God for me and permit me to go in peace and don't hold me back. For I am ready for the bright road and now I cannot start without your permission."

"Go then in the peace of Christ," said Bertilla, "and pray for me, sweet sister."

As the saint aged she apparently overcame her flaw of anger, as her reputation for humility and gentleness spread widely. She died around the year 700. Bertilla's story has a special interest for Christians who are fascinated with near-death experiences.

St. Stephen Women's Guild Presents

A NIGHT UNDER THE MISTLETOE

Winter Auction December 7 at the Olympic Club

Tickets are now available:

www.sswgauction.com

This is St. Stephen School's **largest fundraiser of the year** and it is a night not to be missed!

We will have special performances from Corelli Strings, auctioneer extraordinaire Bob Sarlatte and local stars Pride & Joy. There will be six incredible raffle prizes, 24+ silent auction baskets filled with incredible items ranging from Apple AirPods Max, a Top Golf Party for 12, a Staycation at the Westin St. Francis, to Niners tickets and more (get your Christmas shopping done!). We'll also have sign-up parties, a Christmas Market filled with handmade items by St. Stephen moms, and beautiful Auction Art made by St. Stephen School Students!



Our 20,000 sq. ft.
Parish Event Center
Donworth Hall is
Available to Rent
Shay at 415 681-2444x7
Or online at:
[donworthevents@
saintstephensf.org](mailto:donworthevents@saintstephensf.org)

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Nov 4

8:00 a.m. † **Michael Moriarty**
(By: Rose O'Connor)

Tuesday, Nov 5

8:00 a.m. † **Mila Pascual**
(By: Emma Sagala)

Wednesday, Nov 6

8:00 a.m. **Fr. Stephen Howell** Sp. Int.
(By: D & C Family)

Thursday, Nov 7

8:00 a.m. † **Apolinario Reyes**
(By: Liberty Mungcal)

Friday, Nov 8

8:00 a.m. **Lynn Boquiren** Sp. Int.
(By: Fely Boquiren)

Saturday, Nov 9

8:00 a.m. † **Josie Fernandes**
(By: Joe Fernandes)
4:30 p.m. **St. Stephen Parishioners**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

Sunday, Nov 10

8:00 a.m. † **Nigel Rowley**
(By: Jim & Trish Hargarten)

10:30 a.m. † **Frank Glynn**
(By: Antonette Glynn)

6:30 p.m. † **Zar Reyes**
(By: Ding & Carol Cagalingan & Family)

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 3, 2024

You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. — Deuteronomy 6:5



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**
National Vocation Awareness Week;
Daylight Saving Time ends
Monday **St. Charles Borromeo**
Tuesday **St. Bertilla, Election Day**
Wednesday **St. Théophane Vénard**
Thursday **St. Willibrord**
Friday **St. Elizabeth of the Trinity**
Saturday **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
Blessed Virgin Mary

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections

October 27, 2024

First Collection: \$ 4,592.19

Online Offerings: \$ 1,026.00

TEXT to GIVE

Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256
using your mobile device.

13th Annual SF Turkey Drive

Benefitting San Francisco-Marin Food Bank & St. Anthony Foundation

Drop-off Site 9:00 a.m. to Noon:
350 De Montfort Ave (at Jules Ave) San Francisco
A block from Ocean Ave, across from
St. Emydius Church.

Thanksgiving Drive Saturday, Nov. 23

Bring Frozen Turkeys or Boxes of Vegetables

Christmas Drive Saturday, Dec. 21

Bring Turkeys, Hams or Boxes of Vegetables

Online Giving: www.SFTurkeyDrive.com

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB EVENTS

Student-only Masses on Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Holy Hour with Adoration on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Newman Night Socials on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Supper after Sunday 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Bible Studies: ongoing, contact Fr. Michael for more info.



2025 Mass Intentions

Our 2025 Mass Intention Calendar is open for the months January through June. In order to be fair to the needs of all our parishioners, we ask you to limit your request to 3 masses during this period. Stop by our parish office to set up dates and times.

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.

Al Vicente Jr, Larry & Carmelita Gallager,
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,
Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand,
Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Eden Finn,
Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya,
Robert Liam, Edileide Jose Barbosa,
Kenneth Fambrini, Larry Barbieri, Carol Dominguez,
Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scossieria, Gwendolyn Walsh,
Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names.

