


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.



**“Whoever exalts himself
shall be humbled;
and whoever humbles
himself shall be exalted.”**

Matt 23:12

November 5, 2023

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10. psalm 1311, Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13. Matthew 23:1-12.

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.



The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.



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

**50+ Club
Tomorrow!
November 6, 2023
Doors Open
12:30pm
New members are
most welcome!
For any questions/
concerns, please call:
Helga at 415-731-8211**



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"Hi, Grandma. I just called to make sure you were staying out of trouble."

November 10, 2023 - St Leo the Great

Only two popes have earned the title Great—Gregory I and Leo I. Leo was born in the beginning of the fifth century, probably in Rome. When he was a deacon, other church leaders looked to him for advice and for explanations of the faith. Leo was sent to settle arguments between leaders. He was on such a mission in 440 when he was elected pope. He helped the Church stay united when it was being attacked inside by false teachers and outside by warring tribes.



In 452, the Huns, led by Attila, marched toward Rome to destroy the city. Pope Leo went out to meet Attila and was able to stop him by agreeing to pay tribute to him every year. Three years later, another tribe marched on Rome—the Vandals, led by Genseric. Again Leo went out to meet the enemy, but this time, Leo was only able to stop the tribe from burning the city. For two weeks, the Vandals pillaged and looted Rome while the people sought shelter in the churches. Leo helped rebuild the city after the invaders departed, and he then sent missionaries to Africa to minister to those who had been captured and taken there by the Vandals.

Leo is often remembered for his writings and explanations of the faith, especially during the Council of Chalcedon in 451. His words were so powerful that the 600 bishops gathered there felt they had heard Saint Peter speaking through Leo. Pope Leo the Great died in 461.



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to help serve
Coffee & Donuts
after 10:30 Mass**

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

For more information,
call Shay at 415 681-2444 x7
or donworthevents@saintstephensf.org

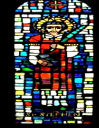
We Rent Our Hall

FOR ANY OCCASION
USE OUR PARTY ROOM!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Nov 6 8:00 a.m.	Fr Stephen Howell <i>Sp. Int</i> (By: Ding & Carol)
Tuesday, Nov 7 8:00 a.m.	† Linda Rodrigues (By: Carolyn Yiu)
Wednesday Nov 8 8:00 a.m.	Lynn Boquiren <i>Sp. Int.</i> (By: Mama)
Thursday, Nov 9 8:00 a.m.	† Alexander Zonio (By: ONPH Class of '56)
Friday, Nov 10 8:00 a.m.	Celia Dowling <i>Sp. Int.</i> (By: Maureen Dowling)
Saturday Nov 11 8:00 a.m.	St. Stephen Parishioners (By: Fr. Michael)
4:30 p.m.	† Frank Duffy (By: Monica Duffy)
Sunday, Nov 12 8:00 a.m.	† Klaus Reinsberg (By: Parish Staff & Volunteers)
10:30 a.m.	† Michael Gragnani (By: Diane Gragnani)
6:30 p.m.	St. Stephen Parishioners (By: Fr Michael)



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2023
The greatest among you must be your servant
Matthew 23:11

Today's Readings

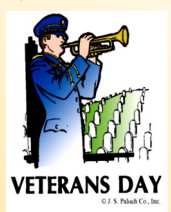
First Reading
Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us?
(*Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10*).

Psalm
In you, Lord, I have found my peace (*Psalms 131*).


Second Reading
You have received not a human word but the word of God
(*1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13*).

Gospel
Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (*Matthew 23:1-12*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES	
Sunday	Saint Bertilla Daylight Savings time ends
Monday	Saint Théophane Vénard
Tuesday	Saint Willibrord
Wednesday	Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity
Thursday	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Friday	Saint Leo the Great
Saturday	Saint Martin of Tours Veterans Day
Sunday	Saint Josaphat



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.




Prayer for Vocations

God, our Father, in Your love and providence, You call each of us to a holy life. We pray for young people in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Open their hearts and minds to know the vocation You have planned for them for all eternity. If they are being invited to follow You as a priest, brother, or sister, give them a generous heart to respond to Your challenging call and the strength to follow wherever You lead them. May families desire to please you by encouraging and supporting vocations within their homes. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

NEED A PRIESTLY VISIT?

Please know that if you are homebound, sick, aging, preparing for a surgical procedure, recovering from a surgical procedure. Or find yourself in the hospital unexpectedly – your pastor is most happy to visit you with Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick. One does NOT have to be in a state of “end-of-life” for the anointing. It can be administered to any one, at any time one feels physically or emotionally “low” in life. Please call the office if we can help. We have been finding out about “sick” parishioners “when it is too late.” Please give us a call – we are here for you!



