

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.

November 19, 2023 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Thanksgiving Day
MASS at 9:30 a.m.**

*(Loaves of fresh bread
for distribution
at the end of Mass)*

Count your Blessings

*When I feel
that the world is caving in
and my tears of hopelessness
are just about to fall,
I look down at my hands.
I stretch my fingers
and I start to count ...
my blessings.
I say to myself,
"I have 10 fingers.
1-2-3-4-5 ...
I can move all of them.
My skin is clear.
I can see.
I can hear.
I can talk.
I can walk.
I have a family.
I have a home.
I have friends.
I have a job.
Not everyone has these.
I am a very lucky person.
I am whole and I can cope
with this minor setback."*

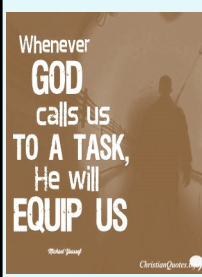
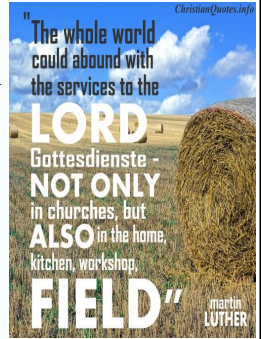
Encounter Jesus Christ. Love Jesus Christ. Live Jesus Christ.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31). (Psalm 128). (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6). (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.



Read in light of [last week's parable](#) of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

November 23, 2023 - Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro



On November 23, 1927, Father Miguel Pro, a fun-loving young Jesuit, faced the firing squad. He refused a blindfold and asked only for time to pray. He had offered his life for the faith of Mexican people. Now God was accepting his sacrifice.

Miguel Pro had been born January 13, 1891, in Guadalupe, Mexico, one of eleven children of a mining engineer. He joined the Jesuits in 1911, a year after a persecution had begun in Mexico. The Jesuit novices were sent to study in other countries, and Miguel was ordained in Belgium in 1925. Father Pro returned to Mexico City in 1926, and within a month, the government banned public worship. Disguised as a mechanic, an office worker, or a beggar, Father Pro rode on his bicycle, distributing Communion and providing

clothing for those who were poor. His quick thinking and pranks helped him in many narrow escapes.

On November 13, 1927, an assassination attempt was made on a Mexican general. A bomb was thrown from a car that had once belonged to one of Father Pro's brothers. Police arrested Father Pro and his two younger brothers. When the man behind the plot heard that Father Pro had been arrested, he confessed. But to teach Catholics a lesson, with no witnesses and no trial, Father Pro and his two brothers were condemned to death by officials. One of the officers who had captured Father Pro led him out of jail to be executed. He begged Father to forgive him. Miguel put his arm around him and said, "You have not only my forgiveness but my thanks." He also softly told the firing squad, "May God forgive you all." Then with arms spread as if on a cross, Father Pro shouted, "Long live Christ the King!" before a bullet silenced him. Although the real criminal and one of Miguel's brothers were also shot, the other brother was pardoned at the last moment. Despite the government's ban on a public funeral, thousands came to Father Pro's wake. Miguel Pro was beatified in 1988.



Monday
December 4, 2023

Christmas Lunch

Doors Open 12:30pm

**For any questions/ concerns,
please call:**

Helga at 415-731-8211

We Rent Our Hall

FOR ANY OCCASION
USE OUR PARTY ROOM!



Our 20,000 Sq. Ft. Parish Center

Available to Rent

For more information,

call Shay at 415 681-2444 x7

or donworthevents@saintstephensf.org

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 people.



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GIVING**
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St Stephen Church provides Online Giving -- a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish. Visit www.saintstephensf.org, click on Giving link.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Nov 20

8:00 a.m.

Griselda MacDonald *Sp. Int*
(By: Guevara Family)

Tuesday, Nov 21

8:00 a.m.

Melody Cagalingan *Sp. Int*
(By: Aikan & Robert)

Wednesday Nov 22

8:00 a.m.

† **Teresa Walsh**
(By: Dan & Joan Leehane)

Thursday, Nov 23

9:30 a.m.

THANKSGIVING Day
Fely Boquiren *Sp. Int*
(By: Parish Staff & Volunteers)

Friday, Nov 24

8:00 a.m.

† **Michael Marquez**
(By: Mom & Dad)

Saturday Nov 25

8:00 a.m.

Sarah Barca *Sp. Int*
(By: Charles Barca)

4:30 p.m.

† **Cheng Lian Hong**
(By: Shirley Dee)

Sunday, Nov 26

8:00 a.m.

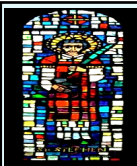
Anibal Rodas
(By: Parish Staff & Volunteers)

10:30 a.m.

St. Stephen Parishioners
(By: Fr Michael)

6:30 p.m.

† **Jose Maria Ybarz**
(By: Maria Ybarz)



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

Blessed are you who fear the LORD.

— Psalm 128:1a

Today's Readings

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (*Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (*Psalm 128*).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*).

