

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.

All Souls Day

*Requiem Aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

November 2, 2025



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Although we are called to pray for our beloved dead often, the Church gives us a special month to pray for them. On November 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints, giving glory to God for all those who have died and live forever in Heaven. The following day, November 2 (Sunday this year), the Church celebrates the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). We pray for those who have died and who may not yet have reached Heaven, but are being purified in Purgatory preparing for the Heavenly banquet.

Since November 2 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church this weekend will celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed for our Sunday Masses. As is our custom during the month of November, we place on our altar the names of our deceased brothers and sisters. To pray for the dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. We are able to do this because our faith leads us to hope in the promise of eternal life. As we participate in the Heavenly Banquet here on earth, we pray that they may be welcomed to the Heavenly Banquet in the Kingdom along with the saints and all our holy ancestors. As all of us have known loss, I invite you to join the entire Church in remembering and praying for our dead in a particular way during the entire month of November.

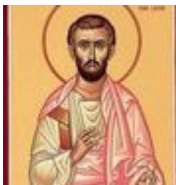
This past Wednesday and Thursday, Father Liliedahl and myself attended our fall priest study day workshops. There was a potpourri of topics, presented but one of the interesting speakers came to talk about the personal finances for priests and income taxes. Clergy are in a unique category when it comes to taxes and so presentations like this are very helpful for us. One of the subtopics of the presenter's discussion was Medicare, something very familiar to many of our parishioners. Though I am hoping I have a way to go before Medicare, as I like to joke, one can never start their planning too early!

As we have written in the bulletin, our Mass Intention book is now open for the year 2026. You may stop by the parish office if you would like to offer a Mass for someone deceased or living.

Father Schunk

Background on the Gospel

On the Feast of All Souls, we pray for the souls of all those who have died. There are many choices of readings for this day, all focusing on our belief in the resurrection of the dead and Jesus' promise of eternal life.



The Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus offers us many important insights about this aspect of our faith.

Jesus was good friends with Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. Lazarus had fallen ill, and Martha and Mary had sent word to Jesus. Jesus delays his journey to them, however, and when he arrives in Bethany, he finds that Lazarus is dead and has been buried for four days.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one; Lazarus and his family have many friends who have come to mourn his death. Martha goes out to meet Jesus when he arrives. She cries with him, saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Jesus consoles her with the promise that Lazarus would rise from the dead. Martha affirms her belief that there will be resurrection of the dead in the last days. Jesus promises her even more; he says that he himself is the Resurrection and the life for all those who believe in him. Martha professes her faith in this, acknowledging that Jesus is Christ, the Son of God.

This is the profession of faith we continue to make, and it is the promise on which we base our hope for eternal life for ourselves and for all those who have died. In his death and Resurrection, Jesus has conquered death for all those who believe in him.

Catholic Charities OMI Senior Center Health & Education Resource Fair

**Friday, Nov. 14, 2025 – 9:45a to 2:30p
2616 Ocean Avenue, San Francisco**

Contact: OMI Senior Center

| 415-334-5550 for more information |

Catholic Charities' OMI Senior Center is holding a Health & Educational Resource Fair at their new location at 2616 Ocean Avenue in San Francisco on Friday, November 14. Activities will include health screenings, Covered California enrollment, live performance, prizes and refreshments!

***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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Nov 3

8:00 a.m. † **Carlota Plondaya**, 93rd
bday blessing
(By: the Children of the Family)

Tuesday, Nov 4

8:00 a.m. **The Schunk Family**

Wednesday Nov 5

8:00 a.m. † **Mila Pascual**
(By: Emma Sagala)

Thursday, Nov 6

8:00 a.m. **Fr Stephen Howell**
(By: Ding Carol fam)

Friday, Nov 7

8:00 a.m. † **Debbie Lynch**
(By: Lupita Chase)

Saturday, Nov 8

8:00 a.m. **Lyn Boquiren, Sp Int**
(By: Fely Boquirien)

4:30 p.m. † **Frank Duffy**
(By: Monica Duffy)

Sunday, Nov 9

8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

10:30 a.m. † **Albert Gragnani**
(By: Diane Gragnani)

6:30 p.m. † **Max Fernandes**
(By: Joe Fernandes)



**Commemoration of all the Faithful
Departed (All Souls Day)
November 2, 2025**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading *Wisdom 3:1-9 or Wisdom 4:7-15 or Isaiah 25:6-9*

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6*

Second Reading *Romans 5:5-11 57 or 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1*

Gospel Reading: John 11:17-27: Jesus consoles Martha at the death of her brother, Lazarus, and declares that he is the Resurrection and the life.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: **Saint Martín de Porres, 1579–1639**

Tuesday: **Saint Charles Borromeo, 1538-1584**

Sunday: **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections October 25– 26, 2025

\$4,779.40 Sunday Offertory
\$1,597.75 Online Giving

75th Anniversary Fund

Our Goal: \$250,000.00

Total received to date: \$100,280.00

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!

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



Sick Relatives & Friends

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.

Sean Chan, 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 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.



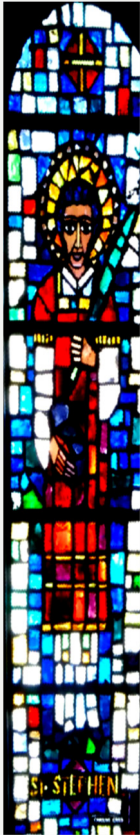
2026 Mass Intentions

Our 2026 Mass Intention Calendar is open. Stop by the office to set up date/time.

In order to be fair to the needs of all our parishioners, we ask you to limit your mass intentions to 8 masses at different mass times.

THE WAY

It's hard to train a child in a way the parents don't go themselves.
— Anonymous



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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

Marriage Support

Marriage is not always easy and
sometimes couples struggle with
various aspects of their relation-
ship. For couples who may be
struggling and looking for a re-
source to help build up their mar-
riage, **The Third Option** offers a

lifeline for spouses still hoping for a better future. Join a support-
ive 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 regis-
tration information contact the coordinator:

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

Or you may email Ed Hopfner, Archdiocesan Director of the Mar-
riage and Family Life Office

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OPTION

*Donate Online To St.
Stephen's*



50+ Club

Monday, November 3rd at 12:30 pm
Join us on the first Monday of each month
for a lively and welcoming gathering of St.
Stephen seniors! Enjoy an afternoon of
Bingo, Bridge, tasty snacks, and
great company. **Looking for new
Bridge Members to Join!**