

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.



OCTOBER
12
2025

TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*One of them,
realizing he had
been healed, returned,*

**GLORIFYING GOD
IN A LOUD VOICE.**

Luke 17:15



October 12, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you very much for everyone who made last Sunday's 10:30 AM Mass in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi with the blessing of the animals such a huge success. A special thanks to our 5th graders who helped to lead us in our prayer, some of our 8th graders who helped to setup the chairs, and to Deacon Olet Abad, Mary Molly Mullaney, Mrs. Haley (5th grade), and Mrs. Jimenez (8th grade). Of course, thanks be to God for providing us with wonderful weather.

Next weekend we will have our special celebration to mark our parish's 75th Anniversary. Many of our fellow parishioners have been working extra hours to make the celebration a special event. We hope many of you will be able to attend the 10:30 AM Mass and the luncheon in Donworth Hall. This **Sunday (10/12) is the deadline to purchase tickets** because we need to know how much food to purchase. So, either please return your envelopes to parish office or purchase a ticket online. This is also your final reminder that next weekend, we will only have the Saturday 4:30 PM Mass and Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. There will be no 8:00 AM or 6:30 PM Mass next Sunday.

At Saint Stephen's, we practice the traditional custom during the month of November of recalling particular people who are deceased and making a special offering to God in our prayers and Masses that we celebrate throughout the month. If you receive the parish offertory envelopes, there is an envelope included in your packet for All Souls'. We are also placing extra envelopes in the vestibule which you may begin to complete and return either to the parish office or in the collection baskets. We will be placing these names on our altar throughout the month of November as we remember all those who have preceded us in death.

I am grateful and excited to share that I have been accepted into *Eius*, an ongoing priestly formation service by Catholic Leadership Institute designed to help priests navigate the complexities of ministry and rekindle the fire of their priesthood first ignited at ordination. One of my responsibilities as a priest is to continue my formation to ensure that I am not only growing as a disciple of Jesus, but that I am growing as a shepherd in my call to be His priest and by extension, yours. *Eius* is a nine-month journey of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation, offered through both virtual and in-person experiences. I will be attending in-person sessions in Saint Louis three times over the next nine months, the first gathering being October 20-23 (right after our big celebration). I look forward to how God will use this time to deepen my priesthood and bless our parish for years to come. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin this journey. Know that I will be praying for you as well.

Father Schunk

Background on the Gospel

Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found



in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

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 |
hopfner@sfarch.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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Oct 13

8:00 a.m. † **Donald Schneider**
(By: Donovan Schneider)

Tuesday, Oct 14

8:00 a.m. † **Jeannie Teshara**
(by: Peggy Teshara)

Wednesday Oct 15

8:00 a.m. † **Odette Panossian**
(By: Lupita Chase)

Thursday, Oct 16

8:00 a.m. † **Maho Danfoura**
(By: Jose Maria Ybarz)

Friday, Oct 17

8:00 a.m. **Fr. Gerard Gormley Sp. Int.**
(By: a Friend)

Saturday, Oct 18

8:00 a.m. **Marivic Ramirez**
B-day Blessing (By: Ding & Carol)

4:30 p.m. **Benefactors of St. Stephen Parish**

Sunday, Oct 19

10:30 a.m. **75th Jubilee Mass**
People of the Parish



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 12, 2025

If we have died with Christ Jesus we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him.
— 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4

Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

Gospel Reading Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Monday: **Columbus Day/Indigenous Solidarity Day**
Tuesday: **Saint Callistus I**
Wednesday: **Saint Teresa of Jesus (Ávila)**
Thursday: **Saint Hedwig**
Friday: **Saint Ignatius of Antioch**
Saturday: **Sts. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions**

Stewardship: A Way of Life Sunday Collections October 4-5, 2025

\$7,247.00 Sunday Offertory
\$1,596.55 Online Giving
\$65,354.00 AAA
\$93,465.00 75th Anniversary Fund

St. Stephen 75th Anniversary Celebration

October 19, 2025

Mass 10:30 AM

Luncheon in Donworth Hall

following the Mass

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.

**Last chance to purchase tickets is
Sunday, Oct. 12!**

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 Gallager, George Farrales, 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.

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To St. Stephen's**





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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.

Bridge Players Wanted 50 Plus Club

Next meeting is Nov. 3rd in Donworth Hall
(473 Eucalyptus Dr., in hall beneath the gym).
We gather at 12:30 PM for social time
before starting at 1:00 PM.



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

the third OPTION

Marriage Support

Marriage is not always easy and sometimes couples struggle with various aspects of their relationship. For couples who may be struggling and looking for a resource to help build up their marriage, **The Third Option** offers a lifeline for spouses still hoping for a better future. Join a supportive community online and learn skills that have healed thousands of difficult marriage situations. It takes place Tuesday nights (ongoing and online) 6:30pm –8:30pm. For questions and registration information contact the coordinator:

Don Flecky at 714-240-4245 or donflecky@gmail.com

Or you may email Ed Hopfner, Archdiocesan Director of the Marriage and Family Life Office
HopfnerE@sfarch.org or see the website for general information: www.thethirdoption.com