

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.

ZION GATE
JERUSALEM

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!

MATTHEW 21:9

March 29, 2026



PalM
Sunday
OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD

March 29, 2026



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This week we begin Holy Week, the most sacred part of our year as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is my hope you will be able to join us for some or all of the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, that help us draw closer to God and understand our true humanity in the Son of God, Jesus Christ. This is also a more intense time of preparation for our Catechumens (men and women desiring Baptism) and also our adult candidates who are completing the sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation). We will have the joy of celebrating those sacraments at the Easter Vigil this Saturday evening.

Please see the bulletin for the schedule of our liturgies.

I call your attention to two upcoming events sponsored by our Women's Guild and Men's Club. First, the Women's Guild will be holding their annual Fashion Show Fundraiser on April 19. While tickets for the event are already sold out, there are opportunities to purchase raffle tickets or donate. Please see the bulletin for more information. Then on May 1, the Men's Club is holding the annual Cougar Classic Golf Tournament at TPC Harding Park. Lady and gentlemen golfers are invited to play and join the fun. Sponsorships are also available for your business and colleagues. Please see the information in the bulletin for more information or the flyers around the campus. We are grateful for the tireless work of our community members to raise funds to support the various programs of our parish community. Without their work, our community would not be like it is today.

A word about gratitude. As you look around the church this weekend and in the upcoming days, you will note how the decorations and environment change dramatically with the changing feasts we are celebrating. Sometimes day by day and in very short order. This is because of the hard work of several of our fellow parishioners who volunteer their time to make the change happen. We are grateful for the sacrifice of their time and talents for all of us so that we may enter into this time of prayer in a deeper way.

Father Schunk

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast.

Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer's willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and life-giving resurrection. Traditionally, the plants associated with today's feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ's victory over death and the promise of new life.

The joy of this day's opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week.

It also prepares us for next Sunday's joyful renewal of our baptismal vows.



TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms Matthew 21:1-11 *Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts, "Hosanna!"*

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7 *The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.*

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 *A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers*

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11 *Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.*

Passion Matthew 26:14-27:66 *Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.*

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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Mar 30

8:00 a.m. † **John O'Malley**
(By: McAtamney Alcock Family)

Tuesday, Mar 31

8:00 a.m. † **Carlos Alvarez**
(By: Lupita Chase)

Wednesday, Apr 1

8:00 a.m. † **People of the Parish**

Thursday, Apr 2

7:30 p.m. **People of the Parish**

Friday, Apr 3

8:00 a.m. Sp. Int. **Good Friday**
Charlotte Bautista B-Day
(By: Bautista-Thompson Family)

Saturday, Apr 4

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

Sunday, Apr 5

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



HELPLINES FOR CLERGY/CHURCH SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS

(415) 614-5506 This number is answered by Rocio Rodriguez, LMFT, Archdiocesan Pastoral Outreach Coordinator. This is a secured line and is answered only by Rocio Rodriguez.

(415) 614-5503 If you wish to speak to a non-archdiocesan employee please call this number. This is also a secured line and is answered only by a victim survivor.

(800) 276-1562 Report sexual abuse by a bishop or a bishop's interference in a sexual abuse investigation to a confidential third party. www.reportbishopabuse.org

Holy Week Prayer

*Stay with me, Jesus, for I fear the darkness,
the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the
sorrows,
O how I need you, my Jesus, in life
with all its danger*

Stewardship: A Way of Life
Sunday Collections - March 22, 2026
\$4,1190.85 **Sunday Offertory**
\$1,925.86 **Online Giving**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Week Masses

8:00 am *(Mon., Tue., Wed.)*

Holy Thursday

(No morning Mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 pm
Altar of Repose available until 10:00 pm

Good Friday

(No morning Mass)

Confessions: 1:00 - 2:45 PM
Stations of the Cross - 1:00 pm
Spiritual Reflection - 2:00 pm
Good Friday Liturgy - 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass

(No Confessions before Easter Masses)

Mass - 8:00 pm (starting with blessing of the
Easter fire in plaza).

Easter Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt

Join the fun and hop on over to the Easter Egg
Hunt in Donworth Hall at 9:15 am.

No 6:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday

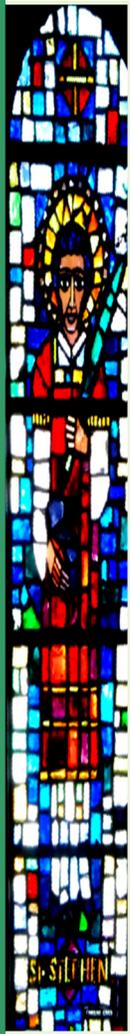
St. Stephen Cougar Classic Golf Tournament

Friday, May 1 – TPC Park

11:00 AM Registration
12:00 PM Shotgun Start



*Follow the QR Code for
additional information &
Purchase your Ticket!*



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COME & JOIN THE FUN!

**ST. STEPHEN
PRESCHOOL**

AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

**ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL
DONWORTH HALL**

3:00PM - 6:00PM

Scan to RSVP

HOP INTO FUN!

EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 5TH | 9:15AM

DONWORTH HALL
@ST.STEPHEN SCHOOL
401 EUCALYPTUS DRIVE

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A Day in Paris

St. Stephen Women's Guild
2026 Fashion Show

St. Stephen Women's Guild Fashion Show
Sunday, April 19th · The Olympic Club

20 Incredible Raffle Baskets!
Visit sswfashionshow.com to see the baskets.

**SUPPORT THE FASHION SHOW
RAFFLE!**
\$25 each or 5 for \$100

PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS
Email fashionshow@sfststephenschool.org
or find us on Friday mornings
in front of the gym & lower lot

April 13 April 15 April 17