

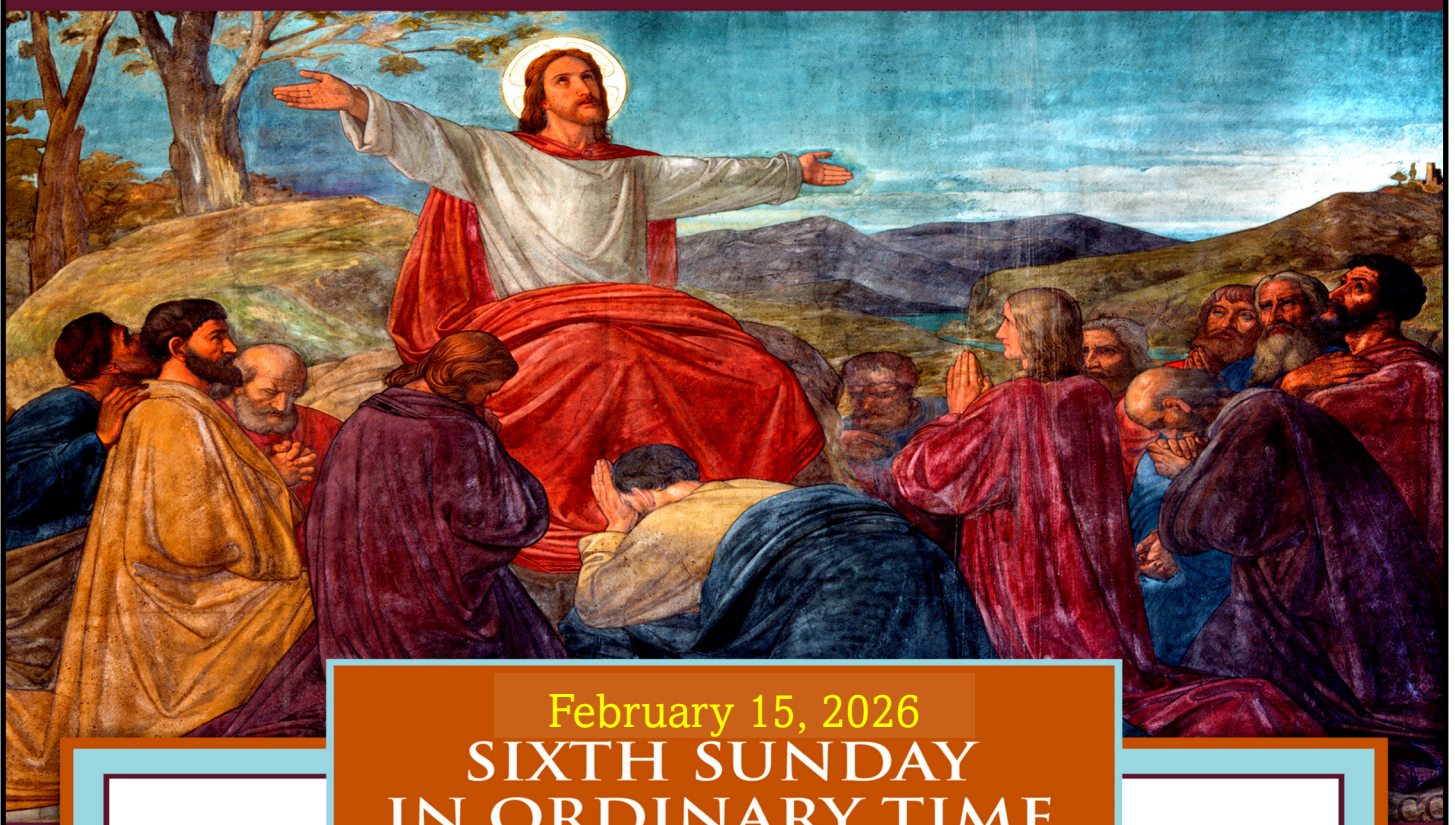
Saint Stephen Parish

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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.



February 15, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*“Amen, I say to you,
until heaven and earth pass away,
not the smallest letter or the
smallest part of a letter
will pass from the law.”*

MATTHEW 5:18



February 15, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This week, we celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the sacred season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we will have two Masses with the distribution of ashes: 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM.

As a former colleague of mine would say, Lent is a time for the whole Church to go on retreat as we reflect on our faithfulness as disciples of the Lord and look to renew our life with him. We do this through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving/charitable works. During the Lenten season, you are invited to join us in the Church on Friday evenings at 6:00 PM to pray the Way of the Cross with the community. In this traditional devotion, we accompany Jesus and meditate on his Passion and Death. You are also invited to attend the two evening Soup Suppers we will hold this year in Donworth Hall. They are on February 26 and March 12 at 6:00 PM. More information will be in the bulletin on these events.

Finally, we are distributing to the parish community the Lenten Companions from Magnificat. I know many of you enjoy these booklets with daily reflections throughout the Lenten season to prayerfully enter into this sacred time. The booklets are available in the vestibule, and we ask that you please take just one per household so there will be enough for everyone.

Father Schunk

Background on Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.



***St. Stephen's Men's Club presents the Annual
St. Patrick's Day Dinner***

**Join us Saturday, March 7th in Donworth Hall for a
corned beef dinner with all the fixins'.**

**We will have the Bagpipes,
Murphy Irish Dancers
and a DJ.**

Tickets: \$30 for adults \$10 for kids

**Payment can be a check made payable to:
St. Stephen Men's Club
or via PayPal @ststephenmensclub**

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Feb 16

8:00 a.m.

† **Rochelle Celedon**
(By: John Celedon)

Tuesday, Feb 17

8:00 a.m.

