

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.

JESUS SAID TO SIMON,
“PUT OUT INTO
DEEP WATER AND
LOWER YOUR NETS
FOR A CATCH.”

Luke 5:4

February 9, 2025

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



February 9, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This coming week, we have a couple of special observances on our Catholic liturgical calendar. On Tuesday, February 11, we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. Lourdes, we recall, is the village in France where in 1858, a young girl named Bernadette Soubirous, had visions of our Blessed Mother. Saint John Paul II declared this memorial to also be for the Church the World Day of the Sick, a particular day to be aware of the many sufferings of those ill and infirmed, and a reminder for us to pray and care for them. We lift up in prayer daily all of our fellow parishioners who are sick and/or homebound. It is a reminder that if you yourself are homebound or know someone who is and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Anointing of the Sick, to please reach out to the parish office so one of the priests may visit the person. We are also grateful for our parishioners who take Communion to the homebound on a regular basis.

On Friday, February 14, the Church celebrates more saints, primarily Saints Cyril and Methodius, brothers who evangelized Eastern Europe in the 9th century and are known as the Apostles to the Slavs. However, most of us look to a saint lower on the chart on Friday and that is Saint Valentine. He is believed to be a Roman priest or bishop from the 3rd century, and of course, is connected to happy marriages and love. Celebrating Saint Valentine's memorial recalls that a great gift a couple may give to one another is not chocolate or flowers (though I would not do without those things), but to pray for one another. Also, it reminds us to pray for those couples preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Matrimony, a particular sign of God's love for all humanity.

Being the beginning of the month, we held our regular meetings of our liturgy committee, parish council, and finance council last week as we look to ways to strengthen and build up our parish community. I am particularly grateful for the expertise of our finance council and the guidance they give as there will be much to navigate in the coming year as we look to set our finances on a more solid footing.

A reminder, our new online giving platform with Our Sunday Visitor is up and running. The link to the site is on our website. We will continue to keep the announcement regarding the transition from one program to another in the bulletin. I thank you for your patience and continued generous support of our parish community.

I will be away for a few days this week. As they say when the San Francisco Giants radio broadcasters are away, I will be "on assignment." *Father Schunk*

Black Catholic on the Road to Sainthood

Servant of God Julia Greeley: A convert who used her freedom to help Denver's poor (Born circa 1835-1855, died 1918) Born into slavery near Hannibal, Missouri, Julia Greeley never knew when she was born. She spent nearly a decade in St. Louis as a housekeeper for a prominent white family before gaining her freedom after the Emancipation Proclamation. The brutality of violence stayed with Greeley all her life; she bore a drooping eye that she received as the result of a beating.



In 1879, Greeley accompanied the family of Colorado's territorial governor, William Gilpin, to Denver. With the help of Gilpin's wife, Greeley fell in love with the Catholic faith. She converted at Denver's Sacred Heart Church and immersed herself in the devotional and sacramental life of the Church. She found great joy in her love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which she saw as the source for her many charitable and service-oriented ministries. She spread the devotion, even using it as a tool to evangelize Denver's firemen by helping them to prepare for a sudden death. Taking on odd jobs like cooking and cleaning, Greeley used her meager salary to finance a ministry to the poor. Wearing her trademark floppy hat, Greeley dragged a red wagon filled with food and goods to distribute to the poor.



Newman Nights: Thursday from 6:30-8pm
Join us at St. Stephen's every Thursday at 6:30pm for fellowship + fun, with different activities each week!

Student Mass: Sunday @ 6:30pm, Thursday @ 12:30 Student mass is held at St. Stephen's Catholic Church on Sundays and the rectory on Thursdays. Located at 601 Eucalyptus Drive.

Sunday Supper: Sunday evenings at 7:30pm
Share a free meal with other college-aged students! Dinner is in the rectory of St. Stephen's, located along Eucalyptus Drive.

Pizza & Prayer: Wednesday from 6-7pm
Join us for pizza and a time to learn more about how to pray and different forms of prayer.



get connected!

@newman_at_sfsu

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Feb 10

8:00 a.m. † **John Steele**
(By: Teshara Family)

Tuesday, Feb 11

8:00 a.m. † **Adele Caunan**
(By: Friends @ St Stephen)

Wednesday, Feb 12

8:00 a.m. † **Shay Ingelfinger Sp. Int.**
(By: FDS, Parish Staff & Vol)

Thursday, Feb 13

8:00 a.m. † **Richard Faziola**
(By: Hilda Faziola)

Friday, Feb 14

8:00 a.m. † **John & Malvina Farrell**
Sp. Int. (By: Malvina Farrell)

Saturday, Feb 15

8:00 a.m. † **Maggie McDonald**
(By: Fely Boquiren)

4:30 p.m. † **Flor delos Santos**
(By: Carolyn Ongpian)

