


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 16, 2025



BLESSED ARE
ALL WHO HOPE
in the Lord.

PSALM 1

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



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Monday, we observe Presidents' Day. The Church has a special prayer for Mass that she may use for the head of state or ruler of a nation which I often like to say on Presidents' Day. It is another reminder for us of the importance of praying for our civil leaders. The prayer also points towards the universality of the Church as different nations have different forms of government and so we cannot just call it a prayer for the president. In fact, there are several options for the title of the office that may be adapted based on the nation's office and title of the head of state.

This week, our 8th grade students will be participating in a retreat as part of their preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation which will be the morning of March 1. Coming for the retreat is a team from NET Ministries, a nationwide missionary group of young Catholics who primarily minister to other young Catholics through retreats and activities. We are grateful for their presence and the witness they give to our Catholic faith.

In this week's bulletin, we are acknowledging all the households who participated in last year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We were short in our assessment this past year by \$15,409.00 and so had to pay this amount from our parish savings. This is also the time of year we often begin the AAA for the current year, but we are going to hold off on the launch for a few months because we will be announcing a special fundraising drive (hopefully next weekend) for our jubilee year to raise extra funds to help fund some projects around the parish that need attention. But don't worry, you will also hear about the AAA later in the spring as it is an obligation for us as a parish.

Thank you for those of you who have already made the transition to our new online donation platform. A reminder that we will have the two systems running parallel but eventually, we will be shutting down our old systems and just have the one system running. Thank you as always for your contributions to our parish community.

Father Schunk

Black Catholic on the Road to Sainthood

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman: A prophetic voice for the modern Church in the U.S. (1937-1990)

Born in Yazoo City, Mississippi, in 1937, Bertha Bowman was the granddaughter of a slave and the only child of a doctor and a teacher. Bowman experienced prejudice and racism growing up, but was taught "we must return love, no matter what."



She was raised in the Black spiritual tradition of the Methodist Church, which gave her a foundation of faith to endure the sufferings of a segregated South. When the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration opened a school in her hometown that allowed Black children to enroll, her life changed. At age 9 she converted to Catholicism and at age 15 joined the religious order, taking the name Sister Thea.

She came of age in the midst of America's struggle for civil rights and recognized the need not only to speak up on behalf of her African American brothers and sisters, but to help heal a society, culture, and Church deeply wounded by racism and its consequences.

As a writer, teacher, musician, and evangelist, Sister Thea preached the gospel to clergy and laity alike, promoting ecclesial and cultural harmony and reconciliation. With her prophetic voice, she was a tireless spokeswoman for the Black Catholic experience.

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



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 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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Feb 17

8:00 a.m. † **Vivian Mullaney**
(By: *Mary Molly Mullaney*)

Tuesday, Feb 18

8:00 a.m. † **Policarpio Hizon**
(By: *Nellie Hizon*)

Wednesday, Feb 19

8:00 a.m. **Mike Pavini** *Sp. Int.*
(By: *A friend*)

Thursday, Feb 20

8:00 a.m. **Ann Marie Nowak** *Sp. Int.*
(By: *Nerissa Ha*)

Friday, Feb 21

8:00 a.m. † **Belinda Austria**
(By: *Rodel & Edna Rodis*)

Saturday, Feb 22

8:00 a.m. † **Lito Mijares**
(By: *Mga Anak ni Gloria*)

4:30 p.m. † **Renee Lobo**
(By: *Deborah Lobo*)

Sunday, Feb 23

8:00 a.m. **Cesario M. Javier** *Sp. Int.*
(By: *Family*)

10:30 a.m. **Chase Family**
(By: *Lupita Chase*)

6:30 p.m. **People of the Parish**
(By: *Fr. Schunk*)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading *Jeremiah 17:5-8*
Put trust and hope in the Lord, not in human beings.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 1:1-4,6*
Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20*
Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead.

Gospel Reading *Luke 6:17,20-26*
Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Monday: **The 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order**
Thursday: **Blesseds Francisco and Jacinta Marto**
Friday: **Saint Peter Damian**
Saturday: **The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**

"He who prays most receives most."
—St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections - February 8-9, 2025

\$ 5,340.00 Sunday Collection
\$ 472.00 Second Collection: Building Faith
\$ 1,286.00 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!

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied." — Luke 6:20-21a



AT SAN FRANCISCO STATE

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.



@newman_at_sfsu

get connected!

Special Events for Young Adults on Thursdays:

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)

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**



For additional information contact:

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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.

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.

Stations of the Cross in Times of Grief

Wednesday, February 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Holy Name Parish Office Chapel
1555 39th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122

Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher will guide us in finding hope through each station, showing how this sacred journey parallels our own experiences of loss and teaches us how to move forward in faith. All are welcome to this morning of reflection and healing.

For questions contact Holy Name Parish Office
Ph: 415.664.8590

Email: parish@holynamesf.org



St. Stephen Men's Club Presents the Annual

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Saturday, March 8 in Donworth Hall, 5:30 PM

Corned Beef Dinner & Entertainment

Please RSVP by Monday, March 3, using either payment method:

- Check: turn in payment to school office with check payable to St. Stephen Men's Club
- PayPal: to [ststephenmensclub](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?business=ststephenmensclub) - be sure to include family name and number of adults/children attending in payment notes. (No need to return form if paying via PayPal)

Family Name: _____

#Adults @ \$25/each: _____ #Children @ \$10/each: _____ Total amount enclosed: _____



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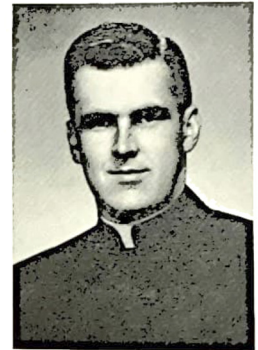
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REVEREND RICHARD A. POWER
First Pastor



REVEREND JOSEPH A. DONWORTH
Pastor



REVEREND J. THOMAS MADDEN
Assistant Pastor

GROUND BREAKING

On Sunday, February 10, 1952, in a simple, eloquent ceremony, Father Joseph A. Donworth, assisted by officers and members of the Women's Guild, the Men's Club, and the Holy Name Society, in the presence of the men, women, and children of St. Stephen's Parish turned the first shovel of earth.

From the rugged terrain has blossomed a magnificent Parish Plant, comprising our Church in a liturgical concept of contemporary design and our school with every facility for highest educational standards.

The future harvest will be in the willing hands of our noble Priests and in the generous hearts of the parishioners.



FATHER DONWORTH TURNS FIRST SHOVEL OF EARTH

Thank You for Supporting St. Stephen's 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Parish Goal: \$ 84,637.00 *We thank all those households who have made their*
Total Amount Received: \$ 69,228.00 *pledge/donations to the 2024 Appeal. Thank you for your*
Balance Deficit: \$ 15,409.00 *support of our archdiocesan ministries and services.*

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