

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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE *Lord*

As Jesus blessed
his disciples he
parted from them
and was taken up
to heaven.

Luke 24:51



**Tomorrow!
June 2,
2025**

**Doors Open
12:30pm**

**All Seniors
are Invited to
join the
50+ Club for
camaraderie,
snacks,
Bingo or
Bridge**

**Location:
Donworth Hall
473 Eucalyptus Dr.**

June 1, 2025



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This is that special time of year in which (almost) all children look to with excitement as we come to the final week of the school year. Many colleges, high schools, and 8th grades have had their graduations and now all the other students may relish the beginning of summer. I want to thank our principal Mrs. Allen, our preschool director Kerry O'Shaughnessy, and all of our teachers and staff for the fantastic school year.

I know you are aware of all of the hard work and extra hours they put in each day, and it is because of them that our school apostolate is such a vibrant part of our community. This is also an opportunity to say that if you know families who are looking for a preschool or primary school for their children, invite them to check out Saint Stephen's School.

The end of the school year also means the end of the year for our athletic teams. I thank our athletic director, Anthony Renteria, for all of his work helping to supervise the athletes, volunteer coaches, and parent volunteers who participate in the CC-CYO athletic programs at our parish. His role and the work that he does is often invisible, it is something that people just expect to happen. Yet, his work is vital for without it, practices and games do not happen. Fortunately for us, he and his family give generously of themselves and for this I am very grateful.

One final thanks and that is to our director of faith formation Mary Molly Mullaney and all of our catechists for our faith formation and Christian Initiation program. We rely on volunteers who love the Lord and desire to share Him with others to help form children and adults as disciples. They do this because they recognize this is an integral part of being a disciple of Jesus themselves.

Like for Mother's Day, for those who receive the offertory envelopes, you will notice that there is a special envelope for Father's Day, where you may write the names of our fathers, grandfathers, etc., as we remember them on our altar at Mass on Father's Day, June 15. You may return the envelopes in the regular collection baskets or to the parish office. We will also put out in the vestibule some envelopes for you to use if you do not receive offertory envelopes.

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:

Permanent Diaconate Program – there was an aspiring Permanent Deacon whose family encountered severe financial difficulties. Because of your support of the AAA, the fees associated with his studying to become a Deacon were waived...and he is now a practicing Deacon...he has served at the Missionaries of Charity hospice in Pacifica, sitting with people close to passing away who have no one else...living out a "Ministry of Presence."

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God's nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me," perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

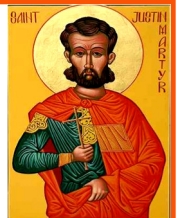
They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit's power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.

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OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK St. Justin

Justin was born around the year 100 in the Palestinian province of Samaria, the son of Greek-speaking parents whose ancestors were sent as colonists to that area of the Roman Empire. Justin's father followed the Greek pagan religion and raised his son to do the same, but he also provided Justin with an excellent education in literature and history. After several years of study, Justin had a life-changing encounter with an old man who questioned him about his beliefs and especially about the sufficiency of philosophy as a means of attaining truth. He urged him to study the Jewish prophets and told Justin that these authors had not only spoken by God's inspiration, but also predicted the coming of Christ and the foundation of his Church.

Justin was most likely ordained a deacon, since he preached, did not marry, and gave religious instruction in his home. He is best known as the author of early apologetic works which argued for the Catholic faith against the claims of Jews, pagans, and non-Christian philosophers. Several of these works were written to Roman officials, for the purpose of refuting lies that had been told about the Church. Justin sought to convince the rulers of the Roman Empire that they had nothing to gain, and much to lose, by persecuting the Christians. His two most famous apologetical treatises were "Apologies" and "Dialogue with Tryphon."



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Jun 2

8:00 a.m. † **Pedro Corpuz**
(By: Alice Paz Grimes)

Tuesday, Jun 3

8:00 a.m. † **Thelma Ramos**
(By: Mary Molly Mullaney)

Wednesday, Jun 4

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

Thursday, Jun 5

8:00 a.m. † **Severino Hizon**
(By: Nelly Hizon)

Friday, Jun 6

8:00 a.m. † **Gloria Cagalingan**
(By: Mga Anak ni Gloria)

Saturday, Jun 7

8:00 a.m. † **Elmora Ilano-Bella**
(By: Luis Gaerlan)

4:30 p.m. Sp. Int. **Rey & Elvie Ysip**
(By: Elvie Ysip, 45th Wedding Anniv.)

