

# 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.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

*I give you  
a new  
commandment:  
love one another.*

*John 13:34*

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Saint Stephen's Men's Club sponsored the annual Cougar Classic at TPC Harding Park. It was a sold-out event with over 120 golfers participating, raising funds for our parish and school programs. I am grateful for the leadership of co-chairs Patrick Kennedy, Fergus McHugh, and Andrew Ng, as well as the other members of the committee Sean Conlon, George Gleeson, Andrew Hazard, Doug Kilroy, John Vigo, and Men's Club President John Gartland. Your Pastor did not play (this year) but did have a decent chip shot for the hole-in-one competition. Father Michael did play and the feedback I received was that his foursome had a very respectable score for the day.

When I had to write the last bulletin, it was not guaranteed if we would have a new pope and I certainly did not know who it might be. By now we know Pope Leo XIV and that he is a White Sox and not a Cubs fan. I wrote to someone the other day and mentioned the buzz as people discuss our new Holy Father. A new pontificate is always an exciting time for the Church as we recall how the Holy Spirit works in each successive generation through men and women everywhere. Today in Rome, there will be the Mass to celebrate the beginning of the Petrine Ministry of the Bishop of Rome. Below is a traditional prayer to pray for the Pope, especially on this important day for the whole Church.

*Father Schunk*

### Prayer for the Pope

Let us pray for Leo, our Pope.

May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

*Our Father. Hail Mary.*

**O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,  
look favorably on your servant Leo,  
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her  
shepherd;  
grant, we pray, that by word and example  
he may be of service to those over whom he presides  
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,  
he may come to everlasting life.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### 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:*

Your generosity supports **Teacher Incentive Grants**. One teacher notes, "The Incentive grant has helped me become a more responsive educator. It's helped me assess my students' needs and respond to them more effectively by providing a nurturing environment where they can continue to learn and grow as a whole person. It has made a tremendous impact on my life and the life of my students."

### OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK **St. Bernardine of Siena**

The Catholic Church honors St. Bernardine of Siena on May 20. A Franciscan friar and preacher, St. Bernardine is known as "the Apostle of Italy" for his efforts to revive the country's Catholic faith during the 15th century. Bernardine Albizzeschi was born to upper-class parents in the Italian republic of Siena during 1380. Misfortune soon entered the boy's life when he lost his mother at age three and his father four years later. His aunt Diana cared for him afterward, and taught him to seek consolation and security by trusting in God.

Even at a young age, Bernardine demonstrated a remarkable concern for the poor as an outgrowth of his love for God. From the ages of 11 to 17 he focused on his studies, developing the eloquence and dedication that would serve his future work as an evangelist.

Before becoming a preacher, however, Bernardine spent several years ministering to the sick and dying. During that time, a severe plague broke out in Siena, causing a crisis that would eventually lead to the young man taking charge of the entire hospital. Inside its walls, up to 20 people were dying each day from an illness that also killed many of the hospital workers. The staff was decimated and new victims were coming. Later in his life, Bernardine served for five years as the Vicar General for his Franciscan order, and revived the practice of its strict rule of life. Then in 1444, forty years after he first entered religious life, Bernardine became sick while traveling. He continued to preach, but soon lost his strength and his voice. St. Bernardine of Siena died on May 20, 1444. Only six years later, in 1450, Pope Nicholas V canonized him as a saint.



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, May 19

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

## Tuesday, May 20

8:00 a.m. † **Gabby Agudo**  
(By: Ding, Carol & Family)

## Wednesday, May 21

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

## Thursday, May 22

8:00 a.m. † **Adele Caunan**  
(By: Anita Lee)

## Friday, May 23

8:00 a.m. † **Sy Lo Chu**  
(By: Edison Ongpian)

## Saturday, May 24

8:00 am † **Anastacio Salera, Sr.**  
(By: Becky Parini)

4:30 pm **People of the Parish**  
(By: Fr. Schunk)

## Sunday, May 25

8:00 a.m. † **Cesar Dominguez-Bella**  
(By: Luis Gaerlan)

10:30 a.m. † **Carlos Lagondaon**  
(By: Sinia Gong)

6:30 p.m. † **Thelma Ramos**  
(By: Ross & Rica Vergara)

## TOAY'S READINGS, May 18, 2025

**First Reading** Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27  
Paul and Barnabas proclaim the good news in many places.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 145:8-9,10-11,12-13  
A song of praise to God.

**Second Reading** Revelation 21:1-5a  
John describes his vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

**Gospel Reading** John 13:31-33a,34-35  
Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another.

## Prayer of the Week Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new  
in Holy Baptism may,  
under your protective care,  
bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen

## Stewardship: A Way of Life

### Sunday Collections May 10-11, 2025

\$ 5,038.00 Sunday Collection  
\$ 2,889.90 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 **\$31,510**

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.

**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

## St. Stephen School

St. Stephen School is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year. Applications can be found under the admissions tab on the school website and are available in the school office.

Please contact Mrs. Mullen directly at 415-664-8331 with any questions. Thank you!

