

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.



February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord



Join the FUN!
TOMORROW
Monday, Feb. 3, 2025
in Donworth Hall
Doors Open 12:30pm

Today's Music

Gathering: In His Temple Now Behold Him #222
Offertory: Song of Simeon #810
Communion: When We Eat This Bread #357,
Create In Me #764 (Hurd)
Sending: Sent Forth By God's Blessing #384

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



**Pastor's
Corner**

February 2, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With Catholic Schools week now concluded, we thank all of our teachers, classroom aides, and staff for their hard work each and every day. We also thank our students for their enthusiasm and creativity in making our school such an impressive place to be. Thank you as well to our 8th Graders for leading our Family Mass last week and our 4th Graders for helping lead our prayers at the Family Mass this Sunday.

As we announced, this weekend we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. We pray in a special way for all men and women who have consecrated their lives to the Lord as religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests. The other name for the celebration is Candlemas.

As we are blessing candles at the beginning of each Mass this weekend and because candles hold a special symbolism for us as Catholics, we have included below a reflection by my former colleague, Father Kurt Belsole, OSB, on the use of candles in the liturgy.

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.

Finally, our new online giving platform with Our Sunday Visitor is up and running. Please see the separate announcement concerning beginning our transition.

Father Schunk

Our Saint of the Week

Saint Jerome Emiliani - February 8

Jerome Emiliani was born in Venice. As a soldier, he was captured during battle and imprisoned. In a dungeon he thought about his life, which had been far from virtuous. He decided to change and dedicated himself to the Virgin Mary. After a miraculous escape from prison, Jerome returned to Venice. He took care of the sick and the poor in the hospitals there. He also studied for the priesthood and was ordained in 1518.



When the plague broke out in 1528, Jerome cared for the sick and fed the hungry at his own expense. Many children were left orphaned, homeless, and abandoned. Jerome decided to devote his life to their care. He traveled from city to city and founded three orphanages, a hospital, and a shelter for penitent women. Jerome set up a program for children similar to the vocational training classes of today. He taught them the Catholic faith. About 1532 Jerome and two other priests founded a congregation for the care of orphans and for the education of priests and children. It began as the society of the Servants for the Poor but became the Clerks Regular of Somascha.

Jerome died of a disease he caught from his patients. The names of Jesus and Mary were his last words.

“Candles and Their Use in the Sacred Liturgy”

The use of candles in Catholic liturgy can best be understood in the context of Christ declaring himself to be *the light of the world* (Jn. 8:12) and promising that no follower of his will ever walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Candles with which we adorn our churches and our altars are a sign both of life and of truth. When one is baptized, the celebrant lights the baptismal candle from the paschal candle, and as he gives it to a member of the family he says: “Receive the light of Christ.” He then encourages the parents and godparents to keep that light burning brightly so that the newly-baptized may walk always as a child of the light.



Symbolically, therefore, candles give forth light and remind us of Christ's definitive victory of light over darkness. The Lord who is *the light of the world* has put an end to the rule of the evil one, the prince of darkness. Holiness and not sin has triumphed. But candles are consumed as they give forth light and warmth. Christ himself was consumed as a sacrifice as he showed himself to be *the light of the world*, even to the point of giving all he had and all he was on the cross. It can hardly be different for Christians whom the Lord calls *the light of the world* (Mt. 5:14). As they give forth light and warmth, they will be consumed as was their Lord. Light, truth, life, and the cross all go together—for the Lord and for us.

Source: Rev. Kurt Belsole, OSB, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, www.liftupyourhearts.church

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Feb 3

8:00 a.m.

† **Adele Caunan**
(By: Nellie Hizon)

Tuesday, Feb 4

8:00 a.m.

† **Ricardo & Anna Remedios**
(By: Maria Xavier)

Wednesday, Feb 5

8:00 a.m.

† **Mary Ho**
(By: Viet Ho)

Thursday, Feb 6

8:00 a.m.

† **Andres Caunan**
(By: Adele Caunan)

Friday, Feb 7

8:00 a.m.

Laura Montes, Sp int
(By: Family)

Saturday, Feb 8

8:00 a.m.

† **Faith-Ellen Gallagher**
(By: Larry Gallagher)

4:30 p.m.

† **Nenita Sangalang**
(By: Elvie Ysip)

Sunday, Feb 9

8:00 a.m.

† **Larry Cochrun**
(By: FDS)

10:30 a.m.

† **McGloin Family**
(By: Lupita Chase)

6:30 p.m.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading *Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19*

The Lord assures Jeremiah that he will deliver him from all who fight against him.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 71:1-2,3-4,5-6,15,17*

A song in praise of God's salvation

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13*

Paul describes love as the greatest of virtues.

