

# 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.

## *First Sunday of* **LENT**

March 9, 2025



Jesus said to the devil,  
“You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.” -Luke 4:12

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**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**

We are now in the great season of Lent. The season of Lent was once described to me as a time when the entire Church goes on retreat. A retreat is a time we set aside to grow closer to the Lord or pray about something important. Since it is difficult for many people to take time off for a retreat, we are grateful to have this sacred season of Lent to make a communal retreat each time we go to Mass as we look forward to Easter.

As we announced last weekend, we are kicking off our 75th Anniversary Fund that runs this year of 2025 during our anniversary year. We have identified three critical items at our parish that need our attention now: a) replacing the parish office (former convent) roof, b) replacing the boiler in the rectory, and c) inspecting/repairing the terracotta roof of the church and rectory. So, during this year of 2025 when we celebrate our jubilee, our goal is to raise \$250,000 to pay for these necessary repairs. If we exceed this goal and/or the projects end up coming under their estimated costs, we will use the monies to fund other much needed maintenance projects on our campus. I want to emphasize that these are not optional projects but immediate priorities. The reality is that if we raise the funds then that is a blessing. However, if we fall short, we will need to draw down from our parish savings to cover the remaining costs.

I am asking all of us to consider our own means and make a sacrificial gift to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund. We will have two ways to recognize your generosity. First, for households who donate \$1,000 or more during 2025, we will offer them the opportunity to inscribe a blank leaf on the donation tree at the back of the church. This will be available to the first 250 donors. Then for those households who donate \$10,000 or more during 2025, in addition to the leaf, Father Lilledahl and I will cook you dinner. Maybe it will be in a warm rectory! With ten months left in 2025, this means a household may give \$100, or perhaps \$1,000 each month for the rest of the year to reach one of these levels. If 250 households each gave \$1,000, then we would reach our goal!

To make a donation, you may use the special 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund envelopes that are available in the vestibule of the church and return them to the parish office via the collection baskets, mail, or drop off. You may also make a donation online through our new donation page. When you consider donating, please keep in mind this is an extra request for this year as we rely on both your regular contributions to fund our parish operations and your yearly contributions to the AAA. We hope every household of our parish will consider contributing to this special fund and we are grateful for every gift our parish receives. Thank you in advance for your generosity and may the Lord bless us during the next 75 years!

***Father Schunk***

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, Mar 10

8:00 a.m. † **Bernadette & Tony Adiego**  
(By: Mary Molly Mullaney)

## Tuesday, Mar 11

8:00 a.m. † **Celestina Milch**  
(By: Marilu Illenberger)

## Wednesday, Mar 12

8:00 a.m. **Robert Liam, Sp Int**  
(By: Nana & Nono)

## Thursday, Mar 13

8:00 a.m. † **James Hart**  
(By: Connolly Family)

## Friday, Mar 14

8:00 a.m. † **Raymunda Vinluan**  
(By: Teresa Vinluan)

## Saturday, Mar 15

8:00 a.m. † **Flor delos Santos**  
(By: Sandy & Jeffrey Ongpian)

4:30 p.m. † **Vicente Dy**  
(By: Dy Family)

## Sunday, Mar 16

8:00 a.m. † **Peggy O'Brien**  
(By: Tom & Beibhinn Conroy)

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

6:30 p.m. † **Maria Pop**  
(By: Hrvatin Family)

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** *Deuteronomy 26:4-10*  
Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalms 91:1-2, 10-15*  
A prayer for God's protection

**Second Reading** *Romans 10:8-13*  
Paul teaches that we are saved by faith.

**Gospel Reading** *Luke 4:1-13*  
In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

## Online Giving

Our new online giving system with OSV is up and running.

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



[www.osvhub.com/saintstephensf/giving/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/saintstephensf/giving/funds)

## Stewardship: A Way of Life

### Sunday Collections - March 1-2, 2025

\$4,541.00 Sunday Collection  
\$1,111.00 Online Offering  
\$ 535.00 Second Collection—Maintenance

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy" — Pope Francis

## Lenten Pray 40 Challenge on The HALLOW APP

We are inviting you to join the Lenten "Pray 40" challenge on the Hallow Prayer App. It will feature content from a range of Catholic spiritual leaders, and it is a great tool to bolster your prayer life this Lent.

Thanks to an Archdiocesan partnership with Hallow, all parishioners can subscribe to Hallow Premium for 12 months for only \$1. (one dollar!) To access this deal, visit the special webpage for our parish at:

[www.hallow.com/communities/9947](http://www.hallow.com/communities/9947)

The Hallow app is the #1 Catholic app available. It offers scripture readings, reflections, music, meditations, prayers, and prayer groups. Make sure to join the Saint Stephen Parish group.

# Hallow

Catholic Prayer & Meditation App

## 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.

**Tresa Matthews, GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Larry & Carmelita Gallager, Ana Caballero, Pacita Calimlim-Sagun, Araceli Caparas, George Farrales, Perry Young, Antoinette Mishirsky, Al Vicente Jr, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Eden Finn, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya, Robert Liam, Kenneth Fambrini, Larry Barbieri, 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.

## Music for Sunday, March 9

**Gathering:** Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days #140

**Offertory:** Forty Days and Forty Nights #132

**Communion:** Amen, El Cuerpo De Cristo #352, What Feast Of Love #369

**Sending:** Led By The Spirit #130



# Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday,  
March 12  
&  
Tuesday,  
April 8  
6:00-8:00 PM

6:00 PM—7:00 PM—Soup Potluck  
7:00 PM—8:00 PM—Guest Speaker  
in Donworth Hall

Signup Sheets are in the vestibule if you want to bring some food to share.

**March 12: A Modern Day Emmaus Journey: A Pilgrimage Across the United States with Jesus Christ** Seminarians Dereck Delgado and Jimmy Velasco were blessed to have been perpetual pilgrims on the St. Junipero Serra route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the summer of 2024. They will be sharing their experiences from their two month journey traveling from San Francisco to Indianapolis and the graces they received.

**April 8:** Fr. Michael Liliedahl will speak about "Jubilee." (more info to come)



### 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!

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### Newman Nights—Thursdays, 6:30-8:00pm

- **March 13<sup>th</sup>—The Pauline Sisters share about the usage of Social Media. Meet in the Rectory, 601 Eucalyptus Dr.**
- **March 20<sup>th</sup>—Round One Fun Night (the new bowling & arcade at Stonestown Mall)**



St. Stephen Women's Guild

## MAMMA MIA FASHION SHOW

Saturday, April 5th  
at the Olympic Club

Purchase your tickets online  
[www.sswgfashionshow.com](http://www.sswgfashionshow.com)

Before they're gone!

### Our Humor for the Week



**Satan or God?** A priest was ministering to a man on his deathbed. "Renounce Satan!" said the priest. "No," said the dying man. "I say, renounce the devil and his works!" "No," the man repeats. "And why not, I ask you in the name of all that is holy?" "Because," said the dying man, "I want to wait until I see where I'm heading, before I start annoying anybody."

**Get behind me, Satan!** A woman had bought a new dress which was very expensive. Her husband asked why she had been so extravagant. She replied, "The Devil made me do it." "Well," the husband asked, "Why didn't you say 'Get thee behind me Satan!'" "I did," explained the wife, "But he said it looked as good in back as it did in front. So I bought it."

### What Could We Give Up For Lent?

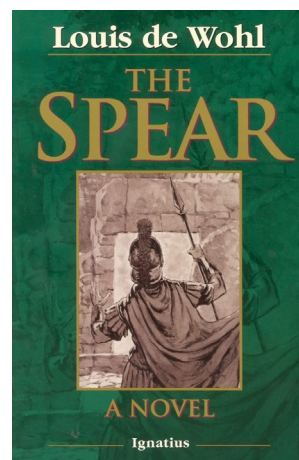
**GIVE UP** TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone a precious gift: your time!

**GIVE UP** grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines.

**GIVE UP** looking at other people's worst points. Instead concentrate on their best points.

### St. Stephen's Book Club

April's book: *The Spear* a novel of the Crucifixion by Louis De Wohl, a distinguished and internationally respected Catholic author. A panoramic historical novel of the last days of Jesus Christ. It tells the full story of all the participants involved in the dramatic execution, including the seldom remembered Roman soldier who thrust his spear into Christ as he hung on the Cross.





The men of St. Stephen's are imbued with the rare gift of Parish enthusiasm. We must pay special tribute to the Fund Raising Drive based upon the talent, foresight, organization and perseverance found in such abundance among the members of this club, that more than \$100,000.00 was realized between April 20 and April 30, 1952, without any professional assistance and with only a trifling overhead. Chairman Joseph Meagher found a ready response among all of the men of the Parish and in the compilation and distribution of necessary literature received extraordinary assistance from Jack Bonsor, Hugh Smith, Robert Murphy, George Railton and Joseph Tinney.

The Club is indebted to Ray Shine, of happy memory for his splendid term as the first President from August 1950 to January 1951. He was succeeded by Leo Scatena in 1951, Rudy Rauh in 1952 and Chuck Rush in 1953.

The Men's Club has always displayed a characteristic vigor - co-sponsorship of the Christmas Party in 1950, splendid attendance on the Rosary Hour on St. Stephen's Day 1950, and under the leadership of Joseph Meagher, first President of the Holy Name Society, an attendance close to one hundred on January 19, 1951 - our First Communion Breakfast at the Town House.

The minutes reveal important dates: May 28, 1951, Father Joseph Donworth, new Pastor, presented to the members; a going away gift presented to our first Pastor, Father Richard Power, and genial George Rotenkolber announcing successful completion of our very urgent "weed clearing project."

Frank Pacelli found a magic formula for introducing all of the members of the Parish to each other at our first Dinner Dance, held at the Green Hills Country Club June 2, 1951, and reported ruefully but not regretfully that the profit went to the Orchestra for playing an extra hour.

John Burke promised an attendance of 1,000 at our first Parish Picnic September 26, 1951, and the entire Parish migrated to Adobe Creek Lodge, Los Altos, and found that Mr. Burke had again demonstrated that ability, experience and hard work were the keys to the success of our Parish. Dr. John Scully led a crew of extracting specialists and his efforts and a year's supply of groceries produced a substantial contribution to the Parish funds.

On November 4, 1951, all of the men of the Club attended the Communion Breakfast at Lakeside Country Club; during the next month they assisted at the Open House sponsored

by Mr. and Mrs. Elton McGraw for the Women's Guild and also at the Christmas Party at the Jack Bonsor's home.

The spiritual activities were kept foremost in mind at the First Parish Retreat at El Retiro in January of 1952 and at the Communion Breakfast in March of that year under the direction of John Burke and Roger Murray, respectively, with Rev. John J. Scanlan, Archdiocesan moderator of National Council of Catholic Men and Pastor of our neighboring St. Thomas More as principal speaker at the breakfast.

The officers for 1952 were: Rudy Rauh President; Chuck Rush, Vice-President; Robert Smith, Treasurer; John Becker, Secretary; Roger Murray, President of Holy Name Society.

It may be said that during 1952, the Men's Club definitely established its place in the affairs of our Archdiocese. Norbert Cronin organized the Parish in support of Proposition Number 3 on our State Ballot; Dick Laine guaranteed a quota each month for the Blood Bank; Oakley Cook and Patrick Meehan volunteered to cover our area for the Observance of Good Friday, and John J. Doyle was signally honored by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII in his appointment as Knight of the Lateran and also designated Archdiocesan President of the National Council of Catholic Men.

The Picnic, Dinner Dance, Open House and Christmas Party were made traditional by Chairman Don Monaghan, Ed Moran, Jack Bonsor and Frank Pacelli, respectively.

The Rosary Hour on St. Stephen's Day was a prelude to the Retreat at El Retiro starting January 15, 1953.

On February 6, 1953, the Men's Club officially welcomed Father J. Thomas Madden, the first Assistant of St. Stephen's Parish. Two weeks later the officers for 1953 were installed in the following positions: Chuck Rush, President; John Burke, Vice-President; Thomas Blanchard, Treasurer; John Becker, Secretary, and Ed Moran, President Holy Name Society.

The names and accomplishments of those who contributed to the success of the Men's Club in addition to the foregoing are many but perhaps especial tribute should be made to Don Monaghan and Earl Mull, Auditing; Ed Duggan, Entertainment; Bob Smith, Grading and Surfacing; Ernie Locher, Fred Watson, I. McCullough, Leo Francesconi and Ed Hayes, Paper Drive; Mervyn Johnson and Rudy Rauh, General Factotums, and Frank Reagan, Coach of our first Athletic Teams.

# St. Stephen Parish

## Fund Our Need

*Rooted in Faith  
Growing with Love*



For over 75 years, our parish has been a place of faith, service, and community. We have accomplished so much together, from our first church and school to our current facilities. As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to contribute to our 75th Anniversary Fund.

Like all homes and buildings, over time, our parish facilities need some TLC. As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, we are reaching out to gather funds for some critical repairs that will help us continue serving our community. We have put together a list of projects that need our attention.

Your support means the world to this community, not only for these special projects but also for our regular collections and maintenance efforts throughout the year. Let us come together to celebrate our parish's legacy with a special donation this jubilee year. Thank you for being such a vital part of our community!

### **Rectory Heating Boiler - Estimated Cost: \$60-100k**

We have identified a critical issue with the rectory's boiler. A technician confirmed in September that our 60-year-old boiler has reached the end of its lifespan and was leaking natural gas. Shutting it down stopped the leak but also cut off heat to the rectory since last July 2024.

We are replacing the boiler and evaluating estimates, which are expected to range from \$60,000 to \$100,000, especially if additional work on the baseboard radiators is needed. This repair is essential for ensuring a safe and comfortable living space for our priests and the campus ministry using the rectory.



### **Parish Office Roof - Estimated Cost: \$100,000**

Our Parish Office is essential for managing the day-to-day operations of our church community, providing a central point of contact for parishioners seeking information or support.

You may not have noticed but the roof of our parish office is in urgent need of replacement. Over the past few years, we have had to call roofers for emergency patches, but unfortunately, the roof continues to fail in different areas. The photo shown, included some of the damage in September 2024, just before we had to arrange for yet another patch job ahead of winter.

We have been proactive and worked closely with our building department to get bids for the project. The lowest bid we received is around \$100,000, and we plan to have this crucial work done in the summer of 2025.

### **Church Roof Inspection & Repair - Estimated Cost: TBD**

Our church plays a vital role in providing spiritual support to the community. Together with the rectory, its beautiful terracotta tile roof reflects our shared spirit. However, recent storms have dislodged several tiles and damaged a significant portion of the gutters, putting our cherished space at risk from the elements.

While the wires securing the tiles still have some life left, we need to assess their integrity. Loose tiles can create hazards, and water infiltration could jeopardize the long-term health of our church. We are in the process of securing estimates for an inspection of repairs, but the costs will likely be substantial, especially since a lift will be needed for safe access.

