

# Saint Stephen Parish

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**Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.**

**Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 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.**

## Happy MOTHER'S DAY

I KEEP YOU IN MY HEART.

PHILIPPIANS 1:7A (CEB)



May 11, 2025



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the civic observance of Mother's Day. I think it is safe to say that there is a special woman or women in each of our lives who we remember and pray for today. She could be our mother, grandmother, aunt, or sister. Perhaps she may be a teacher, neighbor, coach, or mentor. Whoever she is, let us pray for all these women today, giving thanks to God for their presence in our lives and His continued presence in their lives. In a particular way, we remember the names of these special women which we place on our altar for the weekend Masses.

It is also a reminder that all of us have a special woman in Heaven praying for each of us, and that is Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother. During this month of May, may we recall in a special way her motherly intercession for all of her children here on earth.

We normally prepare the bulletin early in the week so as of when I am writing this, the conclave has not yet begun and so we do not have a new pope. However, I think that by the time you read this, we will have a new pope so we decided not to include a special papal transition section in this week's bulletin because it may be "old news" by the time you read it. Perhaps next weekend, we can have a special papal edition with the new pope. However, as part of the papal transition, one change you may have noticed at Mass is that since the death of Pope Francis, we do not say his name in the Eucharistic Prayer which the priest prays at the altar. Rather, we just pray for Salvatore our bishop since we do not have a pope. When a diocese does not have a bishop, we leave out the bishop's name as well. Once the new pope is announced we will begin to say his name in the Eucharistic Prayer. We say our pope and bishop's name as a sign of communion and unity with both the local Church here in the Archdiocese of San Francisco in the case of the Archbishop's name, and the universal Church in the case of the pope's name. This is what makes us Catholic, we have a pope and we have a bishop.

This week, Father Michael will be away helping Nativity High School of San Francisco as a chaplain for an outdoors program they are doing in Utah. For my part, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, I will be participating in some study sessions for the priests of the Archdiocese of San Francisco taking place at Saint Mary's Cathedral. There are a variety of topics being covered by a general theme is marriage and family life. While I enjoy the presentations they prepare for the priests, I think I would prefer to be in Father Michael's shoes this week in the outdoors rather than in a windowless room listening to presentations!

**Father Schunk**

### **Stories from the AAA**

*Your gifts to the AAA support such ministries as Retired Priests, Seminarians, Social Justice, and our Schools, as well as many Archdiocesan departments, including finance, human resources and others that help our parishes save money by improving the efficiency of various services and providing economies of scale. Here is one example:*

**Hospital Chaplaincy** – a patient at a hospital in our Archdiocese was suffering from a serious illness that caused depression, anger, and even violence towards hospital staff. He asked to see a Catholic Priest. The caregivers asked the Priest to bless them for their safety and with the virtue of patience. The visit helped heal the patient spiritually and emotionally; it enhanced the relationship with the care givers and thus the healing process as well.

### **OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK St. Damien of Molokai**

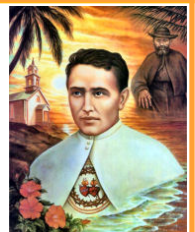
Joseph De Veuster, the future Father Damien, was born at Tremelo in Belgium, January 3rd, 1840. His was a large family and his father was a farmer-merchant. At the beginning of 1859 he entered the novitiate at Louvain, in the same house as his brother. There he took the name of Damien.

He arrived in Honolulu on March 19th, 1864, where he was ordained to the priesthood the following May 21st. He immediately devoted himself, body and soul, to the difficult service of a "country missionary" on the island of Hawaii, the largest in the Hawaiian group.

At that time, the Hawaiian Government decided on a very harsh measure aimed at stopping the spread of "leprosy," the deportation to the neighboring island of Molokai, of all those infected by what was thought to be an incurable disease. Four Brothers volunteered, they would take turns visiting and assisting the "lepers" in their distress. Damien was the first to leave on May 10th, 1873. At his own request and that of the lepers, he remained definitively on Molokai.

He brought hope to this hell of despair. He became a source of consolation and encouragement for the lepers, their pastor, the doctor of their souls and of their bodies, without any distinction of race or religion. He gave a voice to the voiceless, he built a community where the joy of being together and openness to the love of God gave people new reasons for living.

After Father Damien contracted the disease in 1885, he was able to identify completely with them: "We lepers." Father Damien was, above all, a witness of the love of God for His people. He got his strength from the Eucharist: "It is at the foot of the altar that we find the strength we need in our isolation..." It is there that he found for himself and for others the support and the encouragement, the consolation and the hope, he could, with a deep faith, communicate to the lepers. All that made him "the happiest missionary in the world," a servant of God, and a servant of humanity. In Father Damien, the Church proposes an example to all those who find sense for their life in the Gospel and who wish to bring the Good News to the poor of our time.





# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, May 12

8:00 a.m. † **Lou Vagadori**  
(By: Ed & Cecelia Prete)

## Tuesday, May 13

8:00 a.m. † **Betsy Barca**  
(By: Charlie & Sarah)

## Wednesday, May 14

8:00 a.m. † **Cecilia Loreta Madeira**  
(By: Maria Xavier)

## Thursday, May 15

8:00 a.m. † **Adelle Caunan**  
(By: Shirley Dee)

## Friday, May 16

8:00 a.m. † **Thanh Nguyen**  
(By: Rosary Group)

## Saturday, May 17

8:00 am Sp. Int † **Helga D'Arcy**  
(By: Fr. Schunk & Parish Staff)

4:30 pm † **Leon Dy**  
(By: Dy Family)

## Sunday, May 18

8:00 a.m. Sp. Int † **Corazon Canero**  
(By: Family)

10:30 a.m. † **Rochelle Celedon**  
(By: John Celedon)

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

## TOAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** Acts of the Apostles 13:14,43-52  
Paul and Barnabas preach the good news among the Gentiles and are expelled by the Jews.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 100:1-2,3,5  
A song in praise of God who shepherds us.

**Second Reading** Revelation 7:9,14b-17  
John describes his vision of the praises that the holy ones sing to the Lamb.

**Gospel Reading** John 10:27-30  
Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

May Mary and the Holy Child fill your heart with cheer and bless you on Mother's Day and throughout the year. Happy Mother's Day



## Stewardship: A Way of Life

### Sunday Collections - May 3-4, 2025

\$ 5,262.50 Sunday Collection  
\$ 1,342.15 Online Offering

## 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)

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

Our Goal **\$250,0000**

Total received to date **\$27,160**

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 info. Households who donate at least \$1000 to the fund during the year will have the opportunity to engrave a leaf on our donation tree. For donations of \$10k or more during the year, the priests will cook you dinner!

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



## 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, Perry Young, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, 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 Barbiere, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.**

Please call the office to add or remove names



### God Created the First Mom

By the time the Lord made the woman he was into his sixth day of creation and working overtime. An angel approached and said "Why are you spending so much time on this creature?" And the Lord answered and said, "I am making a woman who is to become the mother of all mankind. So she should have some special features: 1) Six pairs of hands, five of them invisible. 2) Three pairs of eyes, one visible pair in the front, the second and the third invisible pairs at the back and at the sides of her head. 3) A large and elastic heart. 4) A lap that can hold three children at one time and that disappears when she stands up. The angel said, "I can guess why a mom should have six pairs of hands and a large heart, but why three pairs of eyes? God said, "One pair of invisible x-ray eyes at the sides to see through closed doors when she knocks at the door asks, "What are you kids doing?" And she already knows what is going on inside. The second invisible pair at the back of her head is to see what she is not supposed to see, but has to see as a responsible mother. And of course, the third pair of normal eyes in the front is to look at a child when he makes a mistake and say without uttering a word, "Dear, I understand you, I love you." "Any other specification?" the angel asked. God said, "She should be able to run on black coffee and leftovers. She should have a kiss that can cure anything from a bruised leg to a broken heart from a disappointing love affair. She should be able to heal herself when she is sick. She should feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger, and finally she should have eyes that shed tears of joy and pride, tears of sadness, tears of disappointment and tears of old age aches and loneliness." The Angel was impressed. "You are a genius, Lord, this woman is amazing." Is this not the picture of your mom?

[Adapted from Erma Bombeck's essay entitled, *When God Created Women*]

### Home Is Where Mother Is

Mother Teresa relates this incident about a boy. "Once I picked up a child and took him to our Children's Home; we gave him a bath, clean clothes, and everything. After a day, the child ran away. Somebody else found him, but again he ran away. Then I said to the Sisters: 'Please follow the child and see where he goes when he runs away.' And the child ran away the third time. There under the tree was the mother. She had put a small earthenware vessel on two stones and was cooking something she had picked out of the dustbin. The Sisters asked the child: 'Why did you run away from the Home?' And the child said, 'This is my home because this is where my mother is.'" True! Wherever our mothers are, there our home is.



## Happy Mother's Day

### We offer our prayers:

**For mothers**, particularly those who are with child: that they may be supported by loved ones and warm friends, and that they may be understood and blessed; We pray.

**For young mothers everywhere**, and especially those who are tempted to despair: that through the child they carry deep within, they might know hope and joy; We pray.

**For all mothers**, especially those who are young or alone, beaten or addicted; that God might heal their broken hearts and seal them with his love; We pray.

**For mothers, especially those wracked with fear, depression or despair**: that the new life of their child may touch them with the eternal love of God; We pray.

**For young mothers tempted to abort their child**: that God's grace might give them the wisdom and fortitude to preserve the gift they carry within them; We pray.

**For mothers tempted to abortion**: that God might teach us how to love them; We pray.

**For expectant mothers**: for the gifts of patient endurance and joyful hope; We Pray.

**For each mother who has miscarried**: that her love for the child of her womb might deliver her from grief and join her to the hope of the Cross of Christ; We pray.

