

# 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.**



January 26, 2025

Third Sunday In  
Ordinary Time



**Join the FUN!**

**Monday,  
Feb. 3, 2025**

**in Donworth Hall**

**Doors Open 12:30pm**

***All Seniors are invited!***

**Today's Music**

**Gathering:** Your Words Are Spirit and Life #738

**Offertory:** The Cry Of The Poor #625

**Communion:** Our Blessing Cup #346,  
Amen El Cuerpo De Cristo #352

**Sending:** The Spirit Send Us forth  
#382

## **Our Mission Statement**

We are a Catholic Community that is called by God to follow Jesus Christ. We believe that we are called to worship God together, to lead God's people along the path of hope laid down by Jesus, to share his message through preaching, through the education and formation of our people, young and old, and through caring service and sensitive outreach to those in need

***Rev. David Schunk, Pastor***



**January 26, 2025**

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Our parish school does incredible things to form our young people in our school learning expectations: Prayerful Christians, Effective Communicators, Accountable Citizens, Confident Learners, and Empathetic Individuals (PEACE). I am grateful for the work of our principal Mrs. Allen and her talented team of teachers and staff in the primary school, and Mrs. O'Shaughnessy who directs our preschool for the youngest members of our school. The school has an exciting week of activities to celebrate for this week starting with our students helping to lead us in our prayer this Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass.

Next weekend, the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord at Mass, sometimes referred to as Candlemas. This feast day commemorates Mary and Joseph bringing the baby Jesus to the Lord in the Temple 40 days after his birth. The feast day is always February 2 and when it falls on a Sunday, that is the Mass we celebrate for the weekend. There are two special features of the celebration. First, it is the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, meaning a day to pray for all women and men who live consecrated lives. In particular, these are women and men in religious orders. Over the years, our parish has been served by many religious sisters and brothers, and we are grateful for their ministry and contributions to our parish community over the years.

The other feature of the celebration is the annual blessing of candles. This is connected to the ancient tradition of this day being the end of the Christmas season with Christ being the Light of the World. At the beginning of all our Masses next week, we will bless the liturgical candles we will use in the coming year on our altar. Parishioners are invited to bring to Mass a special candle(s) to be blessed. We plan to have a special table in the front of the sanctuary for the candles and then people may pick up their candles after Mass.

The following day, Monday, February 3 is the Memorial of Saint Blaise, Martyr. We will have the annual Blessing of Throats after the 8:00 AM Mass that day as we implore the saint's intercession against illnesses.

**Father Schunk**

*Our Saint of the Week*

**St. Thomas Aquinas - January 28**

Thomas Aquinas came from a wealthy Italian ruling family in the 13th century. At age five, he was sent to a Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in hopes that someday he would be abbot. But King Frederick III sent his troops to occupy the monastery as a fortress. Thomas then transferred to the University of Naples, where he came into contact with the Dominicans. Their life of prayer and study fascinated him, and he was determined to join them. His family was shocked that Thomas would join a group of poor friars. His mother sent his brothers after him. They kidnapped and imprisoned him for more than a year at a family castle. Nothing would shake his resolution to enter the Dominicans. Finally, Thomas's family gave up on discouraging him from becoming a priest, and in 1244, he joined the order.



Thomas studied under Albert the Great. In class, his silence during discussions and his large size earned him the nickname "the dumb ox." Thomas became well known for his writings in philosophy and theology. His most famous work, the Summa Theologiae, contains five volumes of thought on all the Christian mysteries. It is said that no one has equaled the depth of understanding and clear reasoning that Thomas showed. His love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament led him to write prayers and hymns that are still used to honor the Eucharist.

But this brilliant man was very humble. He knew that all his gifts came from God. While celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273, he received a revelation from God. After that, he stopped writing. He said that all he had written was so much straw after what he had seen in the revelation. Thomas died at age 49 on his way to the Council of Lyons, France. Pope Gregory X had asked him to come. Saint Thomas Aquinas is a Doctor of the Church and patron of Catholic schools.