Sunday, Feb 16

8:00 a.m. † **Leonardo Samonte**
(By: Luis Gaerlan)

10:30 a.m. † **People of the Parish**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

6:30 p.m. † **Teresa Ho**
(By: Viet Ho)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: *Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8*
Isaiah describes his vision and call from the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 138:1-5,7-8*
A song of thanks to God who saves us.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*
Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel that he announced to them.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 5:1-11*
The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Saint Miguel Febres Cordero**
Monday: **Saint Scholastica**
Tuesday: **Our Lady of Lourdes**
Wednesday: **Saint Benedict of Aniane**
Thursday: **Saint Catherine dei Ricci**
Friday: **Saints Cyril and Methodius**
Saint Valentine
Saturday: **Saint Claude la Colombiere**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections - February 1-2, 2025

\$ 5,800.25 Sunday Collection

\$ 1,092.25 Maintenance Fund

\$ 1,280.00 Online Offering

Tax Time

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

THIS WEEK'S HUMOR

The mother was preparing pancakes for her young sons when the boys began arguing over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.
"If Jesus were sitting here," she told them, "he would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'" The younger boy turned to his brother and said, "You be Jesus."

St. Stephen's Book Club will meet Friday, March 7, at 4:30pm in the parish office. We are reading *Encyclical of Pope Francis: On The Human and Divine Love Of The Heart Of Jesus Christ*. Download free copy:

www.bit.ly/Pope-Heart-of-Jesus

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB EVENTS

Special Events for young adults on Thursdays:

Feb. 13th - 6:30 PM – Dessert Bar
(Bring something to share if you'd like)

Feb. 20th - 6:30 PM – Game Night

Feb. 27th - 7:00-10:00 PM – **Boot Scootin' Baywide Dance**,
Line & Swing Dance Lessons @ Donworth Hall, 473
Eucalyptus Dr. (below gym)



Sick Friends & Relatives

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.

Gerianne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex, Marie, 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 Barbriere, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Join us for a dinner watch party of

The Marriage Course

Each week, we'll watch a different episode of this entertaining and educational series. Not group therapy; it's just you and your spouse talking with each other about the episode.

A donation of \$20/couple per evening.

Childcare \$10/family.

Dinner and Free parking is included.

Please RSVP www.bit.ly/marriage-course-watch-party

Thursdays—Feb. 20—April 3

6:00-7:30 PM

**LOCATION: St. Anne School
1320 14th Ave., San Francisco**



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RETREAT / SEMINAR for Catholic Physicians, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants.



Have you considered serving at a Catholic Mission in Africa or Latin America? Come and learn more about the work of Mission Doctors Association that has for 65 years, sent and supported Catholic medical professionals in response to the requests received from Bishops and Hospital Administrators.

The weekend will be held April 25-27, 2025, at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and additional information can be found on the web page: www.MissionDoctors.org or contact the Program Coordinator, Amie Garcia at (213) 368-1875 or by email agarcia@missiondoctors.org.

Join us in this mission of Hope and Healing.

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!**"

Find free "In-Home Date Night Kits"

www.toolbox.communio.org/date-night-kits/

Livestream events and other resources:

www.marriageweek.org/live-events

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.

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. This article appeared in a booklet about St. Stephen's Parish History 1950—1953

On the feast day of Our Lady of Mercy, September, 1775, Don Bruno Heceta, an explorer in the service of Spain, led his expedition to a small but beautiful lake in the southwestern section of the peninsula that one day would be known as San Francisco.

He encamped on the high ground overlooking the lake and in accordance with the pious Spanish custom, the Franciscan Padres Palou and Campa, who accompanied the expedition, celebrated the First Mass and named the lake La Laguna de Nuestra Senora de la Merced - The Lake of Our Lady of Mercy.

On the same high ground in August, 1950, Saint Stephen's Parish was established by His Excellency, Most Reverend John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, and Father Richard Power, the first Pastor celebrated the first Mass in a small basement chapel on Eucalyptus Drive in the presence of fourteen parishioners.

Father Power was recalled to active duty as a Major in the United States Air Force Chaplain Corps and Father Joseph A. Donworth was appointed Administrator of St. Stephen's Parish on May 14, 1951.

In June 1951, Father Joseph A. Donworth celebrated his silver jubilee and received the warm congratulations of his brother Clergy, the Religious and a multitude of friends and parishioners.

On January 19, 1952, the parishioners were overjoyed at the announcement that Father Donworth had received his appointment as Pastor.

Meanwhile, our Parish had been beset by many disappointments in its building program. National restrictions in materials, local building restrictions and of course the ever present monetary restrictions of a new Parish at times seemed insurmountable; but on Ash Wednesday 1952 Father Donworth announced that the contract for the building of St. Stephen's Parish School had been let and the plans for the Parish Church had been approved.

Thus, St. Stephen's Parish became the first in the Archdiocese to construct a school prior to a parish church, a tribute to the Parishioners who were willing to suffer personal inconveniences in order that the children might receive a splendid education.