Sunday, Jun 8

8:00 a.m. Sp. Int. **Emma Sagala**
(By: Fr. Shunk & Staff)

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

6:30 p.m. † **Leonel Penala**
(By: Luis Gaerlan)

TOAY'S READINGS June 1, 2025

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*
Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the Apostles.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 47:2-3,6-9*
Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading *Ephesians 1:17-3*
God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading *Luke 24:46-53*
Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **The Ascension of the Lord;**
St. Justin

Monday: **Sts. Marcellinus and Peter**

Tuesday: **St. Charles Lwanga and Companions**

Thursday: **St. Boniface**

Friday: **St. Norbert;**
Julian Calendar Ascension

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections May 24-25, 2025

\$ 3,677.50 Sunday Collection
\$ 1,639.00 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



The Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.—*Psalm 47:6*



75th Anniversary Fund

Our Goal: **\$250,0000**

Total received to date: **\$44,359**

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!



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, Araceli Caparas, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, George Farrales, Al Vicente Jr, Antoinette Mishirsky, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Robert Liam, Larry Barbieri, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names

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

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!

The School of Pastoral Ministry
Presents an online course:

The Dead Sea Scrolls with Dr. John Bergsma

This course provides a brief introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls: what they are, how they were found, what they contain, and their relevance to Judaism and Christianity.

All sessions are pre-recorded and released weekly, available for viewing anytime after the scheduled release. Recordings released on six Tuesdays, June 3 through July 8.

Course Information & Registration Page:

www.sfarch.org/dead-sea-scrolls-course/

The Dead Sea Scrolls are a collection of ancient Jewish manuscripts discovered between 1946 and 1956 in caves near Qumran, by the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea Scrolls are a treasure trove that deepen our understanding of the Bible, Judaism, and the origins of Christianity. They bridge the gap between the Old and New Testaments and bring the world of the Bible to life in extraordinary detail.

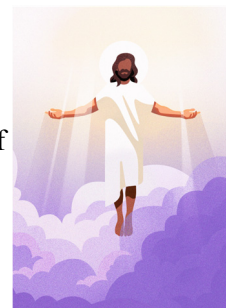


Background on Today's Gospel Reading

Today is our liturgical celebration of the **Ascension of the Lord**, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.



Faith Formation for Children and Adults

Our parish offers religious education for children in our Faith Formation Program and for Adults in our OCIA* Program.

- Children in grades 1st thru 8th meet Monday afternoons, 4:15-5:30pm, during the school year. We also prepare students to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

- Adults who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, or wish to be Baptized and join the Catholic Faith, are invited to join our OCIA classes on Wednesday evenings, in preparation for the Easter Vigil.

Please reach out to Mary Molly, the Faith Formation Director, in the parish office if you want to learn more about our programs. (We are in the process of transferring to a new online registration form, which will be available later this summer)

*OCIA = Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Mary Molly Mullaney - Ph: (415) 681-2444, x4
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Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to the 8th Graders who graduated from St. Stephen School on Friday, May 30th
St. Stephen Parish imparts blessings for your journey as you start high school.

Student and *High School* they will attend:

