

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

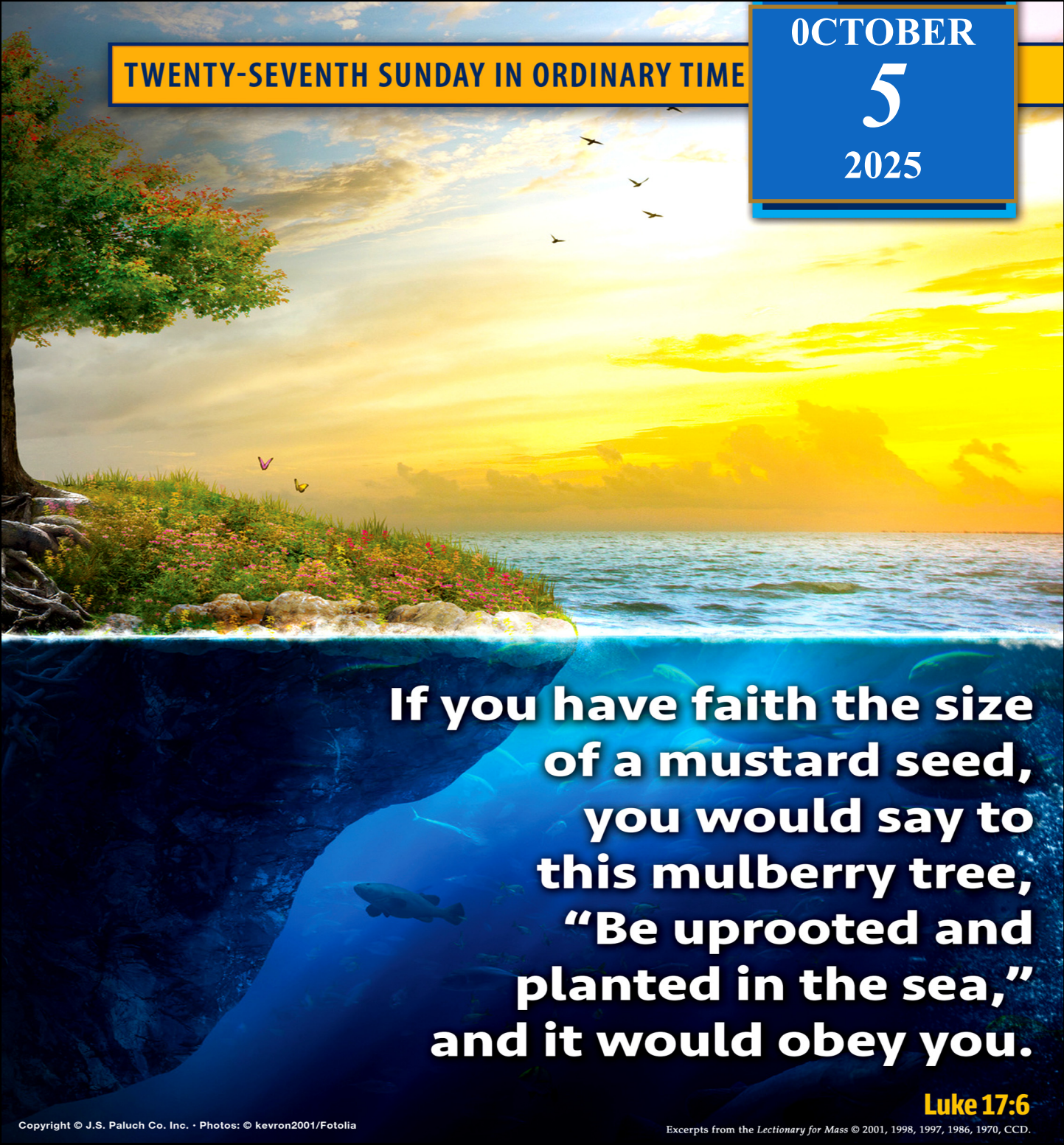
Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER

5

2025



**If you have faith the size
of a mustard seed,
you would say to
this mulberry tree,
“Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,”
and it would obey you.**

Luke 17:6



October 5, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we call upon the heavenly intercession of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron of the Archdiocese and our fair city. As is the custom, we are blessing our animals and pets at this Sunday's 10:30 AM Family Mass in the plaza. We thank our 5th grade students for helping lead us in prayer today. Saint Francis turns our minds towards seeing God's creation as beautiful. Whether we look towards the heavens and the stars and birds, or down towards the earth and oceans. As we pray in Psalm 92, "How great are your works, LORD!"

