

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 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Taking the

five loaves
and the *two fish.*

and looking up to heaven,
Jesus said the blessing over them,
broke them and gave them to
the disciples to set before the crowd.

Luke 9:16

June 22, 2025



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is a particular day we as Catholics give thanks to God for the gift of the Eucharist – that he remains with us and nourishes all nations with his very self. It is also a reminder to us that we continue to follow the Lord, not just in the way we live our lives, but in following his instruction to us at the Last Supper to do this in memory of him. Here we are centuries later at Mass, doing exactly that, just as Catholics do throughout the world in various languages and cultures every day through our sharing of his Body and Blood.

Today we may be grateful for all those who assist us in our daily worship and celebration of the Mass and I desire to thank our volunteers to allow us to celebrate this Mystery every day. First, thank you to our sacristans, Ed Quan, Frank Garcia, and Dan Salvemini for opening and setting up the church. We are also grateful to all of our student altar servers under the leadership of Giovanna Hrvatin who prepares them so well. A thank you to all of the parishioners who serve at Mass as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and those who assist with doughnuts on Sunday mornings. Not to be missed are the members of the liturgy committee, our musicians, and parishioners who help clean and prepare our church for the various liturgical seasons throughout the year. As you may imagine, without the help of all of these generous people, our worship would certainly not be as vibrant and life-giving.

As we prepare for the summer months, we say goodbye to Father Michael as he departs for the summer months, first for some vacation time, and then off to continue his summer studies in Detroit as he works on his masters degree. We will miss him, but are grateful that his studies continue to enliven his ministry and his preaching with fascinating insights and images.

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:

Your generosity supports **The Gabriel Project**, which is our person-to-person outreach to women who are pregnant, many of whom are on the street. Through the Appeal, you're able to help these women in their search for supportive services such as housing.



Our saint of the week:

Saint Thomas More

Feast Day June 22

One day Thomas was called before the king's councilors. They demanded that Thomas obey the order of the king and sign a paper to agree that the king was the head of the Church in England. Thomas read the paper and answered quietly, "Sirs, I cannot sign." The councilors were angry. They told Thomas the names of very important men in the kingdom who had already signed. Some were priests and bishops. But Thomas still refused to sign. He knew that if he refused, he would go to prison. He knew that prisoners sent to the Tower of London usually were put to death. Still he would not sign. Thomas's wife tried to get Thomas to go back to his work as a lawyer instead of working for the king, but Thomas said, "My duty is to help the king in whatever way I can. I cannot resign." He knew that God wanted him to do whatever he could to help England.

For more than a year, Thomas suffered in a cold, damp prison cell. The man in charge of the prison liked Thomas. He felt sorry for him and apologized for the horrible conditions. Thomas, who always liked to joke, said,

"Well, if I complain too much, just throw me out!"

Finally Thomas was brought before judges. They accused him of treason. That meant that he was not loyal to his country and must die. When Thomas was led to the place where he would give up his life, he told the executioner not to feel too bad. "After all," Thomas said, "you're doing me a favor. Today I go to heaven." Then Thomas lifted his beard to one side and had one last joke. "Don't chop off my beard," he said. "Certainly it has not committed treason."

NEED A PRIESTLY VISIT?

Please know that if you are homebound, sick, aging, preparing for a surgical procedure, recovering from a surgical procedure. Or find yourself in the hospital unexpectedly – your pastor is most happy to visit you with Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



One does NOT have to be in a state of "end-of-life" for the anointing. It can be administered to any one, at any time one feels physically or emotionally "low" in life.

Please call the office if we can help. We have been finding out about "sick" parishioners "when it is too late." Give us a call (415) 681-2444, we are here for you!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Jun 23

8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int.* **John Lee (90th Birthday)**
(By: Marilyn Lee)

Tuesday, Jun 24

8:00 a.m. † **Maria Angulo**
(By: Margarita Solis-Tucker)

Wednesday, Jun 25

8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int.* **Donald & Kathleen Thayer**
(By: Maria Xavier)

Thursday, Jun 26

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

Friday, Jun 27

8:00 a.m. † **Agnes Lobo**
(By: Joe Fernandes)

Saturday, Jun 28

8:00 a.m. † **Fred Sagala**
(By: Emma Sagala)

4:30 p.m. † **Denis O'Connor**
(By: Rose O'Connor)

Sunday, Jun 29

8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int.* **Mother Mary (Thanksgiving)**
(By: Alice Paz Grimes)

10:30 a.m. † **John V. Prete**
(By: Ed & Cecelia Prete)

