

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.



September 21, 2025



***No
servant
can
serve
two
masters.***

Luke 16:13

**TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**



September 21, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This past week, we had the first school Mass of the year and with the academic year kicking off, we will soon be having our monthly Family Masses at the 10:30 AM Mass. Our first Family Mass will be on Sunday, October 5, which takes up the theme of Saint Francis of Assisi and is held outside on the plaza. As many of you may recall, at the conclusion of the Mass we will have the blessing of the animals-pets. For those of you who have pets you would like blessed (or perhaps some say *need* a blessing), you may put the event in your calendar.

Correction. I realized the other day I made an historical error in my bulletin article last week. I referred to Constantine (son of Saint Helena) as the first Holy Roman Emperor. Constantine was not the first Holy Roman Emperor. Charlemagne was the first Holy Roman Emperor, another interesting figure in Western History. Constantine was a Roman Emperor, but converted to Christianity and promulgated the Edict of Milan which legalized Christianity in the Roman Empire.

This coming Saturday, September 27, the Women's Guild is sponsoring the annual Spaghetti Bingo in Donworth Hall. The registration is closing this weekend so if you have not done so already, sign up now!

This Saturday, (today or yesterday as you read this), the Campus Ministry sponsored their fall Bay Area Wide Young Adult Country Line Dance event. Young adults from across the Bay attend and it is always a fun event. It is a sign of the vibrancy of the Campus Ministry and the good work they are doing to go and make disciples.

We are getting registrations for the anniversary luncheon on October 19. A reminder that on Sunday, October 19, we will just be having the 10:30 AM Mass. There will not be the usual 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM Masses that day.

Father Schunk

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man. The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life. The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God. Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

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. For more information, please reach out to Father Schunk or Mary Molly Mullaney.

St. Stephen School 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.

Faith Formation at St. Stephen Parish

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 from 4:15 - 5:30 pm. We also prepare students to receive the Sacraments of reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation (8th Grade).

The online registration process for the 2025-2026 school year is open. . If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Molly at

Faithformation@saintstephensf.org

Faith Formation is now looking for new teachers to join our team. If you are interested in spreading the faith to the next generation, please contact Mary Molly at the above email.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Sep 22

8:00 a.m.

Priest's Intention

Tuesday, Sep 23

8:00 a.m.

Fr. Gerard Gormley, Sp. Int
(By: A friend)

Wednesday, Sep 24

8:00 a.m.

Teresa Devincenzi, bday
blessing (By: Fr Schunk &
Parish Staff)

Thursday, Sep 25

8:00 a.m.

† **Jacqueline Thompson**
(By: Bautista Family)

Friday, Sep 26

8:00 a.m.

† **Jerry & Julia Fitzgerald**
(By: Mary Fitzgerald)

Saturday, Sep 27

8:00 a.m.

† **Rey Aseron**
(By: Emma Sagala)

4:30 p.m.

† **Mary & Mike Walsh**
(By: Joan & Dan Leehane)

Sunday, Sep 28

8:00 a.m.

† **Severino Hizon**
(By: Nellie Hizon)

10:30 a.m.

People of the Parish
(By: Fr. Schunk)

6:30 p.m.

Martin Ho
(By: Viet Ho)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

Unfair business practices and injustice to the poor will be judged by God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 113: 1-2,4-6,7-8

Praise be to God, who raises up the poor.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul tells Timothy that prayer for those in authority is pleasing to God because God wills the salvation of all.

Gospel Reading Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Tuesday: **St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio);**
Autumn begins

Thursday: **Ss. Cosmas and Damian**

Friday: **St. Vincent de Paul**

Saturday: **St. Wenceslaus; Blessed Virgin Mary**
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections September 13 - 14, 2025

\$5,451.10 Sunday Offertory

\$1,159.00 Online Giving

\$1,229.50 Maintenance Fund

\$88,620.00 75th Anniversary Fund

St. Stephen 75th 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.



FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS

Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 5, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assist the name-sake of the City of San Francisco and co-patron of our Archdiocese. As is our tradition, we will *bless your animals on this day at the after the 10:30 Mass*, which is celebrated with an outdoor Mass on the front plaza.

All are Welcome!

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 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.

ST STEPHEN PARISH 2025-2026

ORGANIZATION/MINISTRY CONTACT PERSON

• 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

your
child
belongs

...in this parish
...in this church
...in this community
...in the Body of Christ
...in the Catholic Faith
...in the Kingdom of God
...in Religious Education



Join us on Monday, October 6, 2025,
for our monthly meeting of the 50+
Club. Snacks will be served and Bingo
and Bridge will be played.
Currently, looking for new
Bridge Players!

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