**LIVING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

Some of Saint Paul's best known and most beloved imagery is contained in the passages from First Corinthians that we have heard last week and this week: the many gifts granted by the one same Spirit and the many members making up the one Body of Christ. Few passages from sacred scripture more accurately sum up how Christian vocations work together.

Unlike some of Paul's other writings, which are a product of the social and religious conventions of his time, these enable us to look at our own lives and the lives of those around us to discern what gifts, what vocations the Holy Spirit has given for the good of all. We can likewise know the joys and sorrows of the other members of the Body and share in them for the strengthening of the whole Body of Christ.

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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, Jan 27

8:00 a.m.

† **Daniel MacDonald**  
(By: *Griselda MacDonald*)

## Tuesday, Jan 28

8:00 a.m.

† **Regina Lirazan**  
(By: *Fely Boquiren*)

## Wednesday, Jan 29

8:00 a.m.

**Martin & Cecile Mullaney**  
*Sp. Int. (By: Mary Molly Mullaney)*

## Thursday, Jan 30

8:00 a.m.

† **Hilaria Ysip**  
(By: *Elvie Ysip*)

## Friday, Jan 31

8:00 a.m.

† **Betty Ryan**  
(By: *Kirwan Family*)

## Saturday, Feb 1

8:00 a.m.

† **Brian McMahon**  
(By: *Family*)

4:30 p.m.

† **People of the Parish**  
(By: *Fr. Schunk*)

## Sunday, Feb 2

8:00 a.m.

† **Bonnie Cassinelli**  
(By: *Frank Casinelli*)

10:30 a.m.

† **Michael Gragnani**  
(By: *Diane Gragnani*)

6:30 p.m.

† **Carmen Esquivel**  
(By: *Tina & Walter Jordan*)

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** *Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10*  
Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 19:8,9,10,15*  
A song in praise of the Law of the Lord.

**Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 12:12-30*  
Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

**Gospel Reading** *Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*  
In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saint Titus**

Monday: **Saint Angela Merici**

Tuesday: **Saint Thomas Aquinas**

Friday: **Saint John Bosco**  
**Saint Brigid**

Sunday: **The Presentation of the Lord**

Monday: **Saint Blaise**

## Stewardship: A Way of Life

*Sunday Collections - January 18-19, 2025*

\$ 4,017.50 1st Collection

\$ 1,181.00 Online Giving

## Tax Time

Statements of Donations to St Stephen Church for tax purposes will automatically be issued for gifts of \$250 and above. These shall be released and mailed by the Parish Office to parishioner's registered mailing address starting February 1, 2025. Watch out for your Donation Statements in your mail!

## CELEBRATE CANDLEMAS WITH US

Bring a candle to be blessed at Mass during the weekend of Feb. 1-2, as we celebrate Candlemas, Christ as the Light of the World. Place your candle on the special table in the front of the sanctuary to be blessed at the beginning of Mass, when the liturgical candles will also be blessed. Don't forget to pick up your candle after Mass.

## NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB EVENTS

Events for young adults will begin again starting the week of Jan. 27.

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

Holy Hour with Adoration on Wed. 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.



## Sick Relatives & Friends

**P**lease 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.

**Greg Iorio, Larry & Carmelita Gallager, Pacita Calimlim-Sagun, Araceli Caparas, Ana Caballero, George Farrales, Perry Young, Antoinette Mishirsky, Al Vicente Jr, 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 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.*

## Catholic Schools Week

Each year Catholic schools call attention to the exemplary education that our schools provide for thousands of children across the United States.

This year Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated from January 26 thru February 1. Please visit us, we welcome you to join us at school today, Sunday, January 26 for our OPEN HOUSE from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. before our 10:30 a.m. Family Mass. **Enjoy coffee and donuts in Donworth Hall while perusing students' art on display.**

Come and see for yourself all the wonderful things going on at St. Stephen School. We promise you a warm welcome and a great visit.



