

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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:

"A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand....*

Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

*You shall indeed hear but not understand,
you shall indeed look but never see.*

*Gross is the heart of this people,
they will hardly hear with their ears,
they have closed their eyes,
lest they see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their hearts
and be converted,
and I heal them.*

THE SEED SOWN ON RICH SOIL

is the one who
hears the word
of the kingdom
and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit
and yields a hundred
or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23





July 12, 2026

Dear Parishioners of St. Stephen,

Peace and blessings to all of you!

As many of you already know, I have been asked by Archbishop Cordileone to serve as the Parish Administrator of St. Stephen Church while Fr. David is away on sabbatical. This assignment is for six months, from July 1 through December 31.

For those whom I have not yet met, my name is Fr. Marvin-Paul Reyes Felipe, but you may simply call me **Fr. Marvz**. I was ordained a priest on December 8, 1992, as a Salesian of Don Bosco, and later joined the clergy of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Over the years, I have served in different parishes in the Archdiocese, including as Pastor of St. Thomas More Church, and most recently at St. Andrew Church in Daly City. I am grateful for this opportunity to be with you here at St. Stephen, even for this short time.

I would like to begin by saying thank you for the warm welcome I have already received. I have celebrated some daily Masses and my first weekend Masses with you during the Fourth of July weekend, and I am grateful for your kindness, prayers, and encouraging words. Being new in a parish always comes with a little adjustment: new faces, new names, new schedules, new doors to figure out, and of course, new light switches to discover! But your welcome has made the transition much easier.

I also want to assure you that I am here to serve you as best as I can during these six months. I know that St. Stephen is a parish with a beautiful history, faithful parishioners, dedicated staff, generous volunteers, and many people who love their church deeply. My hope is to continue the good work already being done here and to support the parish community while Fr. David takes this well-deserved time of rest, renewal, and sabbatical.

During my time with you, I look forward to praying with you, celebrating the sacraments with you, visiting with you, listening to your stories, and getting to know the life of this parish more deeply. Please be patient with me as I learn names and faces. If I ask your name more than once, it is not because I don't care, it is because my memory is still under construction!

Let us make these six months a time of grace. Let us continue to build up our parish community through prayer, kindness, service, and love for Christ and His Church. Please keep Fr. David in your prayers during his sabbatical, and please pray for me also, that I may serve St. Stephen with humility, joy, and a shepherd's heart.

I am happy to be here, and I look forward to walking with you in faith.

God bless you all,

Fr. Marvin Felipe
Parish Administrator

A Grand Day

A fun day for Grandparents and their Grandchildren.

FREE – Must register in advance.

DATE: Sunday, July 26, 2026

TIME: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Stephen's Donworth Hall,
473 Eucalyptus Drive, SF, CA



In honor of grandparents we are offering a special event for **Grandparents** and their **Grandchildren** to come together and have fun with games, crafts, puzzles, photo-booth, storybook corner, and snacks.

Register online: www.bit.ly/a-grand-day or contact Mary Molly in the parish office:

Phone: (415) 681-2444 x3 E-mail: FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Jul 13

8:00 a.m.

† **Priscilla Lumba**
(By: Oscar Lumba)

Tuesday, Jul 14

8:00 a.m.

† **Orlagh Graffin**
(By: McAtamney Family)

Wednesday, Jul 15

8:00 a.m.

† **Larry Mazzola Sr.**
(By: Mary Wenquist)

Thursday, Jul 16

8:00 a.m.

Priscilla "Ising" Evangelista
(By: Thompson-Bautista Family)

Friday, Jul 17

8:00 a.m.

† **Bernice Uy Gaspar**
(By: Ed Ongpin)

Saturday, Jul 18

8:00 a.m.

† **Bernice Uy Gaspar**
(By: Shirley Dee)

4:30 p.m.

People of the Parish

Sunday, Jul 19

8:00 a.m.

† **Virginia Davey**
(By: Davey Family)

10:30 a.m.

† **Jacqueline Macalino Thompson**
(By: Bautista-Thompson Family)

6:30 p.m.

† **Cecelia Prete**
(By: St Stephen Parish Staff)

Today's Reading

First Reading *Isaiah 55:10-11*

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 65:10-14*

A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

Second Reading *Romans 8:18-23*

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-23 (shorter form: Matthew 13:1-9)

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

Looking for a Perfect Venue?

**Our 20,000 sq. ft. Parish Event Center,
Donworth Hall & Gym
is Available to Rent**

Contact Shay at 415.681.2444 x2
or email:

DonworthEvents@SaintStephenSF.org

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections - June 21, 2026

\$4,617.75 Sunday Offertory

\$3,647.92 Online Giving

50+ Club!

**Monday, August 10, 2026
12:30 pm in Donworth Hall**

50+ is back! Join the St. Stephen seniors for a warm and welcoming afternoon of fellowship and fun. Each gathering offers Bingo, Bridge, great company, and a variety of tasty snacks. Members also enjoy specialty desserts and popcorn at every meeting, along with a catered holiday lunch each Christmas season.



All seniors of the parish community are invited to participate and enjoy time together. If you are interested, please contact the St. Stephen Parish office at (415) 681-2444.

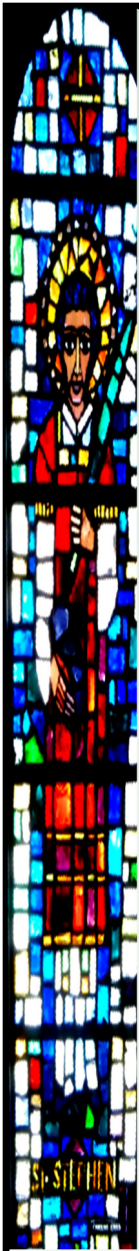
Sick Family & Friends

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.

Amanda Arenas, Jim Thompson, Sean Chan, Byron Petty, Genevieve Dy, Glenda Miller, Daniel W., Tresa Matthews, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young, Araceli Caparas, Tomas Arceo, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, George Farralles, 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, Mark Gutierrez, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson.



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| • Fifty Plus Club | Helga D'Arcy |
| • Finance Council | Laura Birsinger |
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| • Liturgy Committee | Pastor |
| • Marriage Preparation | Clergy |
| • Men's Club | Patrick Kennedy |
| • Newman Campus Ministry | Fr Raphael Laizer |
| • Parish Council | Vicky Francisco |
| • Religious Education
(Faith Formation, OCIA, Children's Liturgy) | Mary Molly Mullaney |
| • Ushers | Pastor |
| • Women's Guild | Vicky Kamahele & Jodi Farrar |

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us!

You can **sign up** or **update** your information by completing this form & placing it in the collection basket, by mailing it to the Parish Office, by phone at 415-681-2444 or at www.saintstephensf.org

Name _____ Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Complete Mailing Address _____ City/Zip _____

Weekly Sunday envelopes , circle one: Yes No, but commit to participate thru Online Giving.

I am interested in assisting the Parish in an organization or ministry as (Please encircle your choice/s):

Acolyte/ Altar Service, Altar Society, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Greeter/Usher, Hospitality/Donuts/
Special Events, Holy Communion Ministers to the Homebound, Music/Choir, Lector &/or Holy
Communion Ministers, Parish Center Front Office Volunteer.