

# 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.

# Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord



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April 13, 2025

“Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord.”

Luke 19:38

## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday

April 13

Regular Mass Schedule  
(Confessions 30 min. before  
each Mass)

### Holy Thursday

April 17

7:30 p.m.  
Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(Confessions  
6:15-7:15 p.m.)  
Adoration of the Most  
Blessed Sacrament until  
10:00 p.m.

### Good Friday

April 18

1:00 p.m.—Stations of the  
Cross  
2:00 p.m.—7 Last Words  
Reflections  
3:00 p.m.—Good Friday  
Liturgy  
(Confessions  
1:00-2:45 p.m.)

### Holy Saturday

April 19

(no morning Mass)

### Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m.

### Easter Sunday

April 20

Mass 8:00 a.m. &  
10:30 a.m.

(no 6:30 p.m. Mass)

Note: There will be no confes-  
sions on Holy Saturday  
or Easter Sunday.



**April 13, 2025**

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**

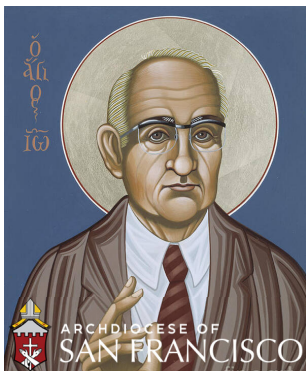
This week we begin Holy Week, the most sacred part of our year for Christians. It is my hope you will be able to join us for some or all of the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil that help us draw closer to God and understand our true humanity in the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Please see the bulletin for the schedule of our liturgies.

This being my first year at Saint Stephen's, last Saturday was my first time attending our school's fashion show, sponsored by the Saint Stephen's Women's Guild. The theme was *Mama Mia!*, a blue and white escape to Greece. It was a fun and fashionable event as you can imagine. I want to offer a word of thanks to the women who helped to organize the event: Charlene Avila & Millo Pasquini organizing the Decor and Luncheon, Shannon Rowbury & Ashley Leoncavallo assisting with the Raffle, and Jen Garlasco & Shannon Green organizing the Runway. A special thanks as well to our principal (and model) Sharon Allen, Lydia Flocchini in the development office, and Women's Guild President Jamie Allen. A final word of thanks to all the students, teachers, dads, and moms who walked the runway in support of our school. Well done!

For those of you who receive and use parish offertory envelopes, by now you should have received your set for the month of May. This month the beginning of our new envelope vendor from Our Sunday Visitor. You will likely notice the different design of the envelopes. In the envelope packet, there is also a note from me talking about the change and an information section you may complete for us. As we make this change, we are asking households to let us know your contact information so we may complete and/or update our database with email and phone numbers. It is also an opportunity to let us know if you no longer wish to receive envelopes. You may insert the form in your weekly contribution envelope or drop it off at the parish office. If you normally receive envelopes and have not yet received them, please reach out to Carol in the parish office ASAP ([carol@saintstephensf.org](mailto:carol@saintstephensf.org)) and we will make sure you are on the mailing list.

We put in the bulletin this weekend an update on how we are doing with the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund. My thanks to all those households who have made a donation thus far. This campaign will run the entire year so there is plenty of time to participate. Our entire parish is grateful for the generosity each one of us is able to share to raise funds to keep our church healthy another 75 years.

On a personal note, my father Peter is scheduled to have surgery this coming Thursday. My family and I appreciate your prayers for him. **Father Schunk**



**School of Pastoral Ministry  
presents an online course  
about  
Hans Urs von Balthasar  
with Dr. Matthew Kuhner**

Learn about the Swiss Catholic theologian, priest and retreat-master, who is widely regarded as one of the most important theologians of the 20th century.

The classes are offered live on Zoom with opportunities to interact with the

professor. If you are unable to join us live, the classes are also recorded and available to view on the classroom archive webpage later in the week.

**Class dates:** five Tuesdays, April 29 through May 27, 7:00-8:30pm

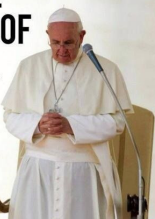
To register go to: [www.sfarchdiocese.org/balthasar-course/](http://www.sfarchdiocese.org/balthasar-course/)

**Saint Bernadette Soubirous, 1844-1879**

Saint Bernadette was just a young girl who saw something amazing and told the truth about it. Hardly anyone believed her at first, and people even made life difficult for her and her family because of what she said she saw. But Bernadette never backed down, and the truth she told has helped millions of people, even people who live today Bernadette didn't know who or what she had seen. All she knew was that being there had made her feel happy and peaceful. On their way back to Lourdes, she told her sister and friend what had happened, and soon the whole village knew. Today, millions of people go to Lourdes every year, to the grotto where Bernadette saw Mary. They go to pray. They go to wash their sick bodies in the spring Mary told Bernadette about. They go to open their hearts to God, as Mary and Bernadette had.

And just think—all of this happened because a young girl named Bernadette told the truth!

