

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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The harvest
is abundant
but the
laborers
are few;
so ask the
master of the
harvest to
send out
laborers for
the harvest.

Luke 10:2



July 6, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With this being the end of the 4th of July Weekend, I feel we are now fully engaging in summer. I know many of you take time off or trips/vacations during this time of year. I hope it may be a time of refreshment for all of us as we recharge the batteries.

For the past several months we have had some long-term substitute musicians for our Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses. As of the beginning of July, I want to welcome our musicians for these two Masses.

John Michael Reyes has been acting as our cantor the past several months and will be continuing in the role. He was raised in the Sunset District and is a graduate of Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory and Santa Clara University. His primary work is at Saint Anthony Foundation, where he coordinates volunteer groups. He brings extensive experience in Catholic liturgy, music, and the catechumenate. As timing usually goes, John Michael will not be here this weekend as he was already scheduled to be away for the holiday, so we will have a substitute cantor this weekend for the Sunday morning Masses. Someone you have not yet met is Andrew Roubal who will be our organist/accompanist and who will be here this Sunday. He grew up in Santa Cruz and graduated from Cal State Fullerton. Most recently, he was a performing artist with the Walt Disney Company at Disney World in Florida. Moving back to the Bay Area, his primary work is with JAMaROO Kids in San Francisco as a music/art/dance teacher. He too has extensive experience with music ministry in the Catholic Church. We are blessed to have wonderful musicians at all of our Masses who help lift up our hearts and enhance our worship of God.

Some of you know that our Director of Faith Formation, Mary Molly Mullaney, will be out of the office for the next several weeks for a medical procedure and her recovery period. She is grateful for all of our prayers and support during this time. She was able to make the arrangements during the summer as she would be able to have support from her family and lessen the impact on parish ministries. Due to her absence, we will be postponing the Grand Day event scheduled for July 27 to a time to be determined. You may have noticed that the bulletin is also a bit shorter these days. Since Mary Molly also helps Ed Prete with the bulletin content, we decided to lessen the content to make it easier to publish during her time away.

Thank you to all our households who have continued to support the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. As of the end of June, we have 120 households contributing to the AAA. The total we have collected is \$53,350. This means we are 66% of our monetary goals. For the past several weeks, we have been including some brief stories from the AAA which give examples of how the AAA supports various ministries and offices in the Archdiocese. I hope you have found them to be informative and inspiring.

Last month, I celebrated the anniversary of my priestly ordination, 15 years. This coming week, I will be away from Monday afternoon through Thursday at a small reunion with my seminary classmates as we gather for prayer and fraternity. My classmates are spread out in dioceses throughout the United States so gathering as a group only takes place occasionally. We will be meeting at a priest retreat center in Los Angeles as it is close to one of the priests organizing the event and a major airport.

Father Schunk



*Our saint of the week, **Anthony Zaccaria***

Anthony Zaccaria was born in the city of Rome, Italy, in 1502 to Lazzaro and Antonia Pescaroli Zaccaria, and was baptized on the same day in the Cathedral of Cremona, probably by his uncle Don Tommaso Zaccaria, canon of the Cathedral. When he was two his father died. His family was of the nobility, and in order to teach him compassion for the poor, his mother made him her almoner.^[2] After attending the Episcopal School annexed to the Cathedral, he studied philosophy at the University of Pavia, and, from 1520, medicine at the University of Padua. After completing studies in 1524, he

practised as a physician in Cremona for three years.^[3] In 1527, he started studying for the priesthood, and was ordained in February 1529. Having explored his calling for two years, mainly working in hospitals and institutions for the poor, he became the spiritual advisor to Countess Ludovica Torelli of Guastalla (then the tiny County of Guastalla) in 1530, and followed her to Milan.

In Milan he became a member of the Oratory of Eternal Wisdom. In Vincenza, he popularized for the laity the *Forty-hour devotion*—solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the adoration of the faithful—accompanied by preaching. He also revived the custom of ringing church bells at 3 p.m. on Fridays, in remembrance of the Crucifixion.

While on a mission to Guastalla, Italy, in 1539, he caught a fever. Combined with the strict penances he performed, his health waned and he died on 5 July 1539, at the age of 36.

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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Jul 7

8:00 a.m.

† Cecilia Jennifer Pickerell
(By: Kirwin Family)

Tuesday, Jul 8

8:00 a.m.