Gospel — Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (*Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Monday: **Saint Mechtilde of Magdeburg**
Tuesday: **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Wednesday: **Saint Cecelia**
Thursday: **Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro**
Saint Columban, Saint Clement I
Friday: **Saint Flora**
Saturday: **Saint Catherine of Alexandria**

Thanksgiving Day Prayer



Oh, Heavenly Father,
We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.
We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.
We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.
We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.
May these remembrances stir us to service,
That Thy gifts to us may be used for others.
Amen



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.

Stewardship: A Way of Life

October 2023

\$ 26,716.28 Sunday Collections (10/1, 8, 15, 22, 29)

\$ 7,679.00 Online Sunday Collections (10/1-31)

\$ 6,479.50 Donworth Hall OCT Rental Income

\$ 40,874.78 **Total Income for October 2023**

LESS:

\$ 41,117.61 **Parish Maintenance for October 2023**

\$ **242.83** **OVER/ Under**

Please continue to generously support your Parish!



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

<https://bit.ly/donutMass>

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.

Joan Gallagher, 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.

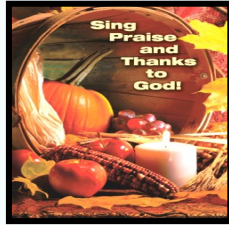
Thanksgiving Day

Sirach 50: 22-24; 1 Cor. 1:3-9; Luke 17: 11-19

Today is a day of national thanksgiving in the U. S.

- 1) for the blessings and protection God has given us,
- 2) for our democratic government and the prosperity we enjoy,
- 3) for our freedom of speech and religion, and
- 4) for the generosity and good will of our people.

The winter of 1610 at Jamestown, Virginia, had reduced a group of 409 settlers from England to 60. The survivors had prayed for help without knowing when or how it might come. When help arrived in the form of a ship filled with food and supplies from England, a thanksgiving prayer meeting was held to give thanks to God.



President George Washington issued the first national **Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1789**. In the midst of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln established **Thanksgiving Day** as a formal holiday to express our thanks to God. On November 26, 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the bill declaring that Thanksgiving should be observed as a legal holiday on the fourth Thursday of each November.

Today's Gospel describes how one of the ten lepers Jesus healed, a Samaritan, returned to Jesus to express his gratitude while the nine Jewish lepers did not return to thank the healer. Jesus asks the pained question: "*Where are the other nine?*" The episode tells us that even God expects gratitude from us. (2) In 2 Kings 5:1-9, Naaman the now-healed leper, chief of the army of the Syrian king, returned to the prophet Elisha to express his thanks for the healing with a gift of 10 talents of silver, 6000 pieces of gold and six Egyptian raiments as gifts. When Elisha refused the gifts, Naaman asked for permission take home two sacks of the soil of Israel that he might offer worship to the Lord Who had healed him, and he promised to offer sacrifices only to the God of Israel. (3) Jesus gave thanks to the Father at the tomb of the just-raised Lazarus, saying, "*Thank you Father for hearing my prayer*" (John 11:41-42). (4) St. Paul advises the Ephesians (and us), "*Give thanks to God the Father for everything*" (Eph 5:20).

The Eucharistic Celebration is the most important form of thanksgiving prayer for Catholics. In fact, Eucharist is the Greek word for thanksgiving. In the Holy Mass we offer to our Heavenly Father as an act of thanksgiving to Him, the sacrificial death and Resurrection of Jesus, made present on our altar. At the same time, we surrender our lives to Him on the altar with repentant hearts, and we present to Him all our needs, asking for His blessings.

Let us be thankful and let us learn to express our thanks daily: 1) To God, 2) To our parents, 3) To our relatives and friends, 4) to our pastors, teachers, doctors, soldiers, police and government officers.

START WITH GRATITUDE

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse. —Henry Van Dyke

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.

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.

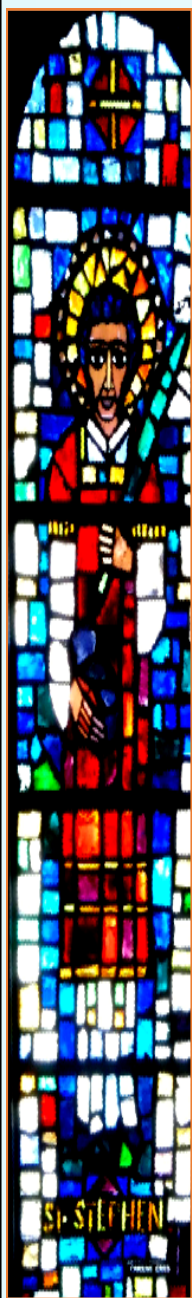
2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Campaign GOAL	:	\$	86,973.00
Total Payments Received	:	\$	50,347.00
Campaign Goal Balance	:	\$	36,626.00

We thank the following parishioners who have shared their treasures with the parish **this week** as of 11.14.2023:

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

No DONOR this week



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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 |
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| • Parish Council | Vicky Francisco |
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| • 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 19, 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)



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: 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
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. 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