2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL: \$ **84,637.00**

Total Amount Received: \$ **46,683.00**

(as of 10/22/2024 ~ 140 households participating)

Outstanding Balance: \$ **37,954.00**

We thank all those families who have already made their pledge/donations to the Appeal. As of October 30, 2024, we have reached about 55% of our goal. For the next 2 months, we pray that the balance of \$37,954 be met so that we do not pull out from our parish savings. -Fr Schunk

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

Volunteers Needed for Children's Faith Formation

We need more volunteers to help with Faith Formation classes on Monday afternoons (4:15pm-5:30pm) and Children's Liturgy on Sundays at the 10:30 Mass. Please reach out to Mary Molly in the parish office if you want to learn more about what the volunteer tasks would involve.

The Faith Formation programs help form the next generation of happily practicing Catholics. Won't you help with this important and fun mission?



Advent Wreath-Making Party

Mon., Nov. 25, 5:00-7:00 P.M.
in Donworth Hall
Register online:
www.bit.ly/AdventWreathParty
\$20 per Family/Couple/Single



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28b-34

Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.



Background on the Gospel Reading

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We welcome those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith or would like to become a Catholic. We also welcome baptized Catholics who are seeking to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation.

For more information, contact Mary Molly,
@ 415.681.2444 x4 or email:

FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org.

November

All Souls Remembrance

Take time this week to **pray** for the dead. **Pray** for those you have loved.

Pray for anyone who may have wronged you. **Pray** for those whom you have only read about in the papers.

We pray:

*For All the Souls of the Dead, O God,
you willed that your Only Begotten Son,
having conquered death,
should pass over into the realm of heaven.
I pray that all your faithful
departed servants,
who have left this earthly life,
may join your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
and gaze eternally on you,
their Creator and Redeemer, in heaven. Amen.*



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.



St. Stephen's Book Club Nov/Dec Book: *The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth* by Marcus J. Borg

Next meeting: Sat, Dec. 7 @ 10:00 a.m.

(no meeting in November)

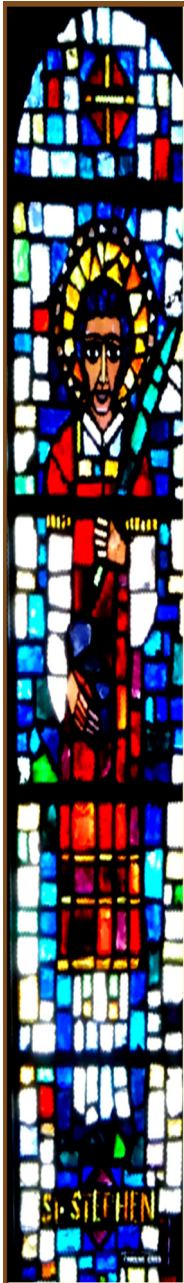
Top Jesus scholars show how history has biased our reading of the nativity story in the Gospels.

They explore the beginning of the life of Christ, peeling away the sentimentalism that has built up over the last two thousand years around this most well-known of all stories to reveal the truth of what the gospels actually say and show that the Christmas story is far richer and more challenging than people imagine.



This Week's Humor

Sunday school teacher was talking to a class of five- and six-year-olds about the Ten Commandments. "Can you give me a Commandment with only four words?" she asked. "I know," said a little girl: "Keep off the grass." The discussion turned to family love and the teacher brought in the Commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother." Then she asked, "What about a Commandment that tells us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" A little boy who had five brothers and sisters was quick to answer: "I know," he said, "You shall not kill." When the class ended, two of the boys began to poke each other. The teacher intervened saying, "Didn't we just finish talking about the Golden Rule?" to which one of the little combatants replied, "Yes but he did it unto me first."



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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2024-2025

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- Parish Council: Vicky Francisco
- Religious Education (Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality): Mary Molly Mullaney
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*Our warmest welcome
to all who celebrate
with us!*



You can register with our parish through our online database on Realm (click on blue "Sign Up" button): www.bit.ly/StStephenReg

If you prefer a paper form or need to update your information you may complete this form & place it in the collection basket, or mail to the Parish Office, or call us at 415-681-2444 or visit 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.

Today's Music

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: Gather Us In #321

Preparation: Christians Let Us Love One Another #487

Communion: Come To Me And Drink #352,
Center Of My Life #509

Sending: Rejoice, the Lord Is King #735



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, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.