

Saint Stephen Parish

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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30—4:40 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.

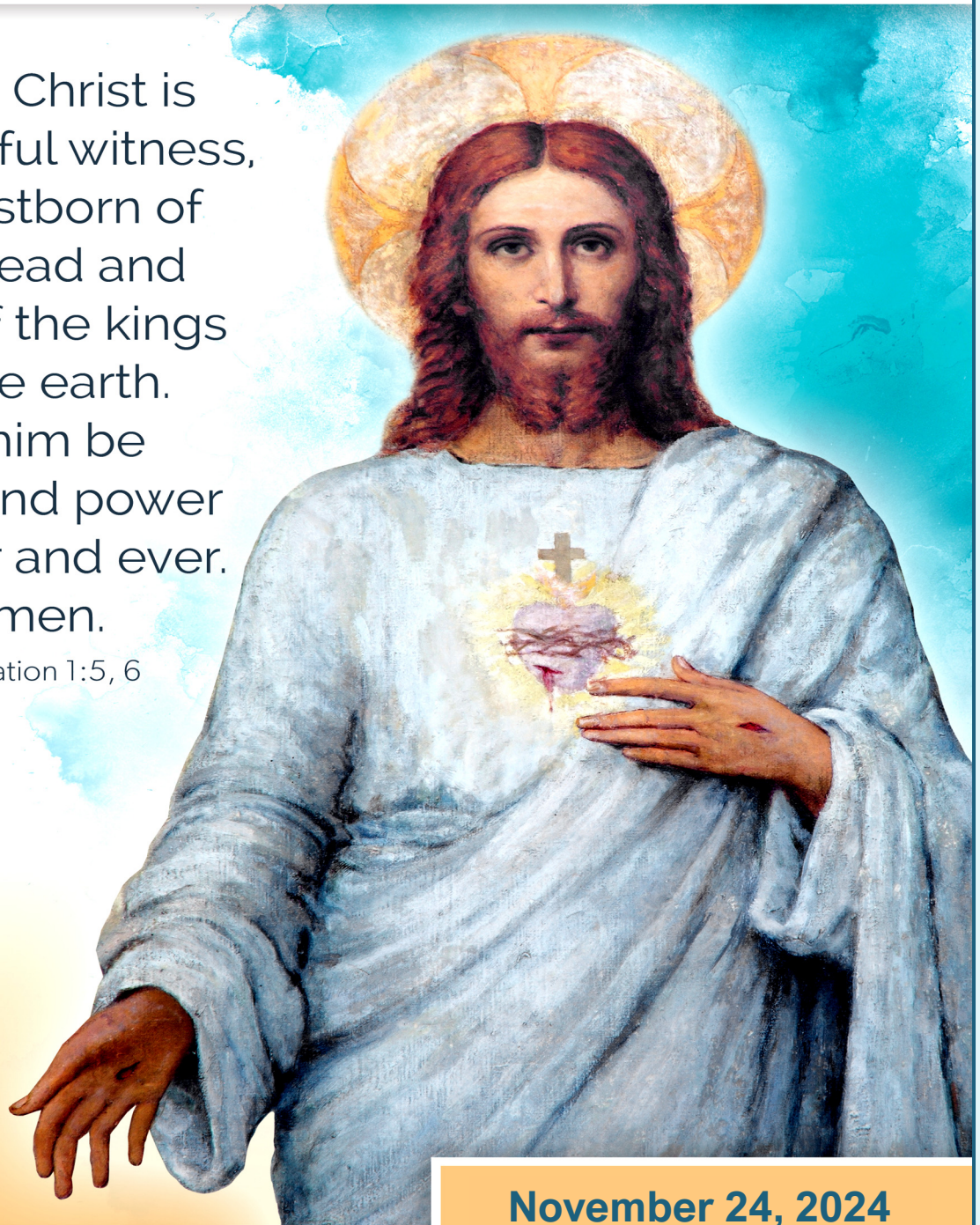
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Jesus Christ is
the faithful witness,
the firstborn of
the dead and
ruler of the kings
of the earth.

To him be
glory and power
forever and ever.

Amen.

Revelation 1:5, 6



November 24, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Thursday, we celebrate our national holiday of Thanksgiving. Though not a Holy Day of Obligation, I invite all of you to our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:30 AM to give thanks to the Lord for the bounty of blessings he bestows on each of us, our families, and our nation. As in past years, there will be a special gift of bread each household may take home for their Thanksgiving tables.

