

# 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.

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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May 31, 2026

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16



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

On Friday we said farewell to the thirty-three 8<sup>th</sup> Graders of our parish school who are graduating and moving on to continue their scholarly pursuits at the various Catholic, private, and public high schools in our area. We are all very proud of their growth and accomplishments over the years and know they will do very well with the preparation they have received. A word of thanks to the parents of the graduates who have put in much time their talents over the years to help make our programs and community vibrant and strong.

This week is also the final week of school for the children in our primary and preschool programs. I want to thank our principal Mrs. Allen, our preschool director Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, and all of our teachers and staff for another fantastic school year. I know you are aware of the hard work and extra hours they put in each day, and it is because of them that our school apostolate is such a vibrant and integral part of our community. This is also another opportunity to say that if you know families who are looking for a preschool or primary school for their children, invite them to check out Saint Stephen's School.

The end of the school year also means the end of the year for our athletic teams. I thank our athletic director, Anthony Renteria, for his work helping to supervise the athletes, volunteer coaches, and parent volunteers who participate in the CC-CYO athletic programs of our parish. His role and the work that he does is often invisible, as it is something that people just expect to happen. Yet, his work is vital for without it, fun and growth through sport does not happen. Fortunately for us, he and his family give generously of themselves and for this I am very grateful.

Like for Mother's Day, for those who receive the offertory envelopes, you will notice that there is a special envelope coming up for Father's Day, where you may write the names of our fathers, grandfathers, etc., as we remember them on our altar at Mass on Father's Day, June 21. You may begin to return the envelopes via the collection baskets or to the parish office. We will also put out in the vestibule some envelopes for you to use if you do not receive offertory envelopes.

This weekend we welcome Deacon Dereck Delgado as he delivers the homily at the Saturday evening, and Sunday morning Masses. Deacon Dereck was with us during his pastoral year at Saint Stephen's and we are happy to have him be with us this weekend.

Next weekend marks a time of goodbye for us. For those of you who participate in the 4:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass, you know Donna Bruno has been our cantor for the past few years. This coming Saturday will be Donna's final Mass with us as she is pulling back from her duties to be able to spend more time with family. We are grateful for her service of song to our parish community. We are planning to have some substitutes cantors for the summer months for the Saturday Vigil Mass as we begin the process of hiring a new cantor.

As I wrote, this week we will begin a special Novena and Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in honor of our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are including another reflection on the consecration in the bulletin this weekend. The novena begins June 3 and concludes June 11 (the eve of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). You are encouraged to pray along with the novena found here:

<https://www.usccb.org/novena-sacred-heart-jesus>

*Father Schunk*

### 50+ Club!

**Monday, June 1, 2026  
12:30 PM in  
Donworth Hall**

Join the St Stephen seniors for a warm and welcoming afternoon of fellowship and fun. Each gathering offers Bingo, Bridge, and a variety of tasty baked goods.



The group meets on the first Monday of each month, with breaks during the summer season. All seniors of the parish community are invited to participate and enjoy time together. Please contact the Parish office for more information: (415) 681-2444.

### 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 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 Barbriere, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Gwendlyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson**

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

## Monday, Jun 1

8:00 a.m. † **Cristino Pascual**  
(By: Emma Sagala)

## Tuesday, Jun 2

8:00 a.m. † **Maria Erlinda Benitez**  
(By: Fely, Lisa, and Lynn)

## Wednesday, Jun 3

8:00 a.m. † **Benjamin Shuet-kin Leung**  
(By: Ninna Amora)

## Thursday, Jun 4

8:00 a.m. † **Chris Weinman**  
(By: Alcock Family)

## Friday, Jun 5

8:00 a.m. **Maryellen & Bruce Good**  
(By: The Schunk Family)

## Saturday, Jun 6

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

4:30 p.m. **Rey & Elvie Ysip** *Anniversary*  
(By: Ysip Family)

## Sunday, Jun 7

8:00 a.m. † **Bridget Kilmartin**  
(By: Davey Family)

10:30 a.m. † **The Campos Family**  
(By: Lupia Chase)

6:30 p.m. **People of the Parish**

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness

**Psalm** —(Daniel 3

Glory and praise for ever!).

