

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.

November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Oh, Heavenly Father
We Thank thee for
food and
remember the hungry.

We thank thee for
health and remember
the sick.

We thank thee for
friends and remember
the friendless. We
thank thee for free-
dom and remember
the
enslaved.

May these
remembrances stir us
to service, That thy
gifts to us may be
used for others.

Amen

**Mass on
Thanksgiving Day
will be at 9:30 a.m.
We will have our
usual 200 or so
loaves of fresh bread
for distribution at
the end of Mass.**



November 23, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend, we are including our annual parish financial report for the previous fiscal year (July 2024 through June 2025). This year we are including the breakdown of the numbers along with my letter. You can read it for more detail, but I want to thank the members of our parish Finance Council (Laura Birsinger [chair], Serafin Cabatic, Connie D'Aura, Hugo Delgado, Dan Holper, and Mike Fesko) for their advice and guidance during the year. I also want to thank all our parish benefactors for their sacrificial giving of time, talent, and treasure. Without the varied generosity of so many people, our parish would not be the place it is today.

Thank you to Mary Molly who is getting our Advent Giving Bulletin Board Tree up and running. This year, there are two charities we identified to support during the Advent Season with the Giving Tree. The first is the DeMarilac Academy which is an all-scholarship grade 4-8 Catholic school in the Tenderloin District. The second is Catholic Charities-CYO. You can read the announcement in the bulletin for more details. In the past, our parish has been very generous with the Giving Tree and we thank you for your continued generosity.

This coming Thursday we have the great American civic holiday, Thanksgiving. We will have a special Mass Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 AM. We invite all our parishioners to start these days of gratitude by giving thanks to God for all the blessings he bestows upon us. There is no 8:00 AM Mass that morning.

We will take up a collection at Mass on Thanksgiving Day for the Saint Anthony Foundation, located in San Francisco's Tenderloin District, as a way to offer our support to some of the neediest members of our community on a day when we are grateful to God for what we have received. Coincidentally, Saint Anthony's is celebrating their 75th anniversary as well this this year as Father Alfred Boedekker, OFM opened the doors of Saint Anthony's Dining Room on October 4, 1950. If you are not able to attend Mass and would like to make a donation to Saint Anthony's or learn more about the ministry, please visit their website: <https://www.stanthonysf.org>

Father Schunk

This Week's Readings
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Even in our time, when democracy and equality are held in high regard, kings connote the idea of majesty, power and absolute authority. Fairy tales, cartoons and modern television specials about aristocrats of old seem to draw out our fascination with earlier times, when kings ruled their nations and received unquestioned loyalty.

We see some of that splendor in today's second reading as we celebrate the Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Indeed, the majesty of kings and queens of old is magnified several degrees as we contemplate Jesus, *the image of the invisible God*, who was present at creation, through whom all things were created, and who is filled with divinity. When we think of how vast our universe is – and we're learning more and more of its unbelievable size – we can only begin to fathom the majesty of Jesus, King of that Universe.

Yet the other readings move us to reflect on another aspect of kingship – service to the people and mercy to those in need. In the first reading, as the Israelites anoint David as King of Israel, they recognize not only his success in battle but his call by God to shepherd his people. The Israelites welcome David as king because of his care for them – the same care he gave to the sheep in his father's flock before God called him to kingship.

Jesus shows an even greater depth of care for his people. Enthroned on the cross – his only earthly throne to date – Jesus dies for love of God's people, to bring salvation and everlasting life to them. Even more, a short time before his agonizing death, he turns to the dying thief crucified next to him with merciful words of assurance: *Today you will be with me in Paradise*. Jesus shows us his identity as a serene, humble and loving King and God in his last moments on earth – the kind of King that we as Christians can joyfully give our own lives to. Jesus' majesty as the eternal God and King is matched by his love – a love that drove him to a horrible death for our salvation.

What does this incredible King call us to? How can we serve Jesus, whose power and glory as God are matched only by the depth of his love? As Christians, we are baptized into his service – each called to serve Jesus and his kingdom in a unique way, according to our particular gifts, temperament and life circumstances. As King and as shepherd of our souls, Jesus calls us step by step into his service. He reveals our call, our role in his kingdom, from one moment to the next – if we take the time to pray and listen to his voice.