† **Vivian Mullaney**
(By: Mary Molly Mullaney)

Wednesday, Feb 18

8:00 a.m.

6:30 a.m.

Thursday, Feb 19

8:00 a.m.

† **Naty Cheng**
(By: Shirley Dee)

Friday, Feb 20

8:00 a.m.

† **Jessie Gomez**
(By: Elizabeth Mamon)

Saturday, Feb 21

8:00 a.m.

† **Jessie Gomez**
(By: Elizabeth Mamon)

4:30 p.m.

† **Denis O'Connor**
(By: Rose O'Connor)

Sunday, Feb 22

8:00 a.m.

† **Belinda Austriay**
(By: Rodis Family)

10:30 a.m.

People of the Parish

6:30 pm

Zenaida Opena
(By: Maria Amora)



May he rest in peace

Long time Parishioner

Edward Reidy, Sr.

His funeral will be at St. Stephen's on
Tuesday, February 17 at 11:00 AM.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20
The eyes of God see all he has made.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,
Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:17-37
I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but
to fulfill them.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday 2/16 **Presidents Day**

Tuesday 2/17 **The seven holy founders of the
Servite Order**

Wednesday 2/18 **Ash Wednesday**

Friday 2/20 **Blessed Francisco & Jacinta Marto**

Saturday 2/21 **Peter Damian**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections — February 8, 2026

\$4,250.85 Sunday Offertory

\$1,926.01 Online Giving

ALTAR SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider joining the volunteer Altar Society group. There are three groups of parishioners that meet every third month to clean our church and care for the linens and towels. We meet on Fridays after the 8:00 Mass. It only takes around an hour to complete our tasks in church. The linens and towels are cared for at home.

Would you be willing to be a substitute if we are shorthanded on a particular Friday? Thank you for your willingness to serve our parish community.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Leehane @ 415-606-4581 or email her at joan@leehane.com

DO YOU LIKE TO CARE FOR PLANTS?

Once per week the plants / flowers get watered in church. It takes about an hour and a half to water the orchids, flowers, potted plants and fix floral arrangements. Some pruning may be needed to save the plants to reuse.

The present schedule is done is at 10:30 on Fridays. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Leehane @ 415-606-4581 or email her at joan@leehane.com.

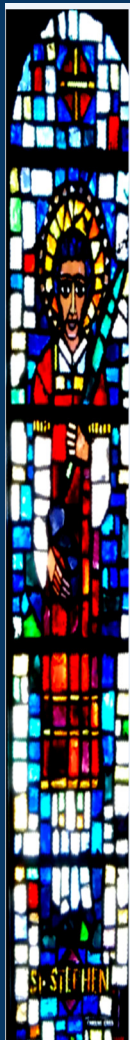
OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order. On February 17 we honor the seven founding saints of the Order of the Servants of the Virgin Mary. Bonfilus, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta were a group of merchants of Florence who, upon experiencing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin in 1233, renounced their businesses, left what was necessary for their families, and distributed the rest among the poor. They then dedicated themselves entirely to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, going to live on an Italian mountain, each assuming the life of a hermit—prayer, extreme fasting and penance. Sometime later, at the request of the pope's delegate, all but one were ordained priests. Brother Alexis, considering himself unworthy of the priesthood, decided to remain as a brother. They were all canonized in 1888. Their feast day, originally February 11, now falls on the 17th, the date of the death of the last of the seven founders.

Sick Family & 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, 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.



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♦ Alter Servers	♦ Giovanna Hrvatin
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♦ 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 Vol.	♦ Fely Boquiren
♦ Grief Support	♦ Clergy
♦ Head Sacristan	♦ Ed Quan
♦ Liturgy Committee	♦ Pastor
♦ Marriage Preparation	♦ Clergy
♦ Men's Club	♦ Patrick Kennedy
♦ Newman Campus Min.	♦ Fr. Michael Lilledahl
♦ Parish Council	♦ Vicky Francisco
♦ Religious Education	♦ Mary Molly Mullaney
♦ Ushers	♦ Pastor
♦ Women's Guild	♦ Mandy Fesko & Jen

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026

Time: 10:00 am

Contact: Ed Hopfner
415-614-5547

Email: HopfnerE@SFArchdiocese.org

All sacramentally married couples in the archdiocese are invited to a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone, followed by a light reception.

Couples celebrating "five-year anniversaries" (5, 10, 15, 20...) will receive special recognition.
Donation requested is \$20/couple.

Registration information:

www.sfarch.org/anniversarymass



Thank You Volunteers!

Sincere Thanks go out to all the volunteers who helped with the **Winter Shelter Dinner** on Jan. 31, 2026, at St. Mark's Church. They helped provide food and supplies, and helped serve the dinner and clean up afterwards.

Dan Holper, Barbara Hazard, Bernadette & Tony Sy, Bernadette Abardo, Betty & Larry Hayes, Bre Gentile, Cecilia Quintanilla, Connie D'Aura, Dashiell Dulany, Debby Diaz, Deborah Lobo, Declan Teshara, Hiro, Jeannie Kumagai, Jubilee Jew, Karen Leach, Katherine Dulany, Kathy Rogers, Lisa & Justin Simpson, Lisa Tarufelli, Liz Teshara, Lucille Sanchez-Corea, Lupita Chase, Lynne Handlos, Mark, Stephen & Charlotte Bautista, Marta Bayol, Nancy Tam, Percy Masangcay, Philip Broadus, Ramon & Patty Marquez, Rita Hock, Roy, Tina, Leilani & Noa Fernandez, Sally Brien, Stephanie Mazzola, Susan Mostaj, Tricia Bolle, Trish Hargarten

In Dan's opinion it was the very best and most successful production that we have done so far!