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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What is the name of the pope's cathedral? If you said the Vatican, or St. Peter's, you were off by a few miles, since the answer is the Basilica of St. John, the Lateran, the "Mother Church" of all the churches of the world and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. It takes its name from the Lateran family, the Trumps of their day, who somehow ran afoul of the Emperor Nero. He seized all their property, including their vast Roman palace and estate. We don't know how Plautius displeased Nero so badly, but eventually all the Lateran property came to Constantine, the first Christian emperor, through his wife, Fausta. Early in the fourth century, when Christianity was at last legalized, Constantine gave the property to the church. Soon the great meeting halls were expanded and adapted.

Over the centuries, the church building has been sacked by armies, ruined by fire, torn down, and rebuilt. The oldest and most unchanged part of the Lateran is a vast, separate baptistery with steps leading down to a huge green basalt pool. Imagine what a triumphal moment the dedication of this public church building was for a community that had worshiped in secret for so long! This Thursday's feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is really about the tradition of consecrating space for worship, and so by extension, a feast for your parish church building and, given the beautiful second reading, for its baptistery as well.

San Francisco State University Newman Catholic Club

Join us for **Newman Nights every Thursday, 6-8 pm.** We will meet for Mass in the Church for the 6pm Mass and will move to the rectory at 6:30 pm for fellowship after. All SFSU and surrounding community college students are welcome!

- Nov 9 *Minute to Win It Game Night*
- Nov 16 *Friendsgiving Potluck*
(Bring a Dish to Share)
- Nov 30 *PowerPoint Night*
(Email .ppt to Victoria.connor@focus.org)
- Dec 7 *White Elephant Party* (\$10-\$15 Gift)
- Dec 14 *Ugly Sweater Christmas Party*
(Christmas Movie, Cookies and carols)

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.*

For any questions, email

victoria.connor@focus.org

TEXT to GIVE

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

Advent Wreath-Making Night

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

4:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m. in Donworth Hall

St. Stephen Church invites you to come and have fun in making your own beautiful Advent Wreath. \$20 per Family/Couple includes wreath-making supplies and snacks. We will supply greenery, decorations, and candles for your wreath. We invite families of all sizes to come and work together to craft an Advent Wreath to take home, so you may celebrate the Advent Season with your own meaningful creation. No experience necessary! If you have a wreath base you would like to use/re-use, please bring it. Garden shears or gloves are recommended but not required.



For questions, please contact Mary Molly Mullaney in St. Stephen Parish Office at 415.681.2444 ext. 4

Email: FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org

Advent Wreath-making Party reservation form.

Name(s): _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Number of people attending: Adults _____ Children _____

\$20 per Family/Couple - Cash/Check attached: \$ _____

(please make check payable to St. Stephen Church; Check Memo: Advent Wreath Making)

Please turn in reservation slip with payment on or before Nov. 22 to Mary Molly Mullaney at the St. Stephen Parish Office, 451 Eucalyptus Drive, SF, CA 94132.

WATCH OUT !

The Giving Tree will start early this year. Keep your eye out for the tree with gift tags in the church vestibule. We will be helping the Healing WELL in the Tenderloin who serves low-income and homeless people.



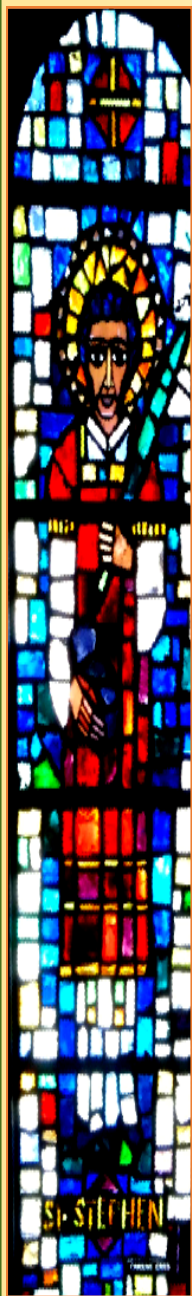
2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Campaign GOAL	:	\$	86,973.00
Total Payments Received	:	\$	50,297.00
Campaign Goal Balance	:	\$	36,676.00

We thank the following parishioners who have shared their treasures with the parish **this week** as of 10.31.2023:

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

M/M Kevin Allen	Mrs Belinda Mistica
M/M Serafin Cabatic	Ms. Olivia Santiago
M/M Andrew Hazard	Mr Emmanuel Santos
Ms Sheila Kelleher	Mrs Louise Tina



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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2023-2024

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| • Altar Society | Joan Leehane |
| • 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 |

Parish Office Phone 415.681.2444

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.

Sunday November 5, 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

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*

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.

January, 2024 - Searching for and Maintaining Peace
by Father Jacques Philippe

