

# 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

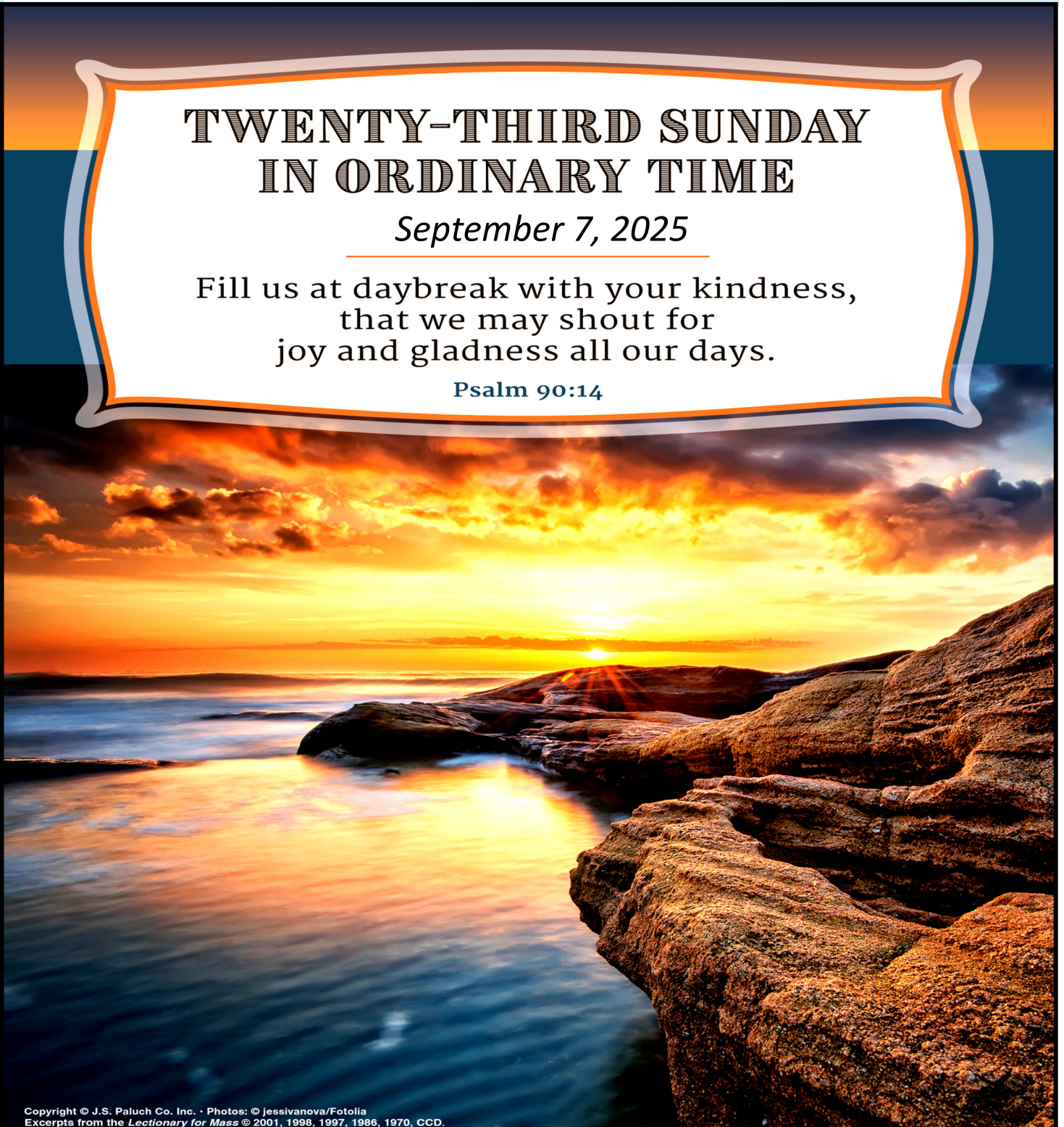
Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*September 7, 2025*

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for  
joy and gladness all our days.

Psalm 90:14





September 7, 2025

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**

Over a week ago, tragedy once again struck our nation. Innocent lives were lost and another community is heartbroken. The only true response to violence is peace and the strength for peace comes from prayer. All of us should call upon the Lord for his gift of peace for ourselves and our fellow human beings as too many people throughout the world are living lives blind to God's peace in their hearts. At our school, Mrs. Allen and her team have been working tirelessly to ensure that not only do we have the best learning environment possible, but also the safest school possible. At our church, we are also doing our best to ensure a safe worship environment, a place where all may come to encounter the living God. Over the past several months, we made some security enhancements around the parish property and recently, further modifications to help keep our campus safe. While we do not want to fall into paranoia, we do want to remain vigilant. As the saying goes, no matter where we are, if we see something, we should say something to help keep one another safe.