Gospel Reading *Luke 4:21-30*

Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **The Presentation of the Lord**

Monday: **Saint Blaise**

Tuesday: **Saint Rabanus Maurus**

Wednesday: **Saint Agatha**

Thursday: **Saint Paul Miki and Companions**

Friday: **Saint Jerome Emiliani**

Saturday: **Saint Josephine Bakhita, c. 1868–1947**

Saturday: **Saint Miguel Febres Cordero**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections - January 25-26, 2025

\$ 4,399.55 Sunday Collection

\$ 966.00 Online Giving

Men's Club Fund Raiser Super Bowl Squares



This year is a bit different in that the squares are online. Parishioners who cannot access the website and have a preference for a certain square. Go to St. Stephen Men's Club (ststephenmen@gmail.com) for assistance.

To purchase squares go to this website:
<https://www.footballsquaresonline.com/game/1138612>
Password: Cougars2025 Deadline: 2/8/25

Buy In: \$100 per square, no limit to the number of squares you can purchase. Pay via check to St. Stephen Men's Club (send to school or parish office) or Paypal: @ststephenmensclub

Payouts:

\$5,000 to be paid out via below:

Q1 Winner: \$500

Q2 Winner: \$1,000

Q3 Winner: \$500

End of Game Reverse: \$500

End of Game Winner: \$2,500

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

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.

Greg Iorio, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, 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 Barbiere, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scossieria, 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.

**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

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.

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

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.

World Day of the Sick

Mass and Anointing of the Sick

February 8, 2025, at 11:00 am

St Dominic's Church

2390 Bush St., San Francisco

ALL ARE WELCOME

**Online Rosary to Eradicate
Human Trafficking**

Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6:00p

Contact: Maria Martinez-Mont (415) 614-5533

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/

Online Giving Transition

As we have been announcing in the bulletin, we are *finally* beginning the process of transitioning to a new platform for our online giving for our parish community. We are doing this to streamline our office operations from two platforms to a single platform and to bring this and our parish database under one roof. We believe this will not only help office workflow but also save our parish money in the long term. The new provider may be a familiar Catholic company to some of you, Our Sunday Visitor (OSV). Besides being a publisher of books and news, they also support parishes with stewardship resources like online giving and envelopes.



During the period of transition, we ask that you stop your reoccurring offerings in the old platform (Realm or Vanco) and set them up in the new online platform with OSV. As we begin the transition, we will be starting with just our Sunday Offertory and Maintenance Fund. Over time, we will include other special collections. We will have the systems running parallel through the end of February at which time we will take the older systems offline.

One of our parishioners, Connie D'Aura, is available to assist parishioners make the transition to the new site if they encounter difficulties. You may reach out to her at donations@saintstephensf.org Users of the current/newer system (Realm) may follow the old links on the parish website to make their updates (saintstephensf.org/give). For parishioners using the older Vanco site, you may need to reach out to Connie for access and she will be able to assist you. Your profiles and giving history should be updated in the new OSV database.

Thank you very much for your patience and your sacrificial giving to our parish community.

National Marriage Week

Feb. 7-14 and World Marriage Day, Sunday, Feb. 9

This year's theme is

**"Marriage: Source of Hope,
Spring of Renewal.**

Pursue a Lasting Love!"

Marriage Week livestream events and other resources: www.marriageweek.org/live-events

**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 lifemanddignity@sfarch.org to learn more. Contact: Valerie Schmalz (415) 614-5571

From the Archive

In celebration of St. Stephen's 75th Jubilee we are sharing documents from our archive.



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11 April, 1953



Rev. Joseph A. Donworth
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My dear Father Donworth:

I wish to offer my cordial congratulations to you and to your parishioners on the occasion of the dedication of St. Stephen's Church and School.

The establishment of a new parish is another link in the constantly growing chain of churches that dates back to the founding of Mission Dolores in 1776. St. Stephen's Church is a new home for Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and a new center of faith. St. Stephen's School will bring hundreds of children to a better knowledge and stronger love of Christ and will train them to be patriotic citizens and devoted sons and daughters of the Church.

I pray God's choicest blessings upon the clergy and parishioners of St. Stephen's Parish.

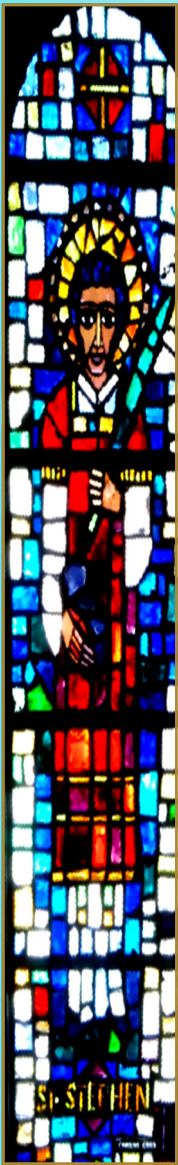
Devotedly yours in Christ,

JOHN J. MITTY
Archbishop of San Francisco.

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

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 75th 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

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| • Altar Servers | Giovanna Hrvatin |
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