

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.

“...Therefore,
stay awake,
for you know
neither the day
nor the hour.”

*Matthew 25,
14-30*



November 12, 2023 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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Wisdom 6:12-16. Psalm 63. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]. Matthew 25:1-13

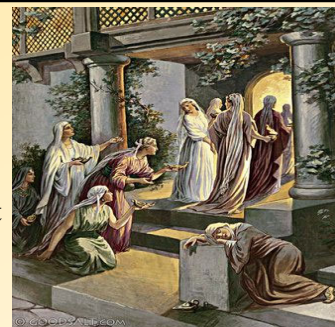
In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cautions his listeners to *stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour*. He warns them not to be like the foolish bridesmaids who were unprepared. They assumed they could always get more oil for their torches whenever they needed it, and that the door of the house would be opened for them even if they arrived late. The foolish bridesmaids were shocked to discover that, at the decisive hour, because they were unprepared, they were excluded. Until then, there seemed to be no difference between the wise and foolish bridesmaids. *They all became drowsy and fell asleep*, Jesus tells us. But the midnight call to action finds the wise prepared and welcomed, and the foolish unprepared and left out.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep.

These words from our second reading direct our attention to a subject we mostly try to avoid: death. The Church puts death front and center during this month of November. It begins with All Saints' Day, which is immediately followed by All Souls' Day, when we pray in a special way for our departed loved ones. Paul tells the Thessalonians that when the Lord Jesus returns in glory, those who have already died *will rise first. Then we who are alive ... will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.*

How, then, can we best prepare to meet the Lord? Our first reading may have the key. Wisdom can be *found by those who seek her*. And the wisdom we seek – to be prepared to meet the Lord – is found in what Jesus teaches his disciples. His message is about how we are to live in the kingdom of God here on earth, so as to live with God after our death. His lessons are about forgiving others generously, being grateful for the generosity of others, following through on our word, and not expecting reward for doing the right thing. Most important, he teaches that loving God with all our mind, heart and soul, and humbly loving our neighbor as ourselves, are the greatest commandments.

The lessons Jesus taught his listeners as he prepared for his death provide us all the wisdom we need for being prepared for our own deaths. Let us stay awake in seeking to live in the wisdom he shares. Let us grow in wisdom by finding ways to grow in our love for God and in our love for our neighbors. In doing so, Scripture tells us we will not be disappointed. As we gain this wisdom, we will also grow in gratitude for God's kindness, and in certainty of the hope we have for being joined with the Lord and those who have gone before us.



November 17, 2023 - St. Elizabeth of Hungry

Elizabeth was born in 1207. Her father was Alexander II, the king of Hungary. Her marriage was arranged when she was just a child, and at age four, she was sent to Thuringia for education and eventual marriage. When she was 14, she married Louis of Thuringia. They loved each other deeply.

According to legend, Elizabeth went out with loaves of bread to feed those who were poor. Her husband saw her and took hold of her cape to see what she was carrying. What he saw was roses rather than bread! Because of this, she is also known as the patroness of bakers. Louis supported her in all she did to relieve the sufferings of those who were poor or sick. But Louis's mother, Sophia, his brother, and other members of court resented Elizabeth's generosity. She was taunted and mocked by the royal family, but deeply loved by the common people. Louis loved her and defended her. They had three children. In 1227, after six years of marriage, Louis went to fight in the Crusades. He died on the way. Elizabeth was grief stricken. Her in-laws accused her of mismanaging the finances of the kingdom, forcing her and her children out of the palace. For a while, they found refuge only in barns. Finally, they were taken in by her uncle, the bishop of Bamberg.

When her husband's friends returned from the Crusades, they helped restore her to her rightful place in the palace. Elizabeth increased her service to others.

She was 24 when she died. She was canonized only four years later. Elizabeth is symbolized by a triple crown—for roles as a member of royalty, as a mother, and as a saint, crowned in heaven. She is the patroness of the Franciscan Third Order and of all Catholic Charities.