Vincenzo Archini - *Saint Ignatius*

Blake Breslin - *Saint Ignatius*

Lincoln Calabrese - *Saint Ignatius*

Dominique Carino - *Lowell*

Riley Carrillo - *Saint Ignatius*

Jacklyn Cormican - *Saint Ignatius*

Finn Dickson - *Saint Ignatius*

Sophia DiGrande - *Saint Ignatius*

Mason Drobnick - *Oceana*

Gabrielle Duggan - *Saint Ignatius*

Laith Glapion - *Saint Ignatius*

Cody Gottas - *Saint Ignatius*

Isabella Guerrero - *Mercy*

Athena Gullotta - *Saint Ignatius*

Sophie Hambali - *Sacred Heart Cathedral*

Caden Hazard - *Archbishop Riordan*

Anneka Houghton - *Sacred Heart Cathedral*

Donagh Kenny - *Saint Ignatius*

Milena Marangosian - *Saint Ignatius*

Andrew McGovern - *Sacred Heart Cathedral*

Karis Means - *Saint Ignatius*

Mia Mendiola - *University*

Katsy Morrow - *Sacred Heart Cathedral*

Matteo Penny - *Lick-Wilmerding*

Sophie Regacho - *Lowell*

Siena Regalia - *Saint Ignatius*

Alexa Rodriguez - *Archbishop Riordan*

Reed Smith - *Archbishop Riordan*

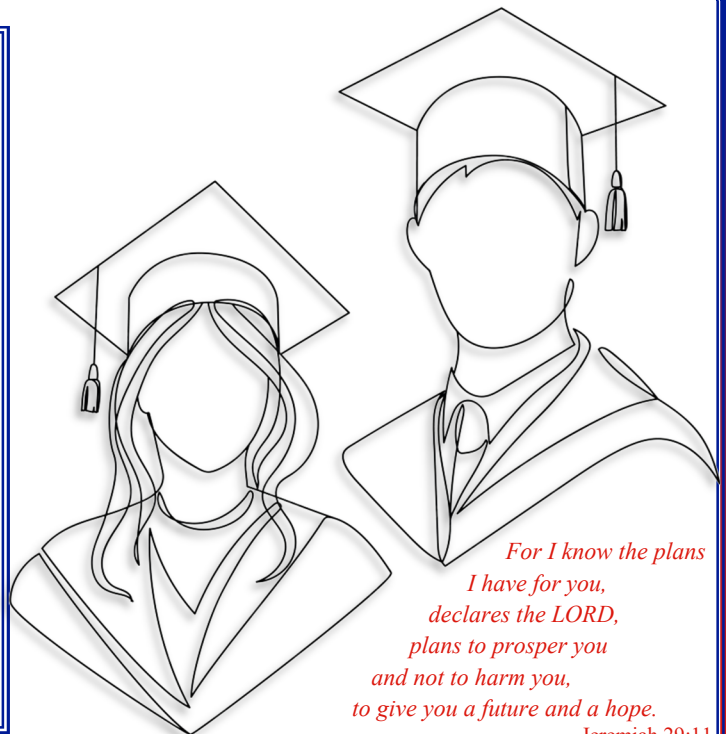
Gina Tribulato - *Mercy*

Devin Vigo - *Sacred Heart Cathedral*

Prayer for Our Graduates

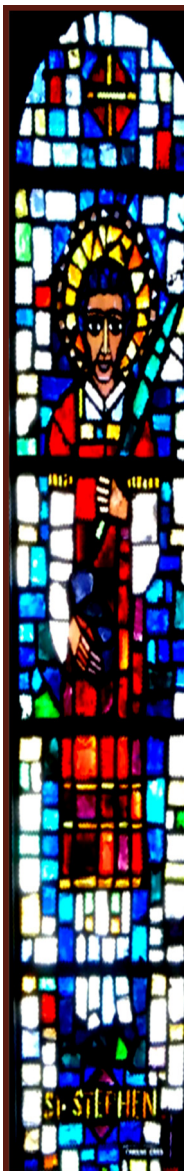
We give thanks to the Lord
for guiding our 8th Grade Students
through this chapter of their journey.
As they prepare to begin High School,
bless them with courage, wisdom, and grace,
so they may carry the lessons they've learned in
Catholic School with humility and hope,
growing in kindness, confidence, and faith.
Remind them that your Spirit is with them always,
working with them and through them
in amazing ways. Surround them with love,
protect their hearts, and inspire their dreams.

May the Light of Christ
continue to light their path, direct their steps,
and open their hearts and minds
to the plans you have for them to prosper.
We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*For I know the plans
I have for you,
declares the LORD,
plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
to give you a future and a hope.*

— Jeremiah 29:11



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Sunday, July 27, 1:00–3:00pm

A fun day for **Grandparents**
and their **Grandchildren**
to come together and spend some
quality time with games and crafts.

www.bit.ly/a-grand-day

ST STEPHEN PARISH 2024-2025

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| • Altar Society | Joan Leehane |
| • Bridge Group | Virginia Stefanelli |
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| • Eucharistic Lay Ministry
(Word & Eucharist) | Mary Molly Mullaney |
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| • Finance Council | Laura Birsinger |
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| • Liturgy Committee | Pastor |
| • Marriage Preparation | Clergy |
| • Men's Club | John Gartland |
| • Newman Campus Ministry | Fr Michael Lilledahl |
| • Parish Council | Vicky Francisco |
| • Religious Education
(Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality) | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Ushers | Pastor |
| • Women's Guild | Jamie Allen |

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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.