**FREE TRAINING**

Catholic Charities  
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# DISASTER FIRST AID

**FREE PARKING**

**Friday, January 31**

Choose between 2 sessions:  
8:00am - 12:00pm &  
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Learn critical skills for emergencies after a disaster

ASHI (American Safety & Health Institute) curriculum course

**GET A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATION**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. SCAN TO REGISTER**



YOU WILL RECEIVE A FIRST AID KIT

Hotel Riu Plaza Fisherman's Wharf  
2500 Mason St, San Francisco, CA 94133

Contact us:  
ccornejo@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

### Volunteer Opportunity: Personalize St. Valentine Cards and Prepare Treats for Prisoners

**Friday, Feb. 7, 9:30am - 4:00pm**  
at SF Arch. Pastoral Center, 1 Peter Yorke Way, SF  
**Contact:** Julio Escobar (415) 614-5572  
[escobarj@sfarch.org](mailto:escobarj@sfarch.org)

The Archdiocese of San Francisco Restorative Justice Ministry invites you to join in a meaningful volunteer opportunity to personalize 1,200 St. Valentine cards and prepare treats for prisoners at San Francisco jails. You may also volunteer to hand deliver cards and treats on Friday, February 14, 2025.

*Cards of Mercy* is a project aimed at reaching out to those in prison with messages of kindness and love. We ask students and adults to prepare cards for holidays throughout the year, which will be delivered to incarcerated individuals.

To volunteer contact Julio Escobar.

### Online Rosary to Eradicate Human Trafficking

**Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6:00p**  
**Contact:** Maria Martinez-Mont (415) 614-5533  
[martinezmontm@sfarch.org](mailto:martinezmontm@sfarch.org)

Join us virtually in praying the rosary to invoke Saint Bakhita's aide in bringing awareness to the evil of human trafficking and to intercede for the victims and survivors of human trafficking. Please email Maria Martinez-Mont for sign up information, or visit:

[www.sfarch.org/event/rosary-human-trafficking/](http://www.sfarch.org/event/rosary-human-trafficking/)

### Advocate Against Expansion of Assisted Suicide in California

When the new California Legislature convenes in January 2025, the California Catholic Conference expects a renewed push to expand California's already existing physician assisted suicide law, endangering more of our fellow citizens who feel their lives do not have value. The Archdiocese of San Francisco's Office of Human Life & Dignity is seeking volunteers on this issue with our state legislature by sharing their stories of their loved ones. Contact [lifeanddignity@sfarch.org](mailto:lifeanddignity@sfarch.org) to learn more. Contact: Valerie Schmalz (415) 614-5571



### THIS WEEK'S HUMOR

**The hurricane prayer:** A hurricane had struck. People were huddled together in a Church building for safety. A preacher was praying with great oratorical effects in the midst of this violent storm, crying out "Send us the Spirit of the children of Israel, the children of Moses, the children of the Promised land." At this, an old man with less oratory but more directness prayed, "Lord, don't send nobody. Come Yourself. This ain't no time for children."

A woman was seated next to a priest on an airplane during a storm. The plane was bouncing up and down. The terrified woman said to the priest beside her: "Can't you do something about this awful storm?" The priest looked at her and said: "I'm in sales, not in management," pointing upward with his finger.

**He trusted his wife:** A man and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.

# 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee From the Archive

Article from the *Catholic Monitor* August 4, 1950.



REV. RICHARD W. POWER



REV. JOHN J. SCANLAN

## Two New SF Parishes Formed *Churches Designated For Southwest Areas Frs. Power And Scanlan Are Assigned*

Formation of two new parishes in the southwestern residential area of San Francisco was announced this week by the Office of Archbishop John J. Mitty.

Rev. Richard W. Power, chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital since June 30, 1947, has been appointed pastor of St Stephen Parish. The church is to be erected on Eucalyptus

Drive near 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Rev. John J Scanlan, assistant pastor at Mission Dolores Church has been named pastor of St Thomas More Parish.

Residents of the new Lakeshore Park sector, Lakeside, Stonestown, White City, and a part of the Pinelake area are included in the boundaries of St Stephen's. The parish extends generally from Sloat Blvd. on the North - except for the Pinelake sector - to Holloway Ave. on the south; and from Junipero Serra Blvd. on the east to the Pacific Ocean.

