

St. Stephen Parish ***Celebrates Fifty-Nine Years***

451 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco, California 94132
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