

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.

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— Acts 1:9

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read that Jesus appeared to the Apostles for 40 days after the Resurrection and then he ascended to heaven. Traditionally, the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday of this past week but for pastoral reasons in many parts of the world, including in San Francisco, we celebrate the Ascension today. After the Ascension, the Church begins to prepare herself for Pentecost (next Sunday) when we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending upon all of us. It is an invitation that in these coming days to ask the Lord for a particular grace from the Holy Spirit who gives us all abundant gifts.

While last weekend we celebrated the end of something (Father Liliedahl's ministry at Saint Stephen's), it was also the chance to celebrate a new beginning. We may now say congratulations to Deacon Dereck Delgado who was ordained to the transitional diaconate last Saturday at Saint Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. You may recall that Dereck spent his pastoral year with us at Saint Stephen's a few years ago and now he has taken the next step along the road to the priesthood. Also ordained was Deacon Jimmy Velasco who worked briefly with Father Liliedahl and campus ministry last year. We call them transitional deacons because they are ordained a deacon for a transitional period of time in preparation for their priestly ordination which will occur, God willing, this coming December. This is compared to a permanent deacon like our own Deacon Olet Abad who was ordained specifically and permanently to the Order of Deacon – a minister of charity and service. For Deacon Dereck, to be a deacon means that as a priest, he always identifies himself as a minister of charity and service. Deacon Dereck has accepted an invitation to come and visit us the weekend of May 30-31. We will have the opportunity to hear him preach the homily at the 4:30 PM Saturday Vigil, and 8:00 and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses.

Thank you to all the parishioners who helped with Father Liliedahl's farewell last weekend. It was a wonderful display of love and support and we accompany him with our prayers as Archbishop Cordileone entrusts him with the ministry of priestly formation. A special thanks to Nellie Hizon and Ruby Roque who helped to organize the small reception we had for his farewell and to all those who provided various bites to make the event special.

Father Schunk

Congratulations



Fr. Michael Liliedahl celebrated his last weekend at St. Stephen's May 9-10, before moving to St. Patrick's Seminary to teach full time.



Several St. Stephen Parishioners attended the ordination of three men to the transitional diaconate for the Archdiocese of San Francisco, which took place at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, Saturday, May 9. Deacon Dereck Delgado was stationed at St. Stephen Parish for his pastoral year (2023-2024). The three pictured here are Elvia Juarez, Charlotte Bautista & Deacon Olet Abad, with newly ordained Deacon Dereck Delgado in the middle.

Ed Quan, Mary Molly Mullaney, Fr. Michael Liliedahl, and Frank Garcia, at the reception after 10:30 Mass Sun., May 10.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 18

8:00 a.m. † **Dodge Espina**
(By: Dorothy Over)

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

8:00 a.m. † **Jack D'Angelo**
(By: Mullaney Family)

Thursday, May 21

8:00 a.m. † **Brigid Boyle**
(By: McElroy Family)

Friday, May 22

8:00 a.m. † **Dr. Albert Friezsch**
(By: Friezsch Family)

Saturday, May 23

8:00 a.m. † **Arturo Miranda**
(By: A. Jison)

4:30 p.m. † **Denis O'Connor**
(By: Rose O'Connor)

Sunday, May 24

8:00 a.m. † **People of the Parish**

10:30 a.m. † **Pat and Betty Moriarty**
(By: Kirwan Family)

6:30 p.m. † **Chris Weinman**
(By: St. Stephen Parish)

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:2-3,6-9

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.



Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections - May 10, 2026

\$7,249.80 **Sunday Offertory**

\$3,179.47 **Online Giving**

\$ 435.00 **Maintenance Fund**



**ADULT
FAITH
FORMATION**

The Sacraments for Adults

We continue to accompany, support, and pray for those women and men who received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. As our adult faith formation program draws to a close this season, now we invite adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and/or seeking Baptism, entering the Catholic Church from another Christian community, or adult Catholics who would like to receive the sacraments of the First Eucharist and/or Confirmation to join our adult faith formation program that begins in September. For more information, please reach out to our Director of Faith Formation, Mary Molly Mullaney.

Email: faithformation@saintstephensf.org

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.



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An Evening FOR THE SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT & HEALING

Are you or someone you know struggling
with the pain of separation or divorce?

Struggling with the pain of marital strife, separation or divorce? This Evening is for you. Whether you feel disconnected from the Church or are deeply engaged—you are welcome here. You belong.

An evening for the separated or divorced webinar with Carolyn Klika, co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of SF. May 19 (5:00pm PT/ 8:00pm ET) / May 21 (7:00pm PT / 10:00pm ET)

More information and registration here:

www.aboundingjoyministry.com/events

50+ Club for Seniors

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.



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.

Looking for that perfect space?

Host your next event at Donworth Hall or Gym

Perfect for celebrations, sporting events, Fundraisers, and community gatherings. Spacious versatile, and centrally located.

Contact Shay at 415.681.2444 x2
or email:

DonworthEvents@SaintStephenSF.org



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Music Ministry Needs You!

We are currently looking for **singers** and **musicians** to join the choir for Pentecost on May 24. Please contact Fr. Schunk fr.schunk@saintstephensf.org who will forward your inquiry to John Michael Reyes and Andrew Roubal.