**DON'T BE AFRAID  
TO GO TO THE  
SACRAMENT OF  
CONFESSION,  
WHERE YOU  
WILL MEET  
JESUS WHO  
FORGIVES YOU.**



Pope Francis

**Sunset Deanery Reconciliation Service  
with individual Confession held at  
St. Cecilia Church (2555 17th Ave. @ Vicente St.)  
on Monday, April 14, at 6:00 PM  
St. Stephen Parish is part of the Sunset Deanery**



# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, Apr 14

8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int.* **Thanksgiving Mass**  
(By: Ding & Carol)

### Tuesday, Apr 15

8:00 a.m. † **Paul Cardozo**  
(By: Philomena Cardoza)

### Wednesday, Apr 16

8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int.* **Aikan Kyle**  
(By: Papa & Mama)

### Thursday, Apr 17 **Holy Thursday**

7:30 p.m. **People of the Parish**  
(By: Fr. Schunk)

### Friday, Apr 18

3:00 p.m. **Good Friday**  
**Good Friday Liturgy**  
(no Mass)

### Saturday, Apr 19

8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil**  
**People of the Parish**  
(By: Fr. Schunk)

### Sunday, Apr 20

8:00 a.m. **Easter Sunday**  
**People of the Parish**  
(By: Fr. Schunk)

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

### The Look of Love

*What does love look like?*

**It has feet to go to the poor and needy.**

**It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.**

**-- St. Augustine**

### TOAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** *Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24*

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

**Second Reading** *Philippians 2:6-11*

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

**Gospel Reading** *Luke 22:14—23:56*

From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.

### 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 - April 5-6, 2025

\$ 5,835.82 Sunday Collection  
\$ 499.00 Online Offering  
\$ 868.00 2nd Collection: Maintenance

### 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund

Our Goal \$250,0000

Total received to date: \$17,615.50

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

**St. Stephen Parish**

*Rooted in Faith  
Growing with Love*



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!

## Thank You

Special thanks go out to Fr. Michael for his enlightening presentation on "Jubilee Years", and for all those who participated in the Lenten Soup Supper last Tuesday. Much gratitude for everyone who brought food to share or helped to clean up. It was a real feast!

*--Mary Molly*

### Sick Friends & Relatives

**P**lease 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, Perry Young, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, Pacita Calimlim-Sagun, Araceli Caparas, George Farrales, Al Vicente Jr, Antoinette Mishirsky, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Eden Finn, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya, Robert Liam, Larry Barbieri, Kenneth Fambrini, 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.*

## Easter Flowers

As we prepare for the solemnity of Easter, we look forward to the joy of the Resurrection. We hope to express our joy by filling our church with a bountiful display of Easter flowers.

If you would like to have a flower placed in our church, please fill out this form and return it to the O'Reilly Parish Office by **Wednesday, April 16, 2025.**

Please include a contribution of \$20.00 per plant.

**I would like to have Easter flowers placed in the church in loving memory of:**

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**I would like to have Easter flowers placed in the church in honor of:**

.....

**My name is** .....

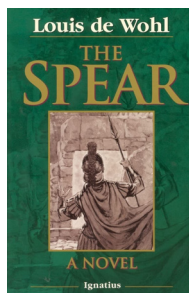
**My telephone #** .....

**Enclosed is my donation of \$**.....



## St. Stephen's Book & Movie 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.



**Meeting:** Friday, April 25 @ 4pm in parish office.

**Movie:** Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality explores the life and legacy of the soon-to-be saint and how he navigated the modern world. Only in theatres April 27-29. Contact Mary Molly if you want to carpool to movie Sunday, April 27 @ 4pm.

## Kentucky Derby Day

Catholic Charities event on Saturday, May 3, 1:30pm-4:30pm at St. Vincent's School for Boys in San Rafael. This is a fun, family friendly event benefitting Catholic Charities programs.

[www.CatholicCharitiesSF.org/DerbyDay](http://www.CatholicCharitiesSF.org/DerbyDay)



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR ST. STEPHEN'S ANNUAL

## EASTER EGG HUNT

April 20th

9:15 AM | DONWORTH HALL

DONUTS \* COFFEE \* EASTER BUNNY

*Don't forget to bring your basket*



Contact: Berliz Gonzales [bergonzalez@gmail.com](mailto:bergonzalez@gmail.com)

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY @ ST. STEPHEN NEWMAN NIGHTS

APRIL  
17

**HOLY THURSDAY MASS +  
DINNER**

Mass at 7:30 PM in the church. Dinner to follow!

**KARAOKE @ ROUND 1**

Meet at Round 1 in Stonestown at 6:30 PM

APRIL  
24

MAY  
01

**GIANTS GAME**

Meet at St. Stephen's at 5:30 / Game start: 6:45 PM

**END OF YEAR BARBECUE**

6:30-8:00 PM / 601 Eucalyptus Dr. / Bring a treat to share!

MAY  
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**NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB AT SFSU**  
St. Stephen Catholic Church / 601 Eucalyptus Dr.

## From the Archive:



Three Generations of the **Perlite Family** were married in St. Stephen Church!

- **Helen & Tom** were married in the original church on June 13, 1953.
- **Sheila & Tom** were married on July 23, 1977.
- **Theresa & Mark** were married April 8, 2017.



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