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

TOAY'S READINGS June 22, 2025

First Reading *Genesis 14:18-20*
Melchizedek, king of Salem, blessed Abram.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 110:1-4*
You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Gospel Reading *Luke 9:11b-17*
They all ate and were satisfied.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Monday: **Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time**
Saint Joseph Cafasso

Tuesday: **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

Wednesday: **Saint Prosper of Aquitaine**

Friday: **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
Saint Cyril of Alexandria

Saturday: **Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections June 14-15, 2025

\$ 4,629.50 Sunday Collection
\$ 1,192.30 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



75th Anniversary Fund

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

Total received to date: **\$50,218**

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Stephen Parish's 2025 Assessment: \$80,916.00

Collected as of June 17: \$26,580.00
(32.8% of Goal)

Balance to be Raised: \$ 54,586.00

*Please refer to Bulletin Board in the Vestibule
for Donor Names.*

Bridge Players Wanted

50 Plus Club



Next meeting is Aug. 11 in Donworth Hall (473 Eucalyptus Dr., in hall beneath the gym). We gather at 12:30pm for social time before starting at 1:00pm.

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 Farralles, 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 Barbiere, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

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.

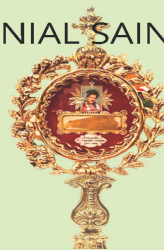
Course Information & Registration Page:
www.sfarch.org/dead-sea-scrolls-course/

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.



SOON-TO-BE FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT

CARL ACUTIS



Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic Visit at 2 Locations:

St. Pius Parish – 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City
Wednesday, July 2, 2025 – 6:00 PM

St. Raphael Catholic Church—1104 Fifth Ave, San Rafael
Saturday, July 5—9:30 AM—8:00 PM
Sunday, July 6—12:30 PM—5:00 PM

Adventures in Marriage

Saturday, June 28, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

St. Mark Parish – 325 Marine View Ave, Belmont, CA
\$50 per couple, Includes 2 lunches, all materials, and childcare if needed.

This skills for marriage building day combines Catholic teaching with the latest relationship research to let couples experience practical, attainable skills for a more successful marriage.

Create the marriage you want with the spouse you have!

YOU'LL DISCOVER WAYS TO: Communicate more clearly; improve understanding; make marriage a priority; learn to love like Jesus!

These workshops for couples will help make “average” marriages good and good marriages great!

www.sfarch.org/aim

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.

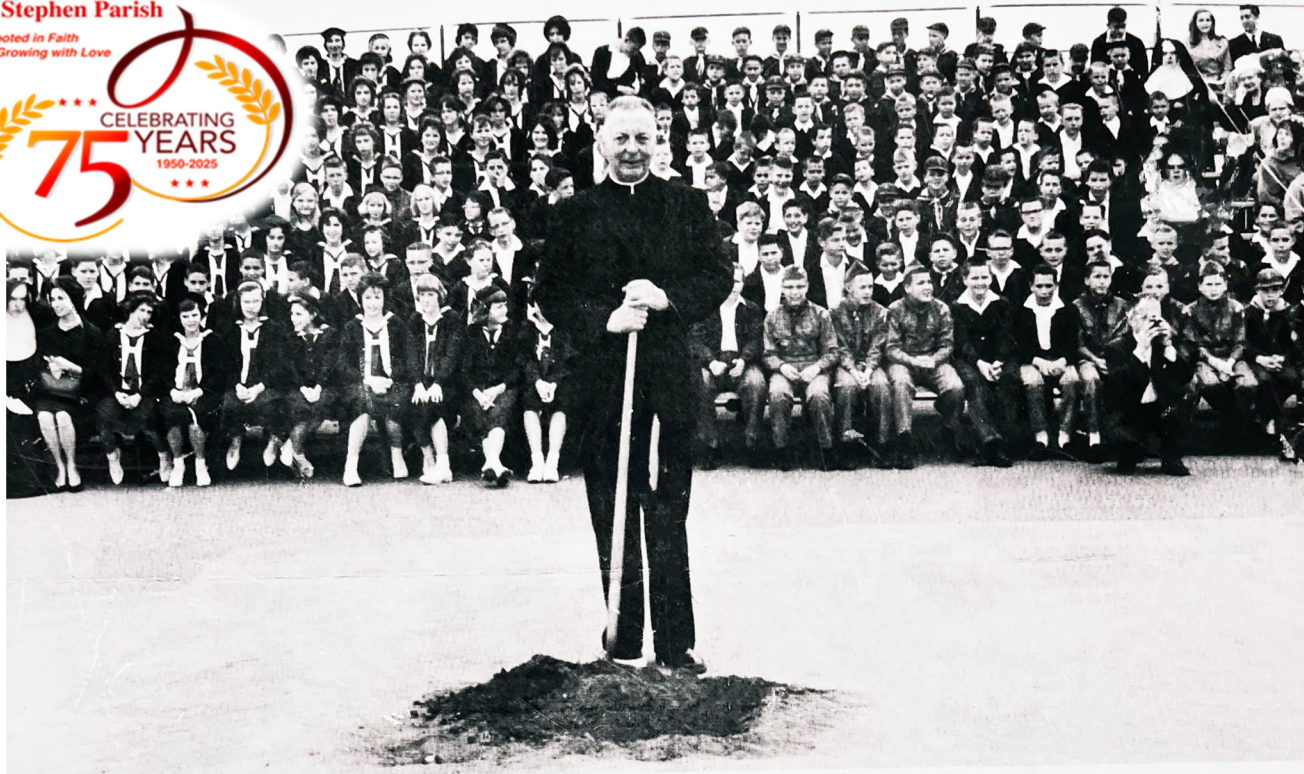
- Children in grades 1st thru 8th meet Monday afternoons, 4:15-5:30pm, during the school year. We also prepare students to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

