

# 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Lent

March 1, 2026

*From the cloud came  
a voice that said,  
“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am  
well pleased;  
listen to him.”*

*Matthew 17:5*

March 1, 2026



### Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you to all of you who participated in last Thursday's Soup Supper and thank you to our presenter Father Joyson Thomas, OFM Cap. Our second supper is coming up on Thursday, March 12 with our Sunday morning cantor, John Michael Reyes presenting. If you were not able to make the first event we hope you will be able to make the next one.

This weekend we are "kicking off" the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. If you have not already, you should be receiving my letter outlining the AAA for our parish this year and our monetary taxation goal of \$86,589. While the amount is slightly more than last year, I am confident in the generosity of our parishioners. It is our hope that all of our households will participate in the AAA this year. I would

like to see everyone make their contribution or their pledge to the AAA by the month of May so that we will done with it for the year. A reminder that the funds we raise in excess of our goal are returned to the parish, while any shortfall in our goal this year must be paid from our parish funds.

As part of their Lenten practices, many people look to receive God's mercy and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our parish regularly has Confessions before the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses, and many people take advantage of that opportunity during the course of the year. Like last year during Lent, there will be a deanery-wide Penance Service with individual Confessions this month. This opportunity for Confession will be held at Saint Cecelia's on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:15 PM (after their 5:30 PM Mass). There will be several priests from the neighboring parishes available at the service for Confession.

As we prepare for Easter, you are invited to remember a loved one living or deceased with Easter Flower Offering. For those who use the offertory envelopes, there is one in your envelope packet. We will also place some general ones in the vestibule. We will place these envelopes on our altar during our Easter Masses. The deadline to return them is March 29. You may return them in the usual ways, either by dropping them in the collection basket or at the parish office.

*Father Schunk*

### Background on Today's Gospel Reading

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.



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

**Join us Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 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, Mar 2

8:00 a.m. † **William Abraham**  
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

## Tuesday, Mar 3

8:00 a.m. † **Dr. Rodolfo Soto**  
(By: Fely B.)

## Wednesday, Mar 4

8:00 a.m. † **Henry Kong**  
(By: Lupita Chase)

## Thursday, Mar 5

8:00 a.m. † **Myrna Barican Rosel**  
(By: UP Prep '62 )

## Friday, Mar 6

8:00 a.m. † **Alberto Esteva**  
(By: Betty Esteva)

## Saturday, Mar 7

8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int* † **Josephine Mendiola**  
(By: the Mendiola Family)

4:30 p.m. † **Albert Gragnani**  
(By: Diane Gragnani)

## Sunday, Mar 8

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

10:30 a.m. † **Clara Armanini**  
(By: Tony and Teresa Devincenzi)

6:30 p.m. † **William Brosnahan**  
(By: Eliza Dinero)

## Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections — February 22, 2026

\$4,197.12 Sunday Offertory

\$1,730.71 Online Giving

## THE BIG THREE

(Matthew 6:3-4, 6, 27-18)

We aren't just spiritual beings. We are also physical entities, and the way to the soul is through the body. That's why

Lenten discipline has historically centered on the "Big Three" of Fasting, Almsgiving, and Prayer.

**FASTING** is not just a spiritual diet. By denying our bodies, our physical hunger reminds us of the hunger of our souls for God, our longing for a deeper relationship with our Lord.

**ALMSGIVING** teaches us to separate ourselves from material possessions. By freely giving of our money and possessions, we learn to trust the Lord more deeply for our own daily needs.

Finally, an emphasis on **PRAYER** during Lent is a way to stir up our love and ardor by having a deepening conversation with the Almighty. Remember that the light of God's love shines more brightly in the darkness of the recognition of our own sinfulness.



## Second Sunday in Lent March 1, 2026

"Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.  
— 2 Timothy 1:10b

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** *Genesis 12:1-4a*

God promises Abram a great blessing.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalms 33:4-5, 18-20, 22*

God's mercy is upon those who trust in God.

**Second Reading** *2 Timothy 1:8b-10*

Through God's grace we are called to holiness.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 17:1-9*

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday 3/3 **St Katharine Drexel**

Wednesday 3/4 **St Casimir**

Friday 3/6 **St Colette**

Saturday 3/7 **Sts Perpetus & Felicity**

Sunday, 3/8 **St John of God, Third Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time Begins**



## TOMORROW!

### 50+ Club

Monday, March 2, 2026 at 12:30 PM in Donworth Hall

Join us on for a lively and welcoming gathering of St. Stephen seniors! Enjoy an afternoon of Bingo, Bridge, tasty snacks, and great company.

## 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 Barbiere, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson.**



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The Archdiocese of San Francisco  
School of Pastoral Ministry presents  
a short course on Art History:

## **Power, Presence, Permanence: The History of Sculpture in Six Short Strokes with Dr. Elizabeth Lev**

Classes meet online via Zoom on six Tuesdays.  
You can join the class live and interact with the  
professor, or watch the class recording later in the  
week on the classroom archive webpage.

**Tuesdays, February 24 through March 31,  
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm. on Zoom**

For more info and to register go to:  
[www.sfarch.org/history-sculpture-course/](http://www.sfarch.org/history-sculpture-course/)

## **Sunset Deanery Lenten Penance Service**

**Location:** Saint Cecelia's Church

**Date:** Wednesday, March 18

**Time:** 6:15 PM (after their 5:30 PM Mass)

**For more information, please visit:**  
[stcecelia@stcecelia.com](mailto:stcecelia@stcecelia.com)

Please join us! There will be several priests  
from the neighboring parishes available at the  
service for Confession.

St. Stephen Parish invites you to our 2026 Lenten Series.

## **Lenten Soup Supper with Guest Speaker**

**Thursday, March 12 – John Michael Reys**

We begin at **6:00 p.m.** with a simple soup supper potluck followed by a presentation  
by our guest speaker at **7:00 p.m.** In St. Stephen Parish, Donworth Hall,  
473 Eucalyptus Dr. (underneath the gym). Enter from the school yard. Plenty of free  
parking in the Stonestown farmers market parking lot. Event ends at **8:00 p.m.**

***This Lent, don't just "go through the motions" - come and discover how to turn  
your daily routine into a living prayer.***