**For pregnant teenagers**: that we might provide examples for them of holy and faithful married love; We pray.

**For the eternal repose of our deceased mothers**: We pray.



## MOTHER'S DAY HUMOR

For weeks a six-year old lad kept telling his first-grade teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house. One day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year old was obviously impressed, but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event. The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?" Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mommy ate it!"

A father came home from work just before supper and was met by his five-year-old daughter on the sidewalk outside his house. The little girl was not smiling. "Is something wrong, honey?" he asked. "Yes," she said, "all day long I've been having trouble with your wife."

**Getting along with Mom**: A cartoon shows two boys walking to school, discussing their parents. One of them says to the other one, "I've figured out a system for getting along with my Mom. She tells me what to do and I do it."



## From the Archive: **Pastors of Saint Stephen Parish—Part I**

### **Father Richard Power**

(1950-1951)

Appointed by the Most Reverend John Joseph Mitty and called into active duty during the Korean War.



### **Father Joseph Donworth**

(1951-1972)

Instrumental in establishing St Stephen School which was completed on September 22, 1952, prior to the completion of the first church at 473 Eucalyptus. The first Mass celebrated in the new church was on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1953. The parish continued to grow and thrive, and it was apparent that St Stephen needed more land to grow. The Archdiocese bought a parcel of land on Eucalyptus Drive just opposite 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The new and present church was completed in 1963. Father Donworth celebrated the first Mass on December 23, 1963. The former church was christened “Donworth Hall” in honor of Father Donworth.



### **Father Joseph O'Reilly**

(1972-1987)

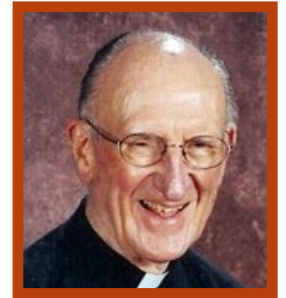
Under Father O'Reilly's stewardship, new organizations were created – Caritas, RCIA, the Extension Center, a kindergarten class added to the school, training program for Eucharistic Ministers, and the School Board.



### **Father William Knapp**

(1987-1992)

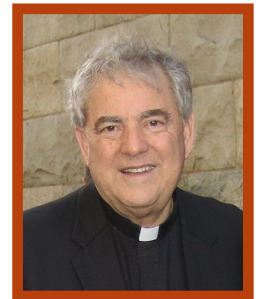
During his term as pastor, Father Knapp improved the church by having a new carpet installed, remodeled the confessionals to allow wheelchair access and opening a transept in the church. Father Knapp also initiated the first study to investigate the possibility of construction of a new wing for the school. He also commissioned the dismantling of the original church tower whose steel bars had rotted, and none too soon as one month later, the Loma Prieta earthquake occurred in 1989.



### **Father Mario Farana**

(1992-1993)

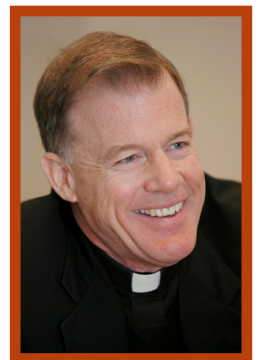
Created the Parish Council and the Building and Grounds Committee. His tenure lasted only one year as the Archdiocese selected Father Farana to become the new pastor at St. Paul's.



### **Father John Wester**

(1993-1997)

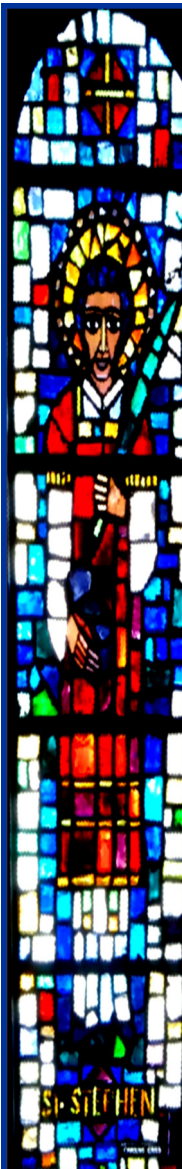
His first undertaking was welcoming St. Thomas More and its parishioners into the boundaries of St. Stephen. Father Wester was also instrumental in reviving the St. Stephen Choir, a high school youth group, and the convent converted into the Joseph P. O'Reilly Parish Center. The Liturgy and Stewardship Committees were also formed during his tenure. Father Wester would eventually be promoted to Monsignor then appointed Vicar for the Clergy in July 1997. Msgr. Wester would again be promoted and on September 18, 1997, was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of the San Francisco Archdiocese. Archbishop Wester is presently the Archbishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico.



### **Seeking Memories**

If you have any photos or stories of events at St. Stephen's Church or School we would love to see them.

Please email them to:  
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| • Ushers   | Pastor               |
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## Saint Stephen 75<sup>th</sup> 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.