Volunteers needed
to help serve
Coffee & Donuts
after 10:30 Mass

<https://bit.ly/donutMass>

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GIVING**
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Available to Rent**

For more information,
call Shay at 415 681-2444 x7
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We Rent Our Hall

FOR ANY OCCASION
USE OUR PARTY ROOM!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Nov 13

8:00 a.m.

Louanne Lee *Sp. Int*
(By: John & Marilyn Lee)

Tuesday, Nov 14

8:00 a.m.

† **Ernesto Serrano**
(By: Ding & Carol)

Wednesday Nov 15

8:00 a.m.

† **Alfredo Cortez**
(By: Remy Jacinto)

Thursday, Nov 16

8:00 a.m.

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

Friday, Nov 17

8:00 a.m.

† **Lois Gardner**
(By: Daughter)

Saturday Nov 18

8:00 a.m.

† **Antonio Sanchez-Corea**
(By: Lucille Sanchez-Corea)

4:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, Nov 19

8:00 a.m.

† **Paz Sagala**
(By: Emma Sagala)

10:30 a.m.

† **John V. Prete**
(By: Prete Family)

6:30 p.m.

St. Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr Michael)



May they rest in peace

Claudio Hrvatin

Ralph Sullivan

Today's Readings

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (*Wisdom 6:12-16*).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (*Psalm 63*).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]*).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (*Matthew 25:1-13*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

Wednesday **St. Albert the Great**

Thursday **St. Margaret of Scotland;**
St. Gertrude

Friday **St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

Saturday **The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss.**
Peter and Paul;
Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne



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.



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.

We need to remain ever prepared:

Wise Christians live each day in the light of Jesus' vision. Such people find Him in the most ordinary experiences of daily living -- in the people they meet, the events that take place, and the situations in which they find themselves. They carefully make their daily choices for God. They are ready to put the commandment of love into practice by kindness and forgiveness. There is absolutely no better way to prepare for the final call than to learn to spend each day in the company of Jesus, remembering his assurance, *"I am with you always."* (CCC 1036, 2612: vigilant waiting for the Lord's return). The following short prayer should be always on their lips: *"Lord, grant that all my thoughts, intentions, actions and responses may be directed solely to Your love and service this day."* *"Help me, Lord, to seek, to find, and to respond to You in every single experience this day."* When we eventually hear the final call, *"Get up! The Master is coming!"* we will not be worried, but happy and more than ready to meet Him, as well as old friends and family, in Heaven. God has made this promise to us: "Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever" (Dn 12:3).

2024 Mass Intentions

Our 2024 Mass Intention Calendar is open. In order to be fair to the needs of all our parishioners, we ask you to limit your mass intentions to 10 masses. Stop by our parish office to set up dates and times.



San Francisco State University Newman Catholic Club

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

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 any time between 4:30-6:30pm 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: FaihtFormation@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.

IT'S HERE !

The Giving Tree is up in the church vestibule. Please take a gift tag and donate the item to help make someone less fortunate have a lovely Holiday Season. Gifts are given to the Healing WELL in the Tenderloin who serves low-income and homeless



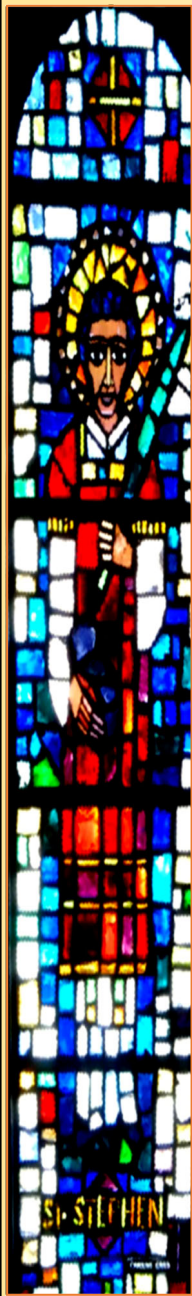
2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

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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| • 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 12, 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 ym
 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
(*R.emembrance 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



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