As we follow our Almighty King this week, we extend a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families as we gather this week giving thanks to Christ the King.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Nov 24

8:00 a.m. † **Villamar Corrales**
(By: Teresa Vinluan)

Tuesday, Nov 25

8:00 a.m. † **William Espina**
(By: Dorothy Over)

Wednesday Nov 26

8:00 a.m. **Anibal Rodas, bday**
(By: FDS & Parish Staff)

Thursday, Nov 27

9:30 a.m. **People of the Parish**

Friday, Nov 28

8:00 a.m. † **Elise Ann Milano**
(By: Chris Milano)

Saturday, Nov 29

8:00 a.m. † **Richard Faziola**
(By: Hilda Faziola)
4:30 p.m. † **Denis O'Connor**
(By: Rose O'Connor)

Sunday, Nov 30

8:00 a.m. **Ysip Thanksgiving Mass**
(By: Elvie Ysip)
10:30 a.m. **Families of St. Stephen's**
(By: Renzo & Debra Horatin)
6:30 p.m. **People of the Parish**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD." — *Psalm 122:1*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

David is anointed king.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5

Enter the house of the Lord rejoicing.

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20

Hymn to Jesus as the first-born of all creation.

Gospel Reading Luke 23:35-43

Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Monday: **St Andrew Dung-lac, Priest & Companions**

Tuesday: **St Catherine of Alexandria**

Wednesday: **St Leonard**

Thursday: **Thanksgiving Day**

St Gregory

Friday: **St Catherine of Laboure**

Saturday: **St. Andrew**

Sunday: **First Sunday of Advent**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections November 8 – 9, 2025

\$4,146.50 Sunday Offertory
\$1,355.71 Online Giving
\$ 707.00 Campaign for Human Development

75th Anniversary Fund

Our Goal: **\$250,0000**

Total received to date:
\$103,216



Advent Giving Tree

St. Stephen Parish is proud to support **DeMarillac Academy**—an all-scholarship Catholic school serving grades 4–8 in the Tenderloin District—as well as Catholic Charities-CYO.

We'll be joyfully accepting donations from **November 29 through December 14**. Stop by the parish vestibule and pick up a gift tag from the bulletin board to join in the spirit of giving.

Thank you for sharing the joy of the season and helping us support these wonderful organizations.



Sick Friends and 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.

Sean Chan, Byron Petty, Genevieve Dy, 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.

San Francisco Turkey Drive

The SF Turkey Drive returns for the holiday season to support families, seniors, and individuals facing food insecurity in San Francisco. Donations will be collected at the parking lot across from:

St. Emydius Church (350 De Montfort Ave, SF)
Saturday, December 20 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

We are collecting frozen turkeys, fresh vegetables, breakfast non-perishable items (peanut butter, jam, oatmeal), and monetary donations.

November 2025

Dear Fellow Parishioners of Saint Stephen,

This weekend, I am providing our parish with a summary financial accounting for our parish for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This report is for Saint Stephen Parish and does not include our school as the school's records are separate from the parish.

This report is for your awareness as a means of building and maintaining transparency, accountability, and trust. I take very seriously my Gospel obligation to be a wise and faithful steward of the parish goods Archbishop Cordileone entrusts to my care. I am grateful that we have a strong set of parishioners on our finance council who are generous with their time and expertise, our parish staff, as well as the support we receive from the finance department and support corporations of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, which assist all the parishes manage their human resources, benefits, finances, and facilities.

On the opposite side of this page, you will find our parish's operating income and expenses for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, along with a comparison to the previous year. While we continue to face financial challenges, with a deficit of approximately \$160,000 this past fiscal year, we have made meaningful progress—reducing our deficit by approximately \$110,000 from the previous year. This improvement reflects our community's efforts, though we recognize there is still important work ahead to achieve financial stability.

Our most important and telling stream of income is from our Sunday Offertory, which was down slightly over last year. Some of the amount from the other collections are also down while some collections rose. We are also trying to account for monies in other categories for better accounting (e.g. votive candles) and so this changes numbers from one year to the next. Our rental income from the gym and hall also makes up a large portion of our income from renting for receptions, events, and sports camps, but of course this is dependent on venue demand and is offset by the costs of maintenance and personnel maintaining the hall/gym.