**Children's Liturgy** on Sundays at 10:30 Mass will end this weekend, and begin again in the Fall.



\*If there are volunteer teachers who would like to keep teaching this summer please reach out to Mary Molly in the parish office.

**Catholic Vacation in Oregon:** A group of people, originally through St. Dominic's Church in SF, has organized a family vacation at the St. Benedict's Lodge & Retreat Center in McKenzie Bridge, Oregon, located on the beautiful McKenzie River. People of all ages are welcome to join, families with children, singles, adults, seniors. Unwind and reconnect with nature surrounded by God's beauty. Plenty of recreational activities are available: hiking, river rafting, fishing, golf, or just relaxing on the patio next to the river. Daily Mass is offered in the Chapel. Owned and run by the Dominican order. **Dates are June 22-29, 2025.**

Bring your own blankets/ sleeping bag/ pillow case, and transportation. Meals are cooked by the group. Cost of food and lodging is approx. \$500 for the week.

[www.sblodge.opwest.org](http://www.sblodge.opwest.org)

Contact Mary Molly for more info or to register.  
(415) 335-6879



## Seeking Memories

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

Please email stories or photos to:

[memories@SaintStephenSF.org](mailto:memories@SaintStephenSF.org)

## Background on Today's Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

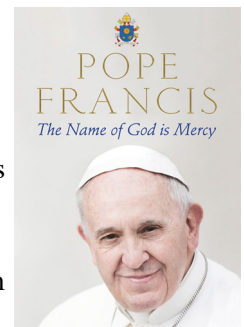
John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

## St. Stephen's Book Club

**May's book:**

*The Name of God Is Mercy*

by Pope Francis



In his first book as pope, Pope Francis explores the universal theme of mercy, as a spiritual inspiration to both followers of Christianity and non-Christians around the world.

Drawing on his own experience as a priest and shepherd, he discusses mercy, a subject of central importance in his religious teaching and testimony, and in addition sums up other ideas – reconciliation, the closeness of God – that comprise the heart of his papacy. Written in conversation with Vatican expert and journalist Andrea Tornielli, *The Name of God is Mercy* is directed at everyone, inside or outside of the Catholic Church, seeking meaning in life, a road to peace and reconciliation, or the healing of physical or spiritual wounds.

**Meeting: Friday, May 30 @ 4pm** in parish office. Contact Mary Molly for info.

# Habemus Papam

## **Statement by Archbishop Cordileone** **on the election of Pope Leo XIV**

*With profound joy, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Pope Leo XIV on his election as the Supreme Pontiff. May his papacy inspire unity and peace to a world in need to Christ's love. May the Holy Spirit guide him, and may he be a beacon of wisdom and hope as he takes on this sacred responsibility.*

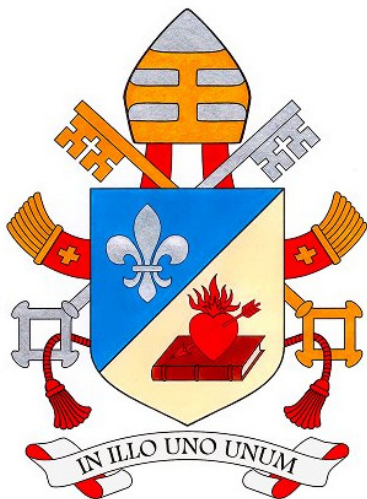
*Please join me in praying for His Holiness Pope Leo XIV as he begins his sacred ministry.*



## **Excerpt from an address to the Cardinals after his election as he explains the choice of his name:**

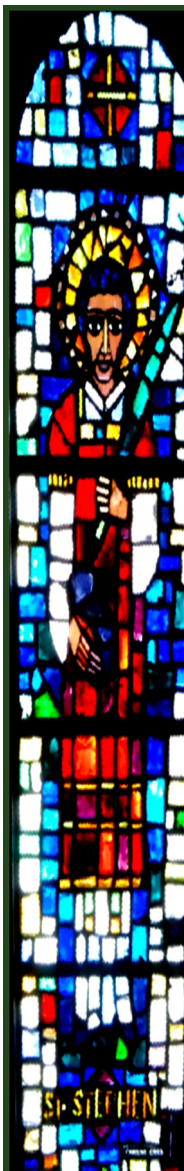
“I chose to take the name Leo XIV. There are different reasons for this, but mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic Encyclical *Rerum Novarum* addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice and labour.”

## **From Vatican News on Pope Leo's Coat of Arms & Motto**



Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms offers a clear reflection of his Augustinian roots and the values he seeks to promote during his pontificate, particularly unity and communion within the Church. The shield is divided diagonally into two sections. The upper half features a blue background with a white lily. The lower half of the shield has a light background and displays an image that recalls the Order of Saint Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow. This is a direct reference to the conversion experience of Saint Augustine himself, who described his personal encounter with God's Word using the phrase: “Vulnerasti cor meum verbo tuo” - “You have pierced my heart with your Word.”

Pope Leo XIV has also chosen a motto that reflects this Augustinian tradition: *In Illo uno unum*, which means “*In the One, we are one.*” The phrase is taken from Saint Augustine's *Exposition on Psalm 127*, where he explains that “although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one.”



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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.