Thank you to Mary Molly who is coordinating our Advent charity project this year to help support the Healing WELL. The project runs through Thursday, December 12. You may also take note of the Advent Wreath making party which is happening tomorrow (Nov. 25) and also our sponsorship of assisting at the winter shelter. More information is available in the bulletin.

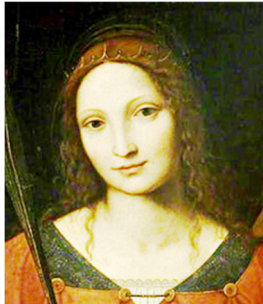
Speaking of preparing for Advent, as we prepare to enter the holy season of Advent, we invite each household to pick-up a copy of the Magnificat Advent Companion. As you will be able to see, the booklet has daily reflections for Advent, as well as prayers such as a blessing for the Advent Wreath and Christmas Tree that you may pray at home. We hope these daily reflections will help you grow spiritually as we prepare for the joyous season of Christmas. The reflections are based on the daily Mass Gospel reading which may be found here: <https://bible.usccb.org>. We have a limited number of books so please take only one book per household.

Finally, as I pledged earlier in the year, I am providing to the parish community this weekend a summary report on our parish finances for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. I realize it is on the longer side, but I encourage each household to read my letter which is found in this weekend's bulletin. A copy of the actual numbers will be available as a handout after Mass. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have. I am grateful for your financial support and sacrificial giving for our parish community.

Father Schunk

OUR SAINT FOR THE WEEK: Catherine of Alexandria Feast Day November 25

Catherine lived in the Egyptian city of Alexandria during the reign of the Roman emperor Maxentius and was famous throughout the city for her beauty. She liked to spend her time reading and studying, which made her just as famous for her intelligence as she was for her good looks.



When Emperor Maxentius made a visit to Alexandria, (part of his empire) he heard about Catherine's beauty and intelligence and demanded to meet her. As soon as he saw her, he decided he wanted to marry her. But Maxentius already had a wife. Maxentius (who continued to worship the ancient Roman gods) didn't think this mattered at all. He told her that he was the emperor and could have two wives at the same time. Catherine refused his proposal, saying that as a Christian she couldn't possibly agree to such a relationship.

Maxentius gathered a great number of teachers and professors who also believed in the Roman gods, to persuade Catherine that her Christian faith was nonsense. She listened to them and answered their points convincingly and persuasively. Instead of changing her mind, these wise men began to change their own minds. This angered the emperor. So he gave orders that Catherine should be put to death in a horrible way. A large wheel with sharp blades was made to cut her to pieces. When Catherine was bound to the wheel, it broke and the blades flew off in all directions, wounding the soldiers who were supposed to be putting her to death. Her executioners didn't try making another wheel. They beheaded her at once.

It is said that a flight of angels then descended from heaven and carried her body to Mount Sinai, where, centuries before, God had given the Ten Commandments to Moses.

The Giving Tree

We are collecting gifts for the Healing WELL that serves people in the Tenderloin, and the poor of the parish. On the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church look for the gift tags that list items we are collecting, such as:

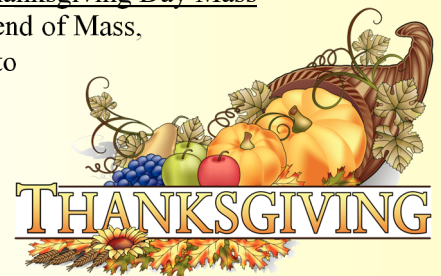
- * **Pajamas for Men or Women** (size Med. or Large)
- * **Art Supplies** (Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Art Notebooks & Pads, Puzzle & Coloring Books For Adults)
- * **Gift Cards** (Trader Joes, Target, Amazon or Visa \$15 - \$60)
- * **Holiday Candy**

Gifts are due by Thursday, Dec. 12. Turn in to parish office or church, near Mary's statue.

Thanksgiving Day—November 28

Please join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:30 a.m. At the end of Mass,

families are invited to take home a loaf of bread, that will be provided, for your Thanksgiving Day festivities.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Nov 25

8:00 a.m.

† **William Espiña**
(By: Dorothy Over)

Tuesday, Nov 26

8:00 a.m.

