

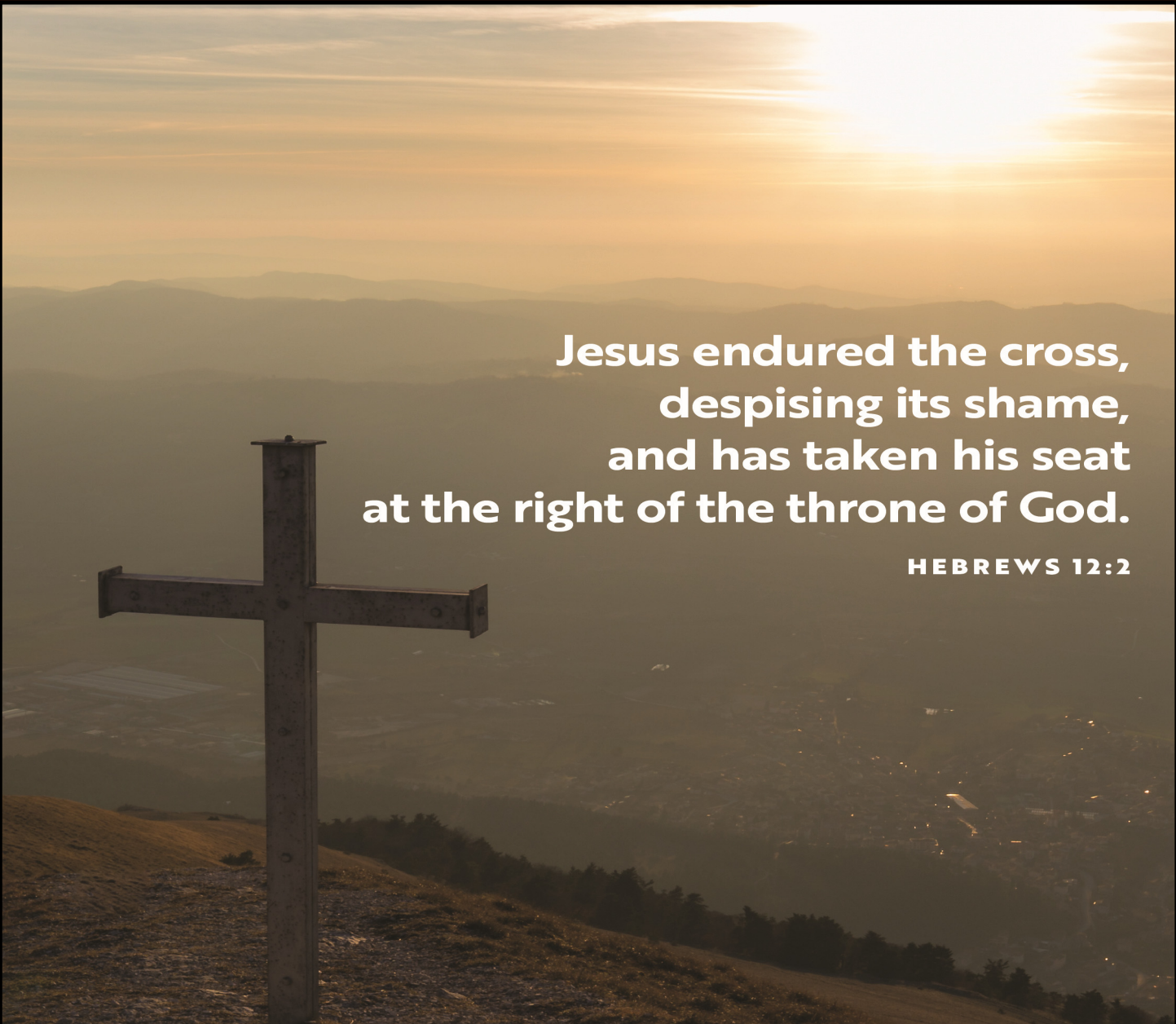
Saint Stephen Parish

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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.



**Jesus endured the cross,
despising its shame,
and has taken his seat
at the right of the throne of God.**

HEBREWS 12:2

**Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

August 17, 2025



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A huge thanks to all of our parishioners who made last Friday's celebration of the Assumption of Mary such a faith-filled time. A special thanks to Nellie Hizon who was the lead organizer and our musicians: Vaughn Jones, Phoebe Chee, and Griselda MacDonald. The concert in honor of our Blessed Mother was one way to make our 75th Anniversary year and also celebrate this important belief of our Christian faith.

On Monday, our parish school kicks off another exciting year. I know our Principal Mrs. Sharon Allen, our Preschool Director Kerry O'Shaughnessy, and all our teachers and staff have been hard at work getting things ready to welcome back our students. I find the beginning of the school year to be a bittersweet time. Sweet because everyone is excited to see their friends and restart activities, but sad because vacation time is concluding. As we know during the summer months, many families move into the area and so if you know some in your neighborhood who are looking for an exceptional primary school and/or preschool program, please invite them to consider Saint Stephen's.