- 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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Building for the Future of our Parish and of our Children



Our permanent church "will be built without a pledge drive". You need not pledge to pay \$300, \$400, \$500 etc. as requested by other Parishes.

This year we will not even have a Spring Festival or Bond Drive - we are therefore asking for your support, to help cover necessary costs by participating in the "Ground-breaking Earth-share" ticket sale.

Consider the benefits to our Parish ... to our children ... to all of us -
1. A permanent church. 2. A social hall - plus the "no pledge drive" statement by Father Donworth and make the extra effort to purchase as large an earth-share as possible - \$25 - \$50 - \$100.

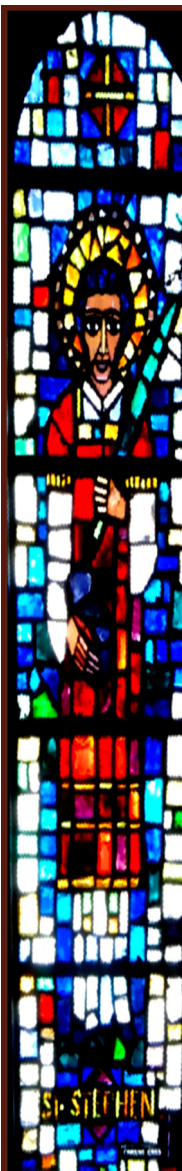
The Marian Club members are busy filling the earth bags. They will deliver your earth bag and earth-share certificate as soon as your order is received. Please help them by placing your order as soon as possible.

For the benefit of Parishioners who wish to place a more convenient order at home, a group of your friends and neighbors have formed a committee and will make personal calls starting Saturday, April 7 on all those who have been unable to mail their order request.

Please help build the future

Father Donworth headed up the campaign to raise money for the first school and church for the fledgling Parish of St. Stephen in the 1950's. Now Father Schunk is heading up the current campaign for necessary maintenance and improvements. For over 75 years, our parish has been a place of faith, service, and community. We have accomplished so much together, from our first church and school to our current facilities. As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to contribute to our 75th Anniversary Fund. Like all homes and buildings, over time, our parish facilities need some TLC. As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, we are reaching out to gather funds for some critical repairs that will help us continue serving our community. We have put together a list of projects that need our attention. Let us come together to celebrate our parish's legacy with a special donation this jubilee year. Thank you for being such a vital part of our community!

www.saintstephensf.org/75th-anniversary-celebration



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With our new

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**Our 20,000 sq. ft. Parish Event Center
Donworth Hall is
Available to Rent**

Contact Shay at 415.681.2444 x7
or email:

DonworthEvents@SaintStephenSF.org

ST STEPHEN PARISH 2024-2025

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| • Altar Servers | Giovanna Hrvatin |
| • Altar Society | Joan Leehane |
| • Bridge Group | Virginia Stefanelli |
| • Caritas | Nellie Hizon |
| • Eucharistic Lay Ministry
(Word & Eucharist) | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Fifty Plus Club | Helga D'Arcy |
| • Finance Council | Laura Birsinger |
| • Front Ofc Lead Volunteer | Fely Boquiren |
| • Grief Support | Clergy |
| • Head Sacristan | Ed Quan |
| • 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.