† Matthew Quane
(By: Helga D'Arcy)

Wednesday, Jul 9

8:00 a.m.

† Steven Ingelfinger
(By: Parish Staff)

Thursday, Jul 10

8:00 a.m.

Sp. Int Aisa Hara Kristin
(By: Mama & Papa)

Friday, Jul 11

8:00 a.m.

† Diane Tognetti
(By: Friend)

Saturday, Jul 12

8:00 a.m.

† Victoria Williams
(By: Alice Grimes)

4:30 p.m.

† Carlota Plondaya
(By: Cagalingan Family)

Sunday, Jul 13

8:00 a.m.

† Noel Plondaya
(By: Carlota & Family)

10:30 a.m.

† Albert Gragnani
(By: Diane Gragnani)

6:30 p.m.

People of the Parish
(By: Fr. Schunk)

TOAY'S READINGS July 6, 2025

First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14c

I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 123:1-4

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord.

Second Reading Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Jesus sends out 72 people to announce the coming kingdom.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Blessed Peter To Rot

Tuesday: St. Veronica Guiliani

Wednesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: St. Benedict

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections June 26-27, 2025

\$ 5,064.21 Sunday Collection
\$ 1,523.10 Online Offering



Be Aware of Scam Emails

Recently, some of our parishioners have been receiving emails supposedly from Father Schunk. Unless they are from the parish email domain of @saintstephensf.org or from within the Archdiocesan email @sfarch.org, then they are likely scams. Please be cautious as criminals are becoming more clever and all of us are prone to being tricked. We will certainly not ask you to email credit card or bank account information to the parish office. When in doubt, please contact the parish office.

75th Anniversary Fund

Our Goal: \$250,0000

Total received to date: \$56,731

We're aiming to raise \$250,000 this year for our **Anniversary Fund** to address essential maintenance needs. Flyers with more information are available in the vestibule.

Gifts of \$1,000 or more: Honor your family or a loved one with an engraved leaf on our **donation tree**. **Gifts of \$10,000 or more:** Enjoy a special **home-cooked dinner** by our priests!

St. Stephen Parish

Rooted in Faith
Growing with Love

No gift is too small. We hope every parish household will join in supporting Saint Stephen's and help us build a strong foundation for the next 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 Barbiere, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Hope & Healing Workshop: Raising Mental Health Awareness and Cultivating the Healing Power of Hope

Sunday, July 27, 2025, 2:00p-5:00p
Saint Augustine Parish – 3700 Callan Boulevard,
South San Francisco

Contact: Rita Liu | 650-307-8296 |
Ritaliu2020@gmail.com

To register: <https://bit.ly/Hopeandhealing-sac>

As a faith community, Saint Augustine Parish is helping raise awareness and helping change the conversation around mental health. Join our parish for a FREE workshop to learn more about:

- Mental health challenges and ways for cultivating hope in daily life
- Recognize the signs and symptoms of depression, anxiety, and dementia, its treatments and when to seek professional help
- Caring for loved ones with dementia and their caregivers
- Creating a community of hope (community resources)

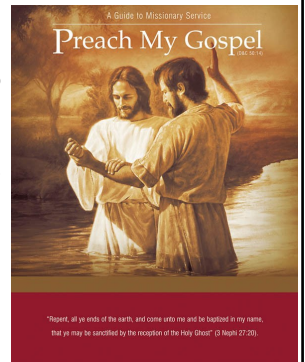
The Story “Picture of Peace”

There once was a king who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture on peace. Many artists tried. The king looked at all the pictures. But there were only two he really liked, and he had to choose between them. One picture was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror for peaceful towering mountains all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace. The other picture too had mountains. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky, from which rain fell and in which lightning played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall. This did not look peaceful at all. But when the king looked closely, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a mother bird had built her nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird on her nest – in perfect peace. Which picture do you think won the prize? The king chose the second picture. Do you know why? “Because,” explained the king, “peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be in calm in your heart. This is the real meaning of peace.” This Sunday’s Gospel reading (Lk 10:1-12, 17-20), tells us about the mission of the seventy-two disciples who are called to be peace-bearers and peace givers.

by Catherine Marshall

Background on today’s Gospel Reading

Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.



Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply “peace.” The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.



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

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