We welcomed back to the parish last weekend Father Michael Liliedahl from his summer studies and adventures. This coming year, Father Liliedahl will be splitting his time between teaching at Saint Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park and continue ministering as the Chaplain for the Campus Ministry for San Francisco State based at Saint Stephen's. He will not be around the parish as much during the week because he will be staying at the seminary for the first part of the week and returning later in the weeks for the campus ministry activities, including the weekend Masses. We are grateful for his leadership in the important ministry of priestly formation and missionary work among the college students at SF State and City College.

Last week, we learned of the death of Father Mario Farana, long-time pastor of Saint Paul's Parish in San Francisco. His funeral services were this past Saturday at Saint Paul's. Father Farana was briefly pastor of Saint Stephen's and I know some of our parishioners remember him fondly. He was a dedicated shepherd to his flock and will be missed by many people. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Father Schunk

Background on today's Gospel Reading

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members.

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.

Give us a call 415-681-2444, we are here for you!



Mass Intentions

Mass intentions may be offered for our loved ones, living or deceased, for Masses on Sundays or weekdays, as we remember and pray for them in our Lord's Sacrifice. For scheduling and additional information about availability, please stop by the parish office or call 415-681-2444 during office hours.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Aug 18

8:00 a.m.

Betty Kiac

(By: Shirley Dee)

Tuesday, Aug 19

8:00 a.m.

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Larry Teshara

(By: Teshara Family)

Wednesday, Aug 20

8:00 a.m.

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Carlota Plondaya

(By: Aikan, Melody & Robert)

Thursday, Aug 21

8:00 a.m.

Gwendolyn Walsh, 97th bday

blessing (By: Ding, Carol & Fam)

Friday, Aug 22

8:00 a.m.

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Paul Cardozo

(By: Philomena Cardoza)

Saturday, Aug 23

8:00 a.m.

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Barbara Frost

(By: Liam Frost)

4:30 p.m.

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Richard Faziola

(By: Hilda Faziola)

Sunday, Aug 24

8:00 a.m.

People of the Parish

(By Fr. Schunk)

10:30 a.m.

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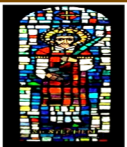
Rene Yango

(By: Luis Gaerlan)

6:30 p.m.

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Father Mario Farana



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Jesus endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. — Hebrews 12:2

TOAY'S READINGS August 17, 2025

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 40:2-4,18

A prayer for God's help

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4

Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Gospel Reading Luke 12:49-53

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: **Saint John Eudes**

Wednesday: **Saint Bernard (of Clairvaux)**

Thursday: **Saint Pius X**

Friday: **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin**

Mary

Saturday: **Saint Rose of Lima**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections August 9 –10, 2025

\$ 4,556.65 Sunday Collection

\$ 1,608.45 Online Offering

Faith Formation for Children Registration

Our parish offers religious education for children in our Faith Formation Program



For students who attend public schools or non-Catholic private schools. 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 (8th grade).

We have now opened the online registration process for the 2025-2026 school year. As Mary Molly Mullaney is still on medical leave, please reach out to Father Schunk

75th Anniversary Fund

Our Goal: **\$250,000**

Total received to date: **\$77,047**

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!

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Growing with Love



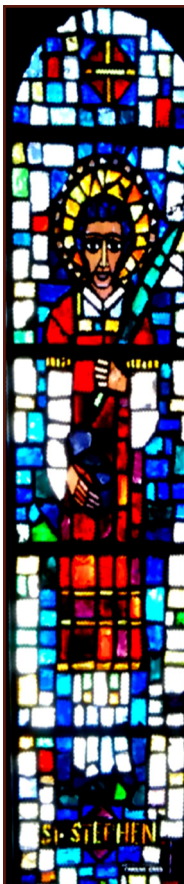
No gift is too small as we hope everyone in the parish will participate to strengthen Saint Stephen's for another 75 years!

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.

Daniel W., Edna Amora, Cristina Young, Tresa Matthews, GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young, Araceli Caparas, Larry & Carmelita Gallager, 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 Barbieri, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names of people that we should pray for this month.



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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 disci-
ples,
bringing your love to the world.



We ask all this through Christ our Lord.

ST STEPHEN PARISH 2025-2026

ORGANIZATION/MINISTRY CONTACT PERSON

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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 | Patrick Kennedy |
| • Newman Campus Ministry | Fr Michael Liliedahl |
| • Parish Council | Vicky Francisco |
| • Religious Education (Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality) | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Ushers | Pastor |
| • Women's Guild | Mandy Fesko & Jen Garlasco |

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

Contact Shay at 415.681.2444 x7
or email:

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Join us on Monday, September 8,
2025, for our monthly meeting of the
50+ Club. Snacks will be served and
Bingo and Bridge will be played.
Please contact the Parish Office for
more information.