

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.

March 23, 2025



Third Sunday

of

Lent

God called out to Moses from the burning bush and said, “Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.”

Exodus 3:4, 5



March 23, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With spring break taking place this week for the college students, Father Michael left this weekend with a group of the students on a week-long mission trip to Huaraz, Peru. This is an opportunity for them to live out our Christian call to serve and love others, and seek out Christ in the poor in a truly concrete way. Please remember them in your prayers as they take up the mantle of Christ the Servant.

This weekend the Church throughout the world begins to celebrate the Scrutinies. The Scrutinies are a period of preparation for the Elect (those who will receive the sacrament of Baptism at Easter). They normally take place at one of the Sunday Masses. We understand the Scrutinies as final steps when the Elect affirm their faith, a life of discipleship, and prayer, as they turn away from their life of old and look to purify themselves so they are ready to embrace the fulness of life in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for all of your prayers while I was away on retreat this past week. Many of you tell me you pray for the clergy on a regular basis and we are all grateful for your prayers.

Thank you too for those households who have already contributed or said you will contribute to the 75th Anniversary Fund. We will be giving regular updates on our progress and contributions during the course of the year.

Finally, as we approach the end of the month, a reminder that we are approaching the end of our transition to our new donation platform. Starting in April, we will be taking offline our two older online donation platforms (Vanco & Realm) and just using the single new platform with Our Sunday Visitor. Please see the information below for the details.

Father Schunk

Online Giving Transition

As we have been announcing, we are almost done with 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. We will have the systems running parallel through the end of March 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.

Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo

Turibius, a member of a wealthy Spanish family in the 16th century, was a brilliant professor of law at Salamanca University. As judge at the court of Inquisition, he dispensed justice. His responsibility and keen insight were praised by Philip II, King of Spain. Unexpectedly, the pope appointed this layman archbishop of Lima, Peru. Turibius argued, for he was not a priest, had not volunteered, and had never been to South America. But the pope sent him anyway. Turibius's holiness and courage showed in every decision he made. God needed a man who would bring Christ's teachings to South America. Greedy Spanish conquerors had taken over the land and the people of Peru. Those wealthy landlords were guilty of oppression. In some cases, priests had joined the Spanish leaders in oppressing the people. It was a critical situation that Turibius faced when he rode into Lima, Peru, in 1581.



Upon his arrival, Turibius began visiting every parish and mission in his diocese, which took 7 years. He traveled thousands of miles. His journeys were dangerous because he went alone through areas plagued by wild animals and a variety of diseases. Sometimes going 2 or 3 days without food or a bed. The condition of the native people horrified Turibius. Thousands of baptized people had little idea of Christianity because there were no catechisms or Bibles in their languages and no priests for their missions.

Turibius gathered the bishops for the Third Council of Lima. They decided to print catechisms in the native languages, to set up classes for those in need, to regulate the sacraments, and to reform the priests. Turibius was firm, though understanding. He set an example by learning the indigenous languages. He spent his life baptizing and confirming, building hospitals, and establishing the first seminary in the new world. He fell sick while visiting a mission, dragged himself into a church in Lima, begged for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and then died.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Mar 24

8:00 a.m. † **Raymond Chee Kee**
(By: Lena Juan)

Tuesday, Mar 25 — the Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. † **Joseph Abraham**
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

Wednesday, Mar 26

8:00 a.m. **Raul Delgado** *Sp. Int.*
(By: Hugo Delgado)

Thursday, Mar 27

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

Friday, Mar 28

8:00 a.m. **Alaina Kyra** *Sp. B-day Int.*
(by: Papa & Mama)

Saturday, Mar 29

8:00 a.m. **Thelma Ramos** *Sp. Int.*
(By: Kathy Morello)

4:30 p.m. † **People of the Parish.**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

Sunday, Mar 30

8:00 a.m. † **Olive Page**
(By: Tom & Beibhinn Conroy)

10:30 a.m. † **Denis O'Connor**
(By: Rose O'Connor)

6:30 p.m. **Lourdes Siruno** *Sp. Int.*
(By: Siruno Family)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading *Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15*

God speaks to Moses from the burning bush and sends him to the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 103:1-4,6-8,11*

A prayer in praise of God's mercy.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12*

Paul teaches that the Scriptures were written to set an example for us.

Gospel Reading *Luke 13:1-9*

Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.

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

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections - March 15-16, 2025

\$ 4,551.50 Sunday Collection

\$ 656.00 Online Offering

Tuesday, March 25, is the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**, when the Archangel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will be the Mother of the Lord. (not a Holy Day of Obligation)

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

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



Come join us!

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

6:00 p.m. in Church

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.

Peggy Teshara, Cristina Young, Tresa Matthews, GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, Perry Young, Pacita Calimlim-Sagun, Araceli Caparas, George Farrales, 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 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.



Lenten Soup Suppers

Tuesday, April 8

6:00 PM—7:00 PM—Soup Potluck

7:00 PM—8:00 PM—Special Presentation
in Donworth Hall

Signup Sheets will be in the vestibule later this month if you want to bring some food to share.

April 8: Fr. Michael Liliedahl will speak about:

Jubilee Years- what they are and how we can celebrate 2025 as the designated Jubilee Year of Hope! 2025 has been designated as a Jubilee Year of Hope in the Church. But what are Jubilee Years? Where do they come from? What have they been historically? What are they today? How do we celebrate them? and finally, what does a Jubilee Year for Hope mean specifically for us in 2025?

WinterFaith Shelter Walk

April 6 around Lake Merced.

Join or support the St. Stephen Parish's walk-a-thon team, **The Fog Walkers**, in raising funds for the San Francisco Interfaith Council's Winter Shelter Program.

Last year Faith Formation students and teachers walked and volunteered at the water station, and raised more than \$500. Won't you join us? Donate online (or register to walk with us):

www.bit.ly/StS-FogWalkers



St. Stephen Women's Guild

MAMMA MIA FASHION SHOW

Saturday, April 5th
at the Olympic Club

Purchase your tickets online

www.sswgfashionshow.com

Before they're gone!

75th Anniversary Fund

We are looking to raise \$250k for our Anniversary Fund this year to help pay for critical maintenance issues. Flyers are in the vestibule with more information. You may make contributions using envelopes that are found in the vestibule or via our parish's online donation website. No gift is too small as we hope everyone in the parish will participate to strengthen Saint Stephen's for another 75 years!

St. Stephen Parish

*Rooted in Faith
Growing with Love*



NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB

AT SAN FRANCISCO STATE

Due to SF State University's Spring Break (March 23-29) there are no Newman events this week. Check out their Instagram page for more info: @newman_at_sfsu

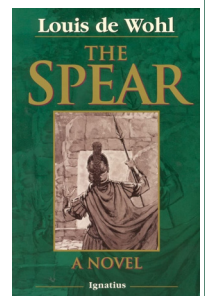


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get connected!

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.



REFUGEE FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Refugee Foster Care supports unaccompanied refugee minors fleeing persecution and violence. We are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home. Join us virtually to learn more!



March 27, 2025
6:30 PM



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From the Archive: Stained Glass Windows

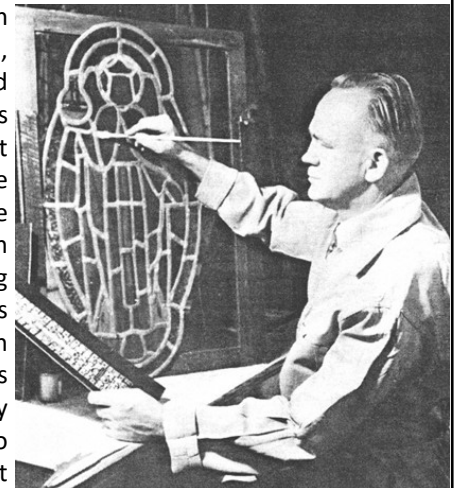
St. Stephen Parish was established by Archbishop Mitty in 1950. The first masses were held in the garage of the temporary rectory at 451 Eucalyptus.

The school opened in September 1952, and the first mass in the church at 473 Eucalyptus (now Donworth Hall) was held on Easter Sunday 1953.

The new church was designed by architect Fred Houweling, Jr. It opened December 22, 1963. The pews, the Swedish marble altar and some of the walnut woodwork were moved from the older church.

The beautiful faceted glass windows were designed by Carl Huneke, Century Stained Glass Studio in San Francisco. He installed the windows over a two year period between 1963 and 1965. Mr. Huneke was a parishioner of St. Stephen's. The clerestory windows in the nave and the rose window in the choir illustrate the Joyful, Glorious, and Sorrowful Mysteries. The triptychs in the sanctuary and the children's room are of individual saints selected by donors of those windows, as are the small windows next to the pews in the nave. The very large windows in the stairways to the choir depict St. Patrick and the patron saint of the parish, St. Stephen. The faceted glass from which the windows were created is inch thick glass set in a thin matrix of epoxy so that the carefully chipped edges of the glass provide rich color variations from the refracted light.

Carl Huneke was born in Achim bei Bremen, Germany. He started his apprenticeship as a stained glass artist in Bremen at age thirteen. He emigrated to San Francisco as a young man. His passions were chess, hiking in the high Sierra and his art. His shop, Century Stained Glass Studio was on Fillmore Street in San Francisco



where he created windows for more than 70 churches in California, including the Cathedral of the Annunciation in Stockton, Saint Vincent de Paul Church in San Francisco, both in the tradition of the great cathedrals of Europe, and Saint Stephen's Church in San Francisco, where he pioneered the creation of faceted glass windows. He was a parishioner of St. Stephen and this was the first church for which he created the new style of faceted glass windows.

www.hunekestainedglass.com

WINDOW TITLES AND DONORS

ALTAR - (South Side) Triptych

- Saint. Joseph - *Frank and Ida Onorato*
- Saint Brigid - *Brigid Crofton*
- Saint Gerard - *Richard Thomas Smith*

ALTAR - (North Side) Triptych

- Saint Ailbe - *James and Mary Whelan*
- Saint Michael - *Michael A Gaffey*
- Saint Peter - *Fr. Peter M. Dunne, S. J.*

CHOIR LOFT - Rose Window

- Glorious Mystery: Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - *William F. and William E. Nagel*

NAVE - (South Side) Large

Clerestory Windows (from front)

Joyful Mysteries:

- Annunciation - *Lawrence & Catherine Conlon & Richard L. Conlon*
- Visitation - *Lawrence A. Unger*
- Nativity - *Gift of Dr. and Mrs. E. P. M. von Gehren*
- Presentation - *Gift of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Sylvester*
- Finding in the Temple - *Gift of the Bargione Family*

Sorrowful Mysteries:

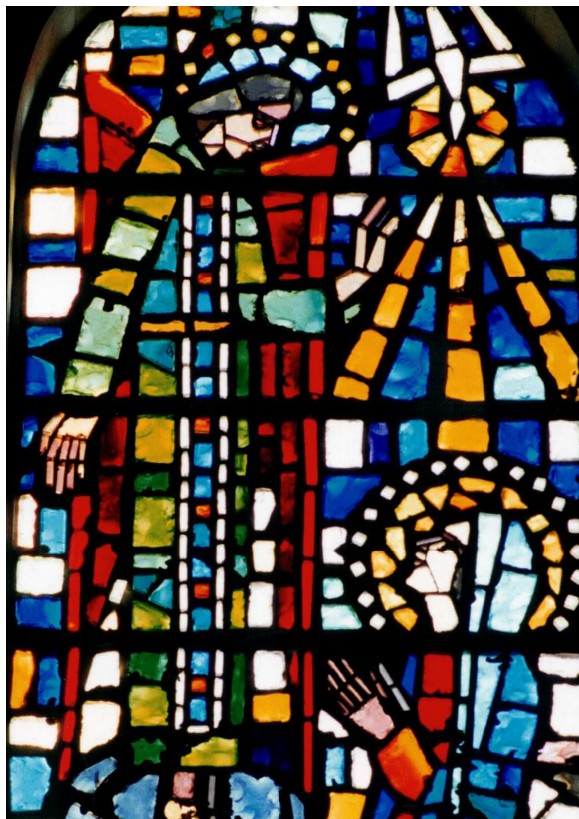
- Agony in the Garden - *Gift of Mr. and Mrs. John Louis Merlo*
- Scourging at the Pillar - *Maria Salemi and Laura Hammer*

NAVE- (North Side) - Large

Clerestory Windows (from front)

Glorious Mysteries:

- Assumption - *Gift of the Joseph E. Tinney Family*
- Descent of the Holy Spirit - *Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Edward F. Nino*



- Ascension - *Gift of the Hugh Deming Smith Family*

- Resurrection - *M. Rudy Tham Family*

Sorrowful Mysteries:

- Crucifixion - *Gift of the Robert F. Smith Family*
- Carrying the Cross - *Gift of the Thomas Cunningham Family*
- Crowning with Thorns - *Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Frank J. Kilmartin*

NAVE - (South Side) Small Windows by Pews (from front)

- Saint George - *Gift of the Martin M. George Family*
 - Saint Ignatius - *Charlotte Cline and Julia Allender*
 - Santa Lucia - *Gift of Mr. and Mrs. James Salemi*
 - Saint Therese - *Mary Sue Howard*
- #### (North Side) - Infant Jesus of Prague -
- Peter and Josephine Dunne
 - Saint Jude
 - Saint John Vianney
 - Saint Munchin - *Fred Houweling, Jr.*

CHILDREN'S ROOM - Triptych

- Saint Anne with Blessed Virgin Mary - *Gift of Mr. and Mrs. James Salemi*
- Holy Family - *Gift of the Richard C. O'Conner Family*
- Saint Anthony - *Gift of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Quirie*

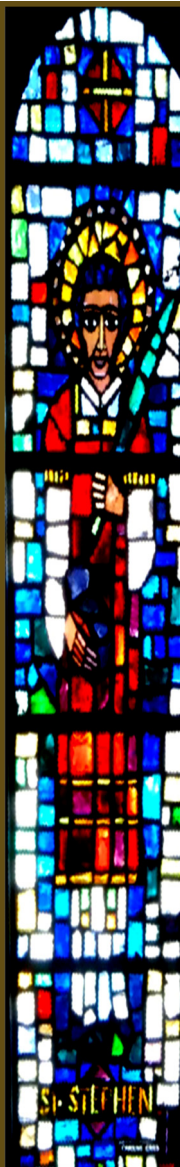
- BAPTISTRY - Saint Francis of Assisi - *The John McCoy Family*

CHOIR LOFT STAIRWAY

- South - Saint Patrick - *Robert and Mary Donworth*
- North - Saint Stephen - *Carolyn Grieb*

CONFESSIONAL - Small Window

Picture: The Annunciation—Archangel Gabriel with the Blessed Virgin Mary



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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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With our new
OSV Service*

Music for Sunday March 23

Sing along with us, songs found in missalette books:

- Gathering: Here I Am, Lord #393
- Offertory: Again We Keep This Solemn Fast #125
- Communion: The Supper Of The Lord #338,
Come To Me and Drink #349
- Sending: In these Days of Lenten Journey #135