A parish building fund drive was conducted from April 20th to April 30th, 1952, realizing more than \$100,000.00 in cash and pledges, assuring the Parish of a firm financial foundation.

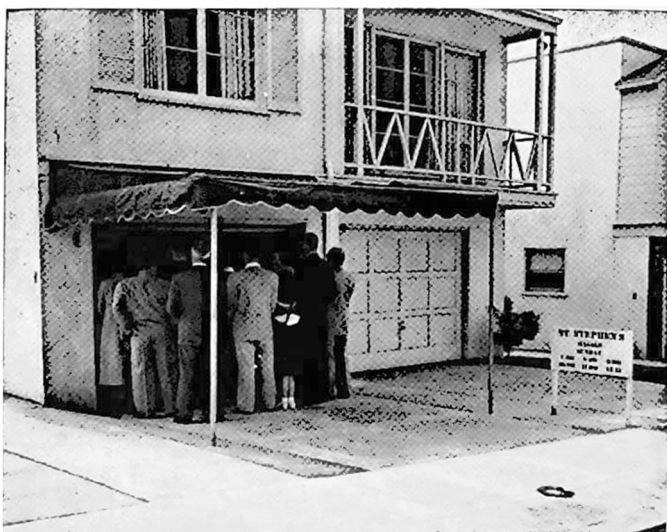
The first available results of the perseverance of the Pastor, the cooperation of the Parishioners, and the approval of the Hierarchy were demonstrated on the opening of St. Stephen's Parish School to 170 pupils by the Sisters of Mercy on September 22, 1952, with instruction for the first five grades and the announcement that an additional grade would be added each year until all eight grades, accommodating 400 pupils, were available.

The records of the Parish disclose that to Miss Rosemarie Maring is accorded the honor of the first baptism in our Parish, while Justin Bardellini and Patricia Grossman were the first to be joined in marriage. The first funeral Mass was celebrated for Della Walsh. On November 22, 1952, joy mingled with sadness as we left our little basement Chapel forever and moved our Altar to the School Building, where Mass was celebrated for the next four and one-half months.

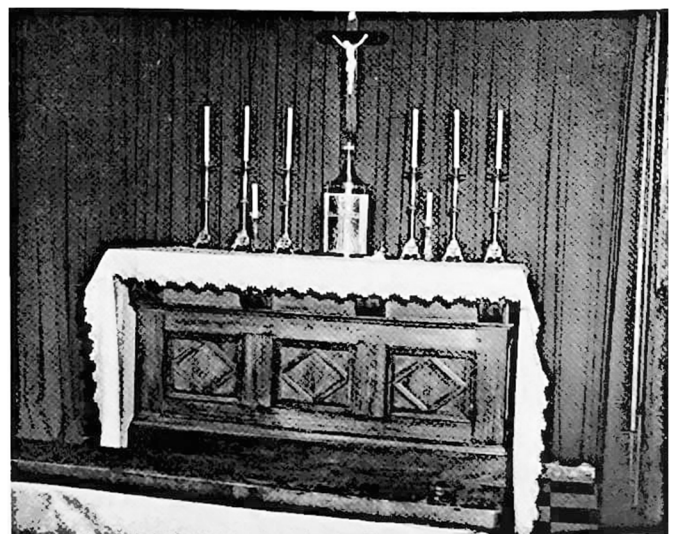
In February of 1953, Father J. Thomas Madden was welcomed as the first Assistant Pastor of St. Stephen's Parish.

On Easter Sunday, April 5, 1953, Father Joseph A. Donworth celebrated the First Mass in our new church.

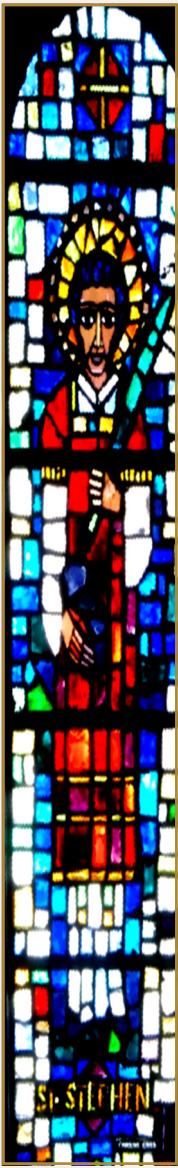
The remaining history of the parish is written, externally, in the multitudinous activities of the men, women and youth of our Parish, and internally, in the countless spiritual endeavors of our Clergy.



OUR FIRST CHAPEL



THE CHAPEL ALTAR



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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.



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Today's Music

Gathering: **Here I Am, Lord # 393**
Offertory: **God Has Chosen Me # 392**
Communion: **Pan De Vida # 336,**
Bread of Angels # 376
Sending: **Go out, Go Out # 390**