Anibal Rodas *Sp. Int.*
(By: Parish Staff)

Wednesday, Nov 27

8:00 a.m.

Diane Tognetti *Sp. Int.*
(By: Karen Gardner)

Thursday, Nov 28

9:30 a.m.

† **Elise Ann Milano**
(By: Chris Milano)

Friday, Nov 29

8:00 a.m.

Michael Kelly *Sp. Int.*
(By: Kirwan Family)

Saturday, Nov 30

8:00 a.m.

Lito Vitag *Sp. Int.*
(By: Kirwan Family)

4:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, Dec 1

8:00 a.m.

† **Gerry Agoo**
(By: Agoo Family)

10:30 a.m.

† **Anthony Lee**
(By: Anna Lee)

6:30 p.m.

† **St. Stephen Parishioners**
(By: Fr. Schunk/Fr. Michael)

THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 28, 2024

In all circumstances give thanks for it is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

—1 Thes 5:18



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Daniel prophesies about the coming of the Son of Man. (*Daniel 7:13-14*)

Psalm — A prayer of praise to God our king. (*Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5*).

Second Reading — Jesus is the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all. (*Revelation 1:5-8*).

Gospel — Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is "King of the Jews." (*John 18:33b-37*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday **Saint Catherine of Alexandria**

Tuesday **Saint Leonard of Port Maurice**

Wednesday **Saint Gregory of Sinai**

Thursday **Saint Catherine Labouré**
Thanksgiving Day

Saturday **Saint Andrew**

Sunday **Saint Edmund Campion**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections

November 17, 2024

First Collection: \$ 4,090.79

2nd Collection (Parish Subsidy): \$ 447.00

Online Offerings: \$1,166.00

TEXT to GIVE

Text "SAINTSTEPHENSF" to 73256

using your mobile device.

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 in Rectory.

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



The St. Stephen School 8th Grade Class is having a fundraiser. You can order See's Candies online to be delivered directly to you. All proceeds benefit the Class of 2025. www.bit.ly/SeesCandy24

Share A Thanksgiving Meal With An Incarcerated Person

The Office of Human Life & Dignity is seeking donations to provide Thanksgiving meals for our incarcerated brothers and sisters. For just \$15 you can sponsor a meal for one person.

<https://sfarch.org/thanksgiving-meals/>

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.

November 2024

Dear Fellow Parishioners of Saint Stephen,

A summary financial accounting for our parish for the 2023-2024 fiscal year will be available as a handout for you to take after Mass.

This fiscal year report is for your awareness as a means of building and maintaining transparency, accountability, and trust. I am grateful for the dedication and expertise of our parishioners on the finance council, the commitment of our parish staff, and the valuable support we receive from the Archdiocese of San Francisco's finance department and support corporations, which assist all parishes in managing human resources, benefits, finances, and facilities.

In summary, our parish ran an operating deficit last fiscal year of approximately \$270,000 which we covered with parish savings. The majority of our expenses are allocated toward compensation for lay employees and priests, along with property and liability insurance, utilities, and facility maintenance. Our primary source of regular income is the Sunday (first) collection. We rent our parish hall and gym for receptions, events, and sports camps, but this income depends on demand and is offset by maintenance and staffing costs.

Since Donworth Hall and Gym opened in 2010, the parish has been repaying a \$4.6 million loan that supplemented funds raised for the project. The outstanding balance is now about \$1.2 million, with full repayment expected around 2032. Each year, the parish contributes \$66,000 and the school \$185,000 toward the loan.

Our financial situation is a real concern and one that cannot continue for our parish's viability. I estimate that at our current rate of operational spending, our parish savings will be depleted in approximately two years. I am seeking the expertise of the finance council to advise me how best to navigate the challenge ahead of us.

Despite this financial challenge, this report is not provided so you will increase your giving or make special donations to financially assist the parish at this time. I know this will sound strange, but I believe it is more fruitful to first receive this information now and have those conversations later. I also hope that in future years, this report will not be solely a financial report, but a *stewardship* report which includes an accounting on how we as a community are stewards of not only our treasure, but of our time and talents in our ministries and outreach.