Last week's Spaghetti Bingo was another huge and delicious success. Thank you to the members of the Saint Stephen's Women's Guild who organized all the fun. A special thanks to event co-chairs, Kristin Gleeson, Siobhan McHugh, Jennifer O'Keeffe, Ashley Roebken, Shannon Rowbury, and Shawna Stecher, and our principal Mrs. Allen whose hard work made for a sold-out event!

As a reminder we are continuing to receive registrations for the anniversary luncheon on October 19. As we have been saying, 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. We will still have the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass Saturday evening, October 18.

The deadline to purchase tickets for the luncheon is Sunday, October 12, so please submit your signups either online or via the office by next Sunday. Monday is the first Monday of the month and that means the meeting of the 50+ is meeting in Donworth Hall. All those 50+ (or close) are welcome to join them for fun and fellowship.

Father Schunk

Background on the Gospel

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans.

The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.



Life-Giving Wounds Online Support Group

Thursday Nights: Oct. 23 - Nov 20, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Virtual Meetings - Must Register

**Contact: Ed Hopfner | 415-614-5547 |
hopfnere@sfsarch.org**

Life-Giving Wounds is a healing ministry to help adults with divorced and separated parents give voice to their pain and find transformative healing through Christ. The Archdiocese of San Francisco, Diocese of Orange, and Diocese of San Diego, invite adult children of divorced or separated parents across the West Coast to a virtual support group this fall. Please contact Ed Hopfner for more information and registration information.

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.

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. We are also looking for new teachers to join the team.

If you are interested please contact, **Mary Molly at**
Faithformation@saintstephensf.org

50 Plus Club!

**Join us 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!**



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Oct 6

8:00 a.m.

† **Monica dela Rosa**
(By: Josephine Mendiola)

Tuesday, Oct 7

8:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday Oct 8

8:00 a.m.

Lorena Lucich, Sp Int
(By: Peggy Teshara)

Thursday, Oct 9

8:00 a.m.

† **Julian Hermosura, Jr.**
(By: Nellie Hizon)

Friday, Oct 10

8:00 a.m.

† **Tom Walsh**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

Saturday, Oct 11

8:00 a.m.

† **Chris Aquiso**
(By: the Schunk Family)

4:30 p.m.

People of the Parish
(By: Fr. Schunk)

Sunday, Oct 12

8:00 a.m.

† **Ulderico Bacay**
(By: Dorothy Over)

10:30 a.m.

Julie Burton, Sp Int
(By: Teresa & Tony DeVincenze)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading *Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4*

The patience of the just man shall be rewarded when he sees the vision fulfilled.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,8-9*

Sing joyfully to God, our salvation.

Second Reading *2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14*

Paul urges Timothy to remain strong in the Spirit of faith Timothy received.

Gospel Reading *Luke 17:5-10*

Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.



TODAY!

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi 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 after the 10:30 Mass*, which is celebrated with an outdoor Mass on the front plaza.

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections September 27 - 28, 2025

\$4,798.30 Sunday Offertory

\$1,584.85 Online Giving

\$91,213.00 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.**

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.

Byron Petty, Glenda Miller, Daniel W., 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, 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.

**Donate Online
To St. Stephen's**



St. Stephen Parish

*Rooted in Faith
Growing with Love*



19 OCTOBER, 2025

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:30 AM MASS

SERVING YOUR CHOICE OF:

BARBEQUE TRI-TIP, CHICKEN & HOT DOGS

POTATO SALAD, SPRING GREEN SALAD, CORN COBLETs

ICE CREAM & CAKE

SODA, JUICE AND COFFEE

\$35/Adult & \$15/Child

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