Father Power announced that Mass will be celebrated shortly in the basement of the present St. Stephen residence at 475 Eucalyptus Dr.

Father Power was born on June 6, 1906, in County Limerick, Ireland. He attended St. Patrick's College, Thurles, and was ordained there on June 15, 1930, for the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

He served as assistant pastor of St Anselm's Church, San Anselmo, from 10/26/1930, to 9/13/1937, of Holy Name Church, San Francisco from 9/13/1937, to 9/25/1942, when he was commissioned a chaplain in the United States Army.

During World War II he served with the Air Corps at Bainbridge, Georgia, and overseas in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and England.

He returned to the United states in February, 1946, and was assigned as assistant staff chaplain with the Fourth Air Force in San Francisco and at Hamilton Field.

He was separated from active service on June 30, 1947, with the rank of Major.

Father Power was awarded the Bronze Star Medal on March 3, 1945, for meritorious service in connection with the military operations of the 324<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group in Italy, France and Germany. *(edited for brevity)*

## Catholic Healthcare Ethics Seminar

Thursday-Friday, Feb. 6 & 7, 2025  
St. Patrick's Seminary & University  
320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park  
Contact: Julie Kelley (215) 877-2660  
[jkelly@ncbcenter.org](mailto:jkelly@ncbcenter.org)

Catholic Healthcare Ethics - A Tradition of Compassion and Care for the Human Person -two full days of Catholic bioethics education sponsored by St. Patrick's Seminary, Order of Malta, and the National Catholic Bioethics Center.

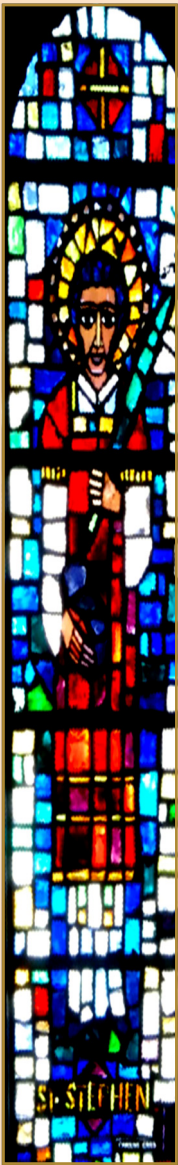
These seminars are intended to benefit health care workers, clergy, those involved in research in the life sciences, members of ethics committees, and others who provide spiritual support and counsel to patients and their families. Those interested in understanding and advancing the Church's moral tradition in health care will also find this accessible, educational, and informative.

## Seeking Memories of St. Stephen Parish

We need your stories, memories, and photos for our St. Stephen Jubilee Archive. Please submit information to

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

Do you remember Fr. Joseph Donworth, whom the Hall was named after? Do you remember Fr. Joseph O'Reilly whom the parish office building is named after? We need stories about the people and happenings of the parish. We found photos of a parish variety show, did you ever attend a special event? Do you have memories of Bingo in the hall? Our parish is made up of amazing people like you and we need your stories to fill in the blanks of our parish archive.



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## Saint Stephen 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give thanks  
for 75 years of faith, love, and service  
at Saint Stephen Parish.

Bless all those who came before us  
who built this community  
through their faith,  
devotion, and sacrifice.

May Saint Stephen continue to be a place  
where your people gather  
to celebrate the Eucharist,  
encounter your love,  
and be given the grace  
to be true missionary disciples,  
bringing your love to the world.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## ST STEPHEN PARISH 2024-2025

<u>ORGANIZATION/MINISTRY</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>
• Altar Servers	Giovanna Hrvatin
• Altar Society	Joan Leehane
• Bridge Group	Virginia Stefanelli
• Caritas	Nellie Hizon
• 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 Liliedahl
• Parish Council	Vicky Francisco
• Religious Education (Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality)	Mary Molly Mullaney
• Ushers	Pastor
• Women's Guild	Jamie Allen

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## *Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!*

We invite you to become a registered parishioner.\* 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](http://www.saintstephensf.org)

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Weekly Sunday envelopes, circle one: Yes No, but  
commit to participate thru Online Giving.