

# 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.

## Happy MOTHER'S DAY

I KEEP YOU IN MY HEART.

PHILIPPIANS 1:7A (CEB)



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## Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the civic observance of Mother's Day. I think it is safe to say that there is a special woman or women in each of our lives who we remember and pray for today. She could be our mother, grandmother, aunt, or sister. Perhaps she may be a teacher, neighbor, coach, or mentor. Whoever she is, let us pray for all these women today, giving thanks to God for their presence in our lives and His continued presence in their lives. In a particular way, we remember the names of these special women which we place on our altar for the weekend Masses.

It is also a reminder that all of us have a special woman in Heaven praying for each of us, and that is Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother. During this month of May, may we honor in a special way her motherly intercession for all of her children here on earth.

Last Friday, the Saint Stephen's Men's Club held the annual Cougar Classic Golf Tournament at TPC Harding Park. There were 117 golfers and many volunteers who participated in this successful event. While I did not play, I once again participated in the chipping contest, but this year my shots were not as good as last year. Thank you to all the moms and dads who helped with the tournament, especially: Chris Houghton, Jen Mueller, Sandra Kwan, Joshua & Amanda Esteron, Meagan Levy, Amanda Broussard, Norilene Ng, Joy Chu, Victor Patino, Tom Tuohy, Layla Tuohy, Janel Andronico, Aislin Conlon, Jen Mueller, Tom Carrol, Francesca Renteria, Jeff Pasquini, Ben Shapiro, David Dulaney, Jen Lam, Scott Yen, and Men's Club President Patrick Kennedy. Without the generosity and sacrifice of so many, good things like the golf tournament are unable to happen and with that, needed funds can not be raised to support all of our programs.

This weekend marks the end of the academic year for San Francisco State University. We are grateful for the witness of Grace, Anthony, Ben, and Alexa, missionaries from the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, who have accompanied many women and men in their journey of faith and given witness to Jesus Christ this past year. As all of the students go forth to either graduation or their summer activities, we send and accompany them with our prayers.

Finally, as I wrote last week, this is Father Lilledahl's final weekend at Saint Stephen's as he is moving to minister full-time at our seminary of Saint Patrick's in Menlo Park this coming academic year. I am personally grateful for his insightful homilies and conversations, as well as his friendship in the rectory. Moving from place to place is part of the life of a priest and though he will not be far away, his presence will be missed at Saint Stephen's. We are all grateful for his five years of ministry and service at Saint Stephen's and are grateful we will have the opportunity to wish him farewell this weekend.

*Father Schunk*

## Time To Say Good By



As the time has come for me to move on, I find myself pausing to reflect on the five beautiful years we have shared together — and my heart is full of gratitude.

First and foremost, I want to express my deepest thanks to all of you who give so generously of yourselves to this parish. You are the ones who open the church and keep it running, prepare the meals, teach the children, bring communion to the sick, and do the countless quiet works of service that most people never see. Without you, St. Stephen would simply not be the vibrant community of faith that it is. You are the hands and feet of Christ here, and it has been a privilege to witness your dedication.

These five years have also given me the great gift of walking alongside you through the most sacred moments of your lives. I have had the joy of pouring the waters of Baptism over your newborns and welcoming them into the family of God. I have beamed with pride watching your children and grandchildren graduate from our school and step confidently into the future. And I have been honored to stand with you in times of grief — to pray at the bedsides of the dying and to offer words of hope and comfort at the funerals of your beloved ones. To be invited into those moments is a grace I do not take for granted.

Thank you, dear parishioners, for letting me be your priest for these past five years. You have given me far more than I could ever have given you.

Please know that you will remain in my prayers, and I ask that you keep me in yours. If you would like to stay in touch, I would be truly glad to hear from you. You can reach me at:

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With gratitude and affection,

*Fr. Michael Lilledahl*



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

## Monday, May 11

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

## Tuesday, May 12

8:00 a.m. † **Gloria Reyes**  
(By: Racquel Amora-Malig)

## Wednesday, May 13

8:00 a.m. † **Frank Thomas Cisek**  
(By: Charlotte Bautista & Family)

## Thursday, May 14

8:00 a.m. **Eliza Dinero -Thanksgiving**  
(By: Eliza Dinero)

## Friday, May 15

8:00 a.m. † **Aurelio Hizon**  
(By: Nellie Hizon)

## Saturday, May 16

8:00 a.m. † **Raul Gonzales**  
(By: Amora Family)

4:30 p.m. **People of the Parish**

## Sunday, May 17

8:00 a.m. † **Mary & Rocco Yiu**  
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

10:30 a.m. † **Cristina Jurado**  
(By: Pat & Mike Stecher)

6:30 p.m. † **Frank Thomas Cisek**  
(By: Mary Molly Mullaney)

We were saddened to learn of the passing of longtime parishioner Larry Mazzola. We hold his family in our prayers.



*Rest in Peace.*

**Larry Joseph Mazzola**  
June 14, 1943—May 2, 2026

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** *Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17*  
The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 66:1-7,16,20*  
Sing praise to God, all the earth.

**Second Reading** *1 Peter 3:15-18*  
Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

**Gospel Reading** *John 14:15-21*  
Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

## Stewardship: A Way of Life

*Sunday Collections - May 3, 2026*

\$4,508.73 **Sunday Offertory**

\$2,891.07 **Online Giving**

\$ 946.25 **Maintenance Fund**

## 2026 AAA Update

As of May 5, a total of \$32,539 has been received from **101 households**, representing **38% of our \$86,589 assessment.**

We are grateful for the generosity and faithfulness of those who have already contributed. We encourage all households to prayerfully consider participating as we move toward our goal together.

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

## 50+ Club!

**Monday, June 1, 2026**

**12:30 pm in Donworth Hall**

Join us for a warm and welcoming gathering of our St. Stephen seniors! Enjoy an afternoon of Bingo, Bridge, great company, and tasty snacks. We also offer specialty desserts and popcorn at every meeting and a catered lunch each year during the Christmas holiday, each year.

The groups meets on the first Monday of each month, with breaks during the summer.

If you are interested, please contact the St. Stephen Parish office at (415) 681-2444.





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## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Today we thank our mothers, pray for them and honor them by celebrating Mother's Day and by offering our mothers on the altar of God. **The origin of "Mother's Day."** Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948), first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers because she had loved her own mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower), to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the U.S. On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then it had become customary to wear white carnations to honor departed mothers and red to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day. Proverbs 31:10-31 presents us with God's description and estimation of what a godly wife and mother looks like.

This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so great that it affects the children throughout their lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behavior, disciplined us as best as they could and made us good citizens of our country, our Church and our society. There is a beautiful Spanish proverb: "An ounce of mother is better than a pound of clergy." Hence, it is highly proper for us to express our love and gratitude to our mothers by our presence, gifts and prayers on Mother's Day.

We offer this Eucharistic celebration on Mother's Day for all the mothers in our congregation, whether they are alive or have gone for their eternal reward. The word "mom" is synonymous with sacrificial, *agápe* love in its purest form, as given by Jesus in his farewell speech: "Love one another as I have loved you." Hence, let us lavish our love on our mothers and express our gratitude for them in the form of fervent prayers offered for them before God.