As we have been announcing, Sunday, October 19 will be the main celebration of our parish's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. To emphasize the importance of the celebration and gathering as a community for prayer, we will be modifying the Mass schedule for that weekend. On Saturday, October 18, we will have the regular 4:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass. On Sunday, October 19, there will be no 8:00 AM or 6:30 PM Mass but only the 10:30 AM Mass.

We know this may be an inconvenience for some of you but for special occasions, it is sometimes important to do things differently. We will be posting this for the next several weeks so by then, people will know the schedule. We are beginning to sell tickets for the luncheon which will take place after the 10:30 AM Mass. You may purchase tickets online through the event registration page or via check/cash and use the special registration envelopes that we are providing. We are also continuing to look for volunteers for the event and so if you would like to volunteer, please reach out to [memories@saintstephensf.org](mailto:memories@saintstephensf.org) or leave a message in the parish office with Father Schunk and he will pass along your name to the coordinators.

We welcome back our Director of Faith Formation, Mary Molly who is returning from her medical leave. We also welcome back our students in our Faith Formation program who are beginning their lessons this week as they continue to grow in their love for the Lord.

**Father Schunk**

**Background on today's Gospel Reading**

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.



**Now Accepting Applications!**

**St. Stephen School** is accepting applications for the August 2026-2027 Kindergarten Class. Please call the school office at **(415) 664-8331**, if you are interested in obtaining an application and scheduling a school tour. Children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2026 and be currently enrolled in a five day Pre-K or Kindergarten Program.

We welcome all applicants in current K-5 especially our Faith Formation Families.

St. Stephen School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origins to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Stephen School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

**The Sacraments for Adults**

At this time of year, we want to invite adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and/or seeking Baptism, entering the Catholic Church from another Christian community, or adult Catholics who would like to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and/or Confirmation to join our adult faith formation program that prepares people to receive the sacraments at Easter. For more information, please reach out to Father Schunk in the parish office ([fr.schunk@saintstephensf.org](mailto:fr.schunk@saintstephensf.org)).



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, Sep 8

8:00 a.m.

**Cristina Sagala**, bday  
blessing  
(By: Emma Sagala)

## Tuesday, Sep 9

8:00 a.m.

† **Beatriz Caunan**  
(By: Adele Caunan)

## Wednesday, Sep 10

8:00 a.m.

**Father Michael Lilledahl**  
(By: Parish Staff)

## Thursday, Sep 11

8:00 a.m.

† **Dr. Albert Frieztsche**  
(By: Frieztsche Family)

## Friday, Sep 12

8:00 a.m.

**Daniel W., Healing**  
(By: Dianne Gagnani)

## Saturday, Sep 13

8:00 a.m.

**Tony Devincenzi**, Sp Int.  
(By: Parish Staff)

4:30 p.m.

**People of the Parish**

## Sunday, Sep 14

8:00 a.m.

† **Beatrice Abraham**,  
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

10:30 a.m.

† **Albert Gagnani**  
(By: Diance Gagnani)

6:30 p.m.

† **Sol Vivas**  
(By: Dorothy Over)

## TOAY'S READINGS September 7, 2025

### First Reading *Wisdom 9:13-18b*

Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 90:3-4,5-6*

God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time.

### Second Reading *Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Reading *Luke 14:25-33*

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

**Special Note From Mary Molly:** I would like to thank everyone that lifted me up in prayer while I was out on medical leave. I'm back in the office and busy at work. I truly felt the blessings and am healing well. I am thankful for the support of our loving community.



## Stewardship: A Way of Life

### Sunday Collections August 30 – 31, 2025

\$5167.06 Sunday Collection

\$990.45 Online Offering

\$84,582 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund

## St. Stephen 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**October 19, 2025**

**Mass 10:30 AM**

**Luncheon to Follow the Mass in Donworth Hall**

Purchase Tickets for Luncheon

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintstephens/forms/75th-anniversary-bbq>

Adults: \$35 Children: \$15

Mass Schedule for Weekend

Saturday 4:30 PM Mass

Sunday 10:30 AM Mass



**No 8:00 AM or 6:30 PM on Sunday, 10/19**

## Faith Formation for Children Registration

Our parish offers religious education n 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. Contact Mary Molly Mullaney in the office for more information and/or the online registration link 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



## 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 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, 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 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 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<br>(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<br>(Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality) | Mary Molly Mullaney        |
| • Ushers   | Pastor                     |
| • Women's Guild  | Mandy Fesko & Jen Garlasco |



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...in the Kingdom of God  
**...in Religious Education**



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.