We began our 75th Anniversary Fund in 2025 to address some maintenance needs around the parish. The first project of the parish office roof was recorded under the 24-25 FY, so that offset the income we received up to that point during the 24-25 FY. Otherwise, there were no major emergency maintenance projects we needed to accomplish and so that kept down our expenses. We did not attain our 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal goal and so had to write a check for the difference which was about \$15k. As you may recall, we began to make staffing cuts at the parish over the summer and this was done in response to the deficit. These cuts took place this fiscal year, so the results of those changes are not reflected in this statement.

The loan our parish has on the hall/gym from the Archdiocese of SF Capital Assets Support Corporation continues to decrease with payments from the church and school accounts. As of now, the remainder of the loan is just under \$1 million, an important milestone for us.

Our parish is very grateful for the generosity many parishioners and supporters. In particular, we want to remember with gratitude those parishioners who remember us in their estate planning. This past fiscal year, we received one such bequest from the estate of Adelaida (Adel) R. Caunan, a longtime parishioner and office volunteer with our parish. Without her generosity, our deficit would be considerably closer to last year's deficit.

We continue to work trimming expenses for the parish and there continues to be progress in this area. The overall economy continues to be a boon for some and difficult for others, and so this also affects our parish and the donations we receive. Please continue to pray for our parish, that we may navigate our fiscal challenges and stick to our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ to preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth.

If you have specific questions about our finances, please know I am available to answer any questions you may have. Please know of my prayers for all of us and please continue to pray for me.

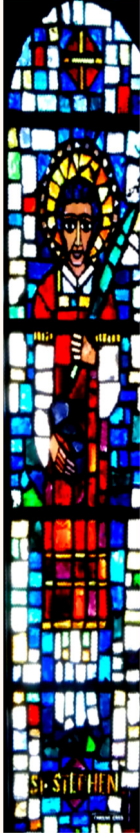
Father David A. Schunk
Pastor

Saint Stephen Parish

Income and Expenses

July 2024 – June 2025

Income	FY 24-25	FY 23-24
<i>Sunday Collections (i.e. 1st Collection)</i>	\$ 353,734	\$ 368,000
<i>Other Collections (e.g. Christmas, Maintenance Fund)</i>	\$ 116,227	\$ 146,839
Total Collections	\$ 469,961	\$ 514,839
Sacramental Offerings (e.g. baptisms, funerals) & Votive Candles	\$ 25,662	\$ 6,150
75 th Anniversary Fund	\$ 62,450	
Fundraisers, Sacramental Fees (e.g. faith formation), and Interest	\$ 36,180	\$ 63,866
Gifts, Grants, and Bequests	\$ 156,917	\$ 33,162
Other Operating Income (e.g. rental income for parish hall/gym)	\$ 200,708	\$ 166,023
2024 AAA Deficit	\$ (-15,409)	
Total Income	\$ 936,469	\$ 784,040
Expenses		
Personnel Costs (clergy & lay – i.e. salary, payroll taxes, benefits)	\$ 570,367	\$ 566,408
General Admin, Education/Training (e.g. office supplies, postage, donation processing, conferences)	\$ 46,244	\$ 64,247
Property Costs (e.g. maintenance, repairs, equipment)	\$ 95,310	\$ 137,482
Parish Office Roof Replacement (75 th Anniversary Fund project)	\$ 81,783	
Utilities	\$ 121,110	\$ 123,648
Parish Loan Interest on Donworth Hall/Gym	\$ 47,661	\$ 55,380
Insurance (liability & property)	\$ 53,505	\$ 61,060
Other Operating Expenses (e.g. worship supplies, volunteer appreciation, Sunday doughnuts)	\$ 33,054	\$ 46,291
Depreciation Transfer to ADSF Real Property Support Corp.	\$ 50,558	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,099,592	\$ 1,054,516
NET GAIN (LOSS)	\$ (163,123)	\$ (270,476)



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| • 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 |

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.

Advent Wreath-making Party!

**Join us Tomorrow,
Monday, November 24, 2025
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Donworth Hall**

**\$20.00 per Family/Couple
Includes Wreath-making Supplies**

St. Stephen Church invites you to come and
have fun and make your own
beautiful Advent Wreath. Enjoy
snacks and beverages during
the holiday season



50+ Club

Monday, December 1st 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.

*Donate Online To
St. Stephen's*