**Second Reading** —(2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you

**Gospel** —(John 3:16-18).

God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant Life



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## Stewardship: A Way of Life

*Sunday Collections - May 24, 2026*

\$3,038.00 Sunday Offertory

\$2,627.52 Online Giving

\$432.00 Catholic Communication

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## FOOD VAN MINISTRY

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. FRANCIS

HELP PREPARE AND  
SERVE MEALS TO THOSE  
IN NEED

ADDRESS: 610 VALLEJO ST

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133

DATE: THE START OF JUNE

DAY & TIME: WENESDAYS & SATURDAYS

AT 10:00 AM (BEGINNING IN JUNE)

CONTACT: BR. ALEX, CAPUCHIN

ALEXANDEROFMCAP@GMAIL.COM



## Faith Formation for Children



Our parish offers religious education for children in our Faith Formation Program for students who attend public schools or non Catholic private schools. Children in grades 1st thru 8th meet Monday afternoons, 4:15-5:30pm, during the

school year. We also prepare students to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation (8th grade). Please reach out to Mary Molly Mullaney at [faithformation@saintstephensf.org](mailto:faithformation@saintstephensf.org) in the parish office for more information on next year's programs.

# Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (part 1)

By Grace Mazza Urbanski, Asst. National Director, Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - USA

In June of 2026, the United States Catholic bishops will consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our national consecration brings blessing and hope to a country suffering from an epidemic of loneliness. What is consecration, and how can it bless our nation?

Consecration sets something aside for a holy purpose and entrusts it to the special care of God. As Pope Benedict XVI said in his 2009 Chrism Mass homily, consecration means total immersion in God: "To consecrate something or someone means, therefore, to give that thing or person to God as his property, to take it out of the context of what is ours and to insert it in his milieu, so that it no longer belongs to our affairs, but is totally of God."

The Church consecrates things like chalices, patens, altars, and entire buildings. The Church also consecrates people, first and foremost in Baptism. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that our baptismal consecration seals us "with the indelible spiritual mark (*character*) of [our] belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation" (CCC 1272). Consecrated through Baptism, we belong to Christ, forever.

But is consecrating the United States of America presumptuous, when over 30% of our countrymates have never been baptized? Moreover, only about 20% of Americans identify with Catholicism, the religion most closely associated with devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Why is it appropriate to consecrate our religiously diverse nation on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus?

The Kingship of Jesus.

As a biblical people, believers rely on the words of Jesus: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18). Jesus reveals that he is king of all nations. The New Testament repeatedly emphasizes Jesus' universal reign, perhaps most dramatically in Jesus' own baptism in the Jordan and again in his transfiguration: the Father reveals, respectively, that Jesus is the "beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17) and "chosen Son" (Luke 9:35), the sovereign heir of all creation.

We turn to the Bible to justify the claim that Jesus is Lord of all nations because "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord" (Dei Verbum 21). While the complex order of nature serves as rational evidence for a creator, we rely on the revealed Word of God for faith specifically in Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our duty as disciples of Jesus is to worship Christ at all times, to acknowledge his kingship even (or especially) when that confession is uncommon.

In 1899, Pope Leo XIII, known as the father of modern Catholic social teaching, seemed to anticipate the epidemic of loneliness and anxiety plaguing our country, commenting on communities which exclude religion from their policies: "When religion is once discarded it follows of necessity that the surest foundations of the public welfare must give way," causing "disquiet of mind and . . . waves so rough that no one is suffered to be free from anxiety and peril" (Annum Sacrum 10). A national consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus signals to God that his goodness is not forgotten, that our country relies on God's providence for continued flourishing.

*To be continued next week...*