

# 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.

May 3  
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## Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Christ,

Last Saturday afternoon, our Preschool celebrated their special auction and gala celebration. I want to thank our Preschool Director, Mrs. Kerry O'Shaughnessy and her staff for all their work, as well as volunteer parents Katie Tostanoski, Beibhinn McDermott, Angela Del Real, Laura Murphy, Kianna Nightingale, Christina Durkan, and Sinead Leen for their generous work to make the event so fun and special for all of our young parishioners and their families. If you have a neighbor, friend, or family member who is looking for a preschool for their child, please invite them to consider Saint Stephen's Preschool!

This Saturday, we celebrated a very important day when 21 of our second-grade parishioners received the Eucharist for the very first time. On this day, I think it is appropriate for all of us to reflect upon the day of our own First Communion and what that meant to each of us, as well as why receiving the Eucharist today matters for us. We are grateful for everyone who has helped to form and prepare our youth for this special occasion. First, we thank their families who by their own faith brought them to the font of Baptism and now bring them to the altar to receive the Lord's Body and Blood. We are also grateful for the work of their catechists who strive by their own faith to inspire and accompany them, especially Mrs. Madison Clarke, Mrs. Karen Leach, Ms. Mary Molly Mullaney, and our principal, Mrs. Sharon McCarthy Allen. May the grace these children receive in the sacrament strengthen them and be their divine food for all eternity.

Finally, this is often the time of year when priests change assignments and sadly, Father Michael Lilledahl will be departing Saint Stephen's to minister full time at our Archdiocesan seminary of Saint Patrick's in Menlo Park starting in July. This past year, he was at the seminary part-time working with a special program for the men in their very first year of formation along with teaching a couple classes. Now he will continue to working with them along with extra time to complete his master's program which he has been working on part-time for the past several years. We just learned that that next weekend, May 9-10 will be his final weekend here at Saint Stephen's because of the other ministerial commitments he previously had lined up in May and June. He will be saying words of farewell at all the Masses next weekend while celebrating the 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM Masses next weekend. We will organize something special for him after the Masses next Saturday

*Father Schunk*

## Stories from the AAA

*Your gifts to the AAA support such ministries as Retired Priests, Seminarians, Social Justice, and our Schools, as well as many Archdiocesan departments, including finance, human resources and others that help our parishes save money by improving the efficiency of various services and providing economies of scale. +Here is one example:*

Your generosity supports **Archdiocesan Communications**, particularly enabling us to communicate in the digital realm. Digital communications have become increasingly important; they were imperative during the pandemic and continue to be. Livestreamed Masses, mass communications via text, and our social media channels have been important connections to the faith, and they've also proven to be a very successful way to reach the unchurched.

## San Francisco Pilgrimage Walk & Care for Creation Mass Saturday May 9th



Street, San Francisco) at **10:00 am** with a special opening blessing and 'Care for Creation' nature prayer reflections in the park. We will then have a short pilgrimage procession (.3 miles) to the **National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi** at 610 Vallejo Street where we will all have the opportunity to listen to a talk about St. Francis and the Laudato Si' Movement by Fr. Bobby Barbato, OFM Cap at 11:15 am. Lastly, we will celebrate a **Care for Creation Mass at 12:15 pm** with Fr. Barbato as the main celebrant. A light reception to follow hosted by the Knights of St. Francis.

Go here for more details and sign up (not required but helps us plan): <https://laudatedeumsolidarity.org>. Email questions to the National Shrine [office@shrinesf.org](mailto:office@shrinesf.org) or [markr@laudatedeumsolidarity.org](mailto:markr@laudatedeumsolidarity.org).

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, May 4

8:00 a.m. † **Joseph Ho, Sr.**  
(By: Viet & Connie (Mary) Ho)

**Tuesday, May 5** † **Conchita Lopez Taylor**  
(By: Nellie Hizon)

**Wednesday, May 6**  
8:00 a.m. **B-Day Mark Richard Bautista**  
(By: Bautista Family)

**Thursday, May 7**  
8:00 a.m. † **Alberto Esteva**  
(By: Betty Esteva)

**Friday, May 8**  
8:00 a.m. † **Merlinda Quindong Cedeles**  
(By: Raymond Cedeles)

**Saturday, May 9**  
8:00 a.m. † **Mo. Concepcion Esver, RVM**  
(By: Stella Esver)

4:30 p.m. **All Mothers of the Parish**  
(By: St. Stephen Parish)

**Sunday, May 10**  
8:00 a.m. **All Mothers of the Parish**  
(By: St. Stephen Parish)

10:30 a.m. **All Mothers of the Parish**  
(By: St. Stephen Parish)

6:30 p.m. **All Mothers of the Parish**  
(By: St. Stephen Parish)

## Stewardship: A Way of Life

*Sunday Collections - April 26, 2026*

\$4,210.41 Sunday Offertory

\$3,207.42 Online Giving

### Prayer for Vocations

God, our Father, in Your love and providence, You call each of us to a holy life. We pray for young people in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Open their hearts and minds to know the vocation You have planned for them for all eternity. If they are being invited to follow You as a priest, brother, or sister, give them a generous heart to respond to Your challenging call and the strength to follow wherever you lead them. May families desire to please you by encouraging and supporting vocations within their homes. We asked this through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The French Revolution swept the church in France away in an astonishing way, stripping the nation of every possible vestige of the faith, not merely shuttering churches, but using them as staging areas for pagan raves and romps. While millions of faithful simply went underground and hung on for the ride, even the seven-day week was demolished along with the names of the months. What emerged from the chaos was the Napoleonic Code of 1792 governing church life, and therefore marriage law in France, French Canada, and elsewhere. The code makes civil marriage mandatory for all citizens.

In practice, when the faithful marry, they go first to the City Hall. There, the mayor performs the civil marriage, usually accompanied by a patriotic speech about the duties of the citizen, particularly in the rearing of children. Then, typically after a lunch, everyone goes off to change into more festive attire for the wedding liturgy, featuring consent, the exchange of rings, and the nuptial blessing. Sadly, only a minority of citizens today celebrate even the civil form of the rite, and a fraction of those continue on to the church. For those who do celebrate the liturgy of marriage, however, there is near certainty that the spouses are active worshippers, and that they will later present their children for baptism.

### 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.

**Jim Thompson, 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 Gallager, 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.**

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

— John

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7*

The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19*

The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.

**Second Reading:** *1 Peter 2:4-9*

Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

**Gospel Reading:** John 14:1-12

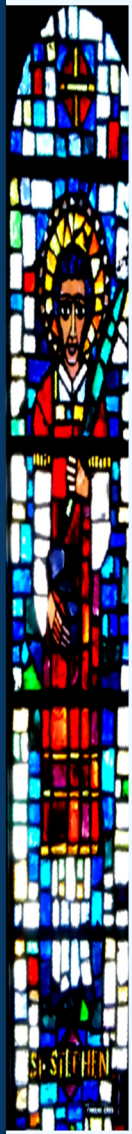
Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sts Philip and James**

Friday: **St Julian**

Saturday: **St Damien de Veuster, Martyr of Molokai**



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- 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



**50+ Club Monday,**  
**May 4, 2026**  
**12:30 PM in**  
**Donworth Hall**

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

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