

Saint Stephen Parish

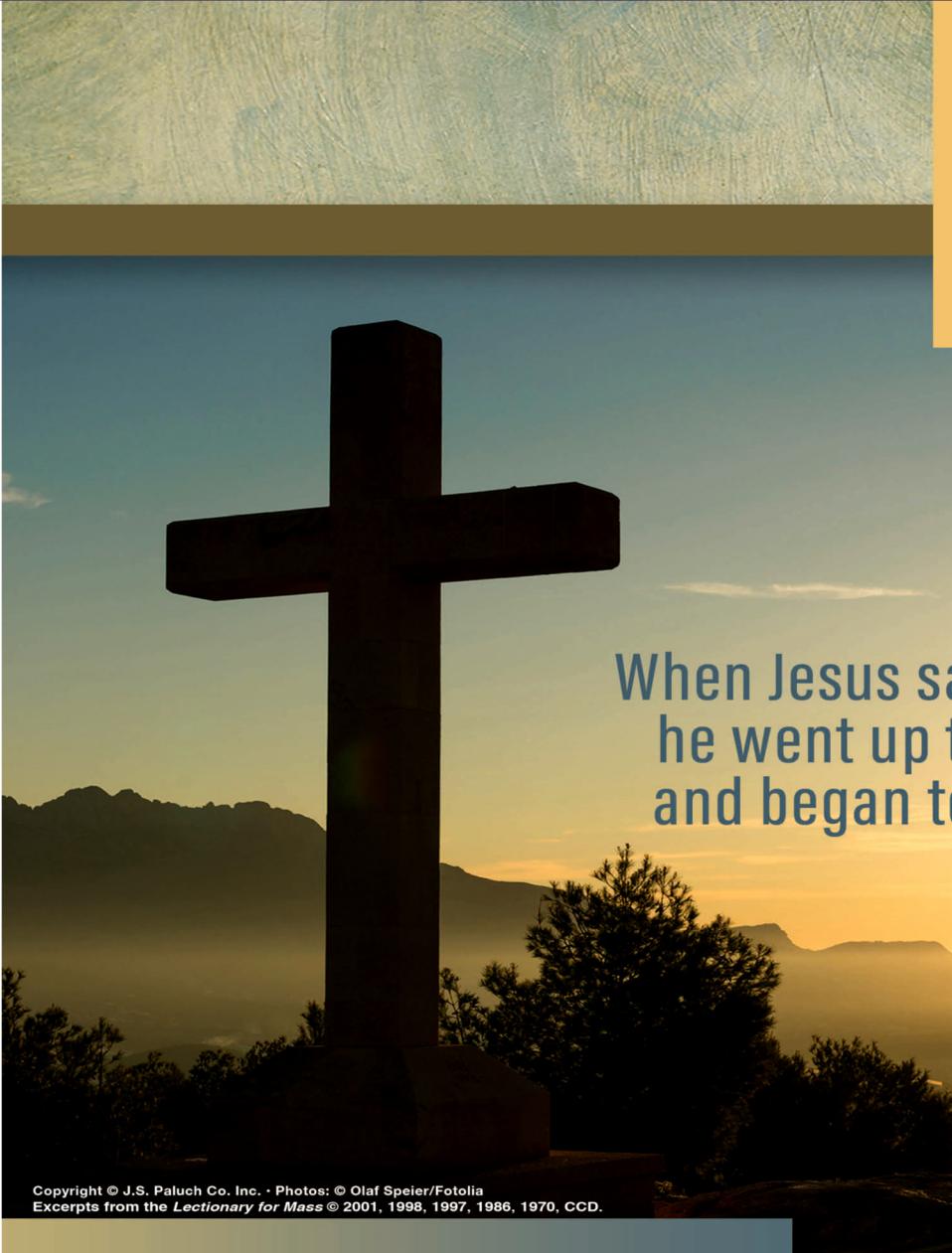
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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. or 30 min. before each Sunday Mass
Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

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When Jesus saw the crowds,
he went up the mountain
and began to teach them.

Matthew 5:1

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



February 1, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Friday evening, our Vicar General, Father Howell will be at Saint Stephen's to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for 30 of our 8th grade students in our Faith Formation Program and our parish school.

Please pray for them, their sponsors, and their families as they receive this particular outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their lives. As we pray in the ancient, *Come Holy Spirit* prayer, we should all desire for the Holy

Spirit to come into our lives to help guide us, give us courage, and a deep reverence for God's presence in our lives and in the lives of our brothers and sisters. I am very grateful to all of the catechists who helped to form and prepare our young people to receive the sacrament, especially Dwight Jesmer, Sandra Jimenez, Mary Molly Mullaney, and Ginger Trumpbour, as well as their Confirmation sponsors who accompany them now and throughout their lives.

Monday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. At our 8:00 AM daily Mass, we will bless some of the candles that we will use throughout the year. If you attend Mass Monday morning, you are welcome to bring your own candles to be blessed.

Of course, February 2 is also the first Monday of the month and that means the 50+ club has their monthly gathering. You are welcome to come and join the fun.

As you can see in the bulletin, the Saint Stephen's Men's Club is hosting the annual Saint Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday, March 7. This is an event open to the entire parish, and we hope many parishioners will be able to join us. There will be authentic Irish-American food and lively entertainment. The best part is that you do not need to be Irish as all of us become adopted Irish for the event. The fun begins after the 4:30 PM Mass. See the announcement for ticket information.

Father Schunk

Background on Today's Gospel Reading

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.



St. Stephen's Men's Club presents the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**Join us Saturday, March 7th in Donworth Hall for a
corned beef dinner with all the fixins'.**

**We will have the Bagpipes,
Murphy Irish Dancers
and a DJ.**

Tickets: \$30 for adults \$10 for kids

**Payment can be a check made payable to:
St. Stephen Men's Club
or via PayPal @ststephenmensclub**

Volunteer opportunity: The Healing WELL is looking for 1-2 volunteers to help prepare lunch for about 15 people on Fridays. The shift is from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Please reach out Kathy Curran, the Director of The Healing WELL for more info. (415) 500-2099 Email: kcurran@healingwellsf.org www.healingwellsf.org 374 Ellis St., San Francisco, CA 94102

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Feb 2

8:00 a.m. † Pat and Betty Moriarty
(By: Kirwan Family)

Tuesday, Feb 3

8:00 a.m. Sp. Int. Megan Opena by Zeny
(By: Amora Opena)

Wednesday, Feb 4

8:00 a.m. † Sean McPolin
(By: Liam & Mary Frost)

Thursday, Feb 5

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

Friday, Feb 6

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

Saturday, Feb 7

8:00 a.m. † Msgr. Loi Vergara
(By: Father Schunk)

4:30 p.m. † Michael Gragnani
(By: Diane Gragnani)

Sunday, Feb 8

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. † Nenita Sangalang
(By: Elvie Ysip)

6:30 p.m. † Anna Macalino Thompson
(By: Bautista-Thompson Family)



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.”
Matthew 5:3

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

There will be a people who remain sheltered from God's anger.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 1:46:6-10

The Lord is faithful forever.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chooses the weak to show his power.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday, 2/2: The Presentation of the Lord;

Tuesday, 2/3: St. Blase; St. Ansgar;

Wednesday, 2/4: St. Rabanus Maurus

Thursday, 2/5 St. Agatha

Friday, 2/6 St. Paul, Miki and Companions

Saturday, 2/7: St. Jerome

Sunday, 2/8: St. Josephine

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections — January 25, 2026

\$4,330.46 Sunday Offertory

\$1,542.31 Online Giving

St. Stephen's Men's Club Super Bowl Squares

Super bowl squares! Get some action going for the big game, and raise funds while you're at it....

Game Details'

Website: [www.footballsquaresonline.com/
game/1358337](http://www.footballsquaresonline.com/game/1358337)

Password: Cougars2026

Deadline: **2/8/2026** 1-hour prior to game start or when all squares are filled.

Buy In: \$100 per square. Pay via cash, check (made payable to St. Stephen's Men's Club [drop off at parish office]) or PayPal: @ststephenmensclub

Total Raised: \$10,000

Payouts:

\$5,000 to support the parish/school.

\$5,000 to be paid out via below:

Q1 Winner: \$500

Q2 Winner: \$1,000

Q3 Winner: \$500

End of Game Reverse:

\$500

End of Game Winner:

\$2,500



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.

Sean Chan, Byron Petty, Genevie 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 & N elson 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.

Please call the office to add or remove names of people that we should pray for this month.



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World Day of the Sick

Healing Mass

Saturday Feb. 7, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
St. Dominic Parish

The Order of Malta San Francisco Region and Shrine of St. Jude are hosting the World Day of the Sick Mass and Anointing of the Sick. This year, we are collaborating with St. Jude Shrine, and World Day of the Sick will be part of the Lourdes Novena organized by the Shrine from February 3–11.

Prayer cards for your intentions will be available during the Mass, and members of the

Order of Malta take the cards to Lourdes, France, during their annual pilgrimage at the beginning of May. A reception will follow the Mass.



ST STEPHEN PARISH 2025-2026

ORGANIZATION/MINISTRY CONTACT PERSON

• Altar Servers	Giovanna Hrvatin
• Altar Society	Joan Leehane
• Bridge Group	Virginia Stefanelli
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	Mary Molly Mullaney (Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality)
• Ushers	Pastor
• Women's Guild	Mandy Fesko & Jen Garlasco

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026

Time: 10:00 am

Contact: Ed Hopfner

415-614-5547

Email: HopfnerE@SFArchdiocese.org

All sacramentally married couples in the archdiocese are invited to a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone, followed by a light reception.

Couples celebrating “five-year anniversaries” (5, 10, 15, 20...) will receive special recognition. Donation requested is \$20/couple.

Registration information: www.sfar.org/anniversarymass