I believe our focus as a parish needs to be how we engage with our Christian faith as individuals and as a community. This is why our parish exists. Our entire parish community is made up of faith-filled people and our first call is to be missionary disciples of the Son of God. It is often said that one should focus on the mission first and the money will follow, and I think that is the appropriate starting point for our challenge. I want to encourage us all to be intentional with our faith and to invite others to become a part of our vibrant community, whether that means Catholics who are not involved or non-Catholics in the community.

If you have specific questions about our finances, please know I am available to answer any questions you may have. Please know of my prayers for all of us and please continue to pray for me.

Father David A. Schunk
Pastor

Advent Wreath-Making Party

Monday, November 25, anytime between 5:00-7:00 P.M. in Donworth Hall

Register online: www.bit.ly/AdventWreathParty

\$20 per Family/Couple/Single

St. Stephen Church invites you to come and have fun 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.

Gloves or garden shears are recommended but not required.

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

Email: FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org



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?

Winter Shelter Dinner

Our parish has signed up to provide and serve dinner for the SF Interfaith Winter Shelter, for two nights this season, 12/19/24 and 2/7/25.

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

**With your generosity
we hope to feed 80 guests
at St. Mary's Cathedral on
Thursday, Dec. 19th,
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.**

**We need people to sign up
to provide food
(delivered to the parish),
and others to help serve
at the Cathedral.**

Contact Mary Molly in the parish office for any questions.

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**Novena of Masses leading up to Christmas
at St. Stephen Church**

December 16-24, 2024, 6:00 a.m. Mass

Celebrant Schedule

Mon.	Dec. 16	Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone
Tue	Dec. 17	Rev. Raphael Laizer
Wed.	Dec. 18	Rev. Roland De la Rosa
Thu.	Dec. 19	Rev. Francis Garbo
Fri.	Dec. 20	Rev. Charles Puthota
Sat.	Dec. 21	Rev. Joyson Thomas, O.F.M.
Sun.	Dec. 22	Rev. David Schunk
Mon.	Dec. 23	Rev. Ben Rosado
Tue.	Dec. 24	Rev. Michael Liliedahl

We Rent Our Hall



**Our 20,000 sq. ft.
Parish Event Center
Donworth Hall is
Available to Rent**

Shay at 415.681.2444 x7

Or online at:

[donworthevents@
saintstephensf.org](mailto:donworthevents@saintstephensf.org)



St. Stephen's Book Club

Nov/Dec Book:

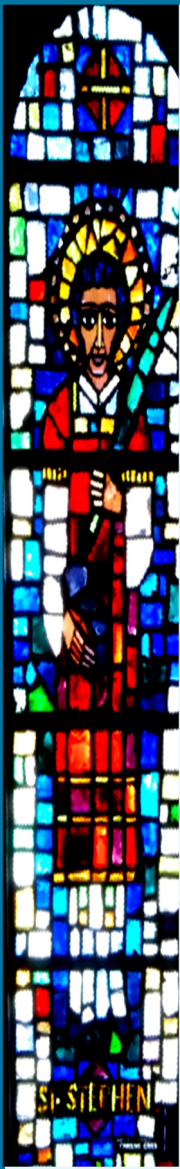
***The First Christmas: What the
Gospels Really Teach About
Jesus's Birth***

by Marcus J. Borg

*** NEW MEETING DATE:**

Friday, Dec. 6, 4:30 p.m. –6:30 p.m.

We will celebrate by making Christmas ornaments and drinking eggnog. Bring nibbles to share if you are able. New members are welcome to join!
(no meeting in November)



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ST STEPHEN PARISH 2024-2025

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- Eucharistic Lay Ministry
(Word & Eucharist) 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
- Liturgy Committee Pastor
- Marriage Preparation Clergy
- Men's Club John Gartland
- Newman Campus Ministry Fr Michael Lilledahl
- Parish Council Vicky Francisco
- Religious Education Mary Molly Mullaney
(Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality)
- Ushers Pastor
- Women's Guild Jamie Allen

Parish Office Phone 415.681.2444

*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



Christ the King Sunday

Gathering: Your Words Are Spirit and Life #606
Offertory: Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning #526
Communion: Vine and Branches #329,
In the Breaking #355
Sending: Rejoice, the Lord Is King #735

Thanksgiving Day Mass—Nov. 28

Gathering: Now Thank We All Our God #209
Offertory: Come Ye Thankful People, Come #215
Communion: Gift of Finest Wheat #344,
Amén, El Cuerpo de Cristo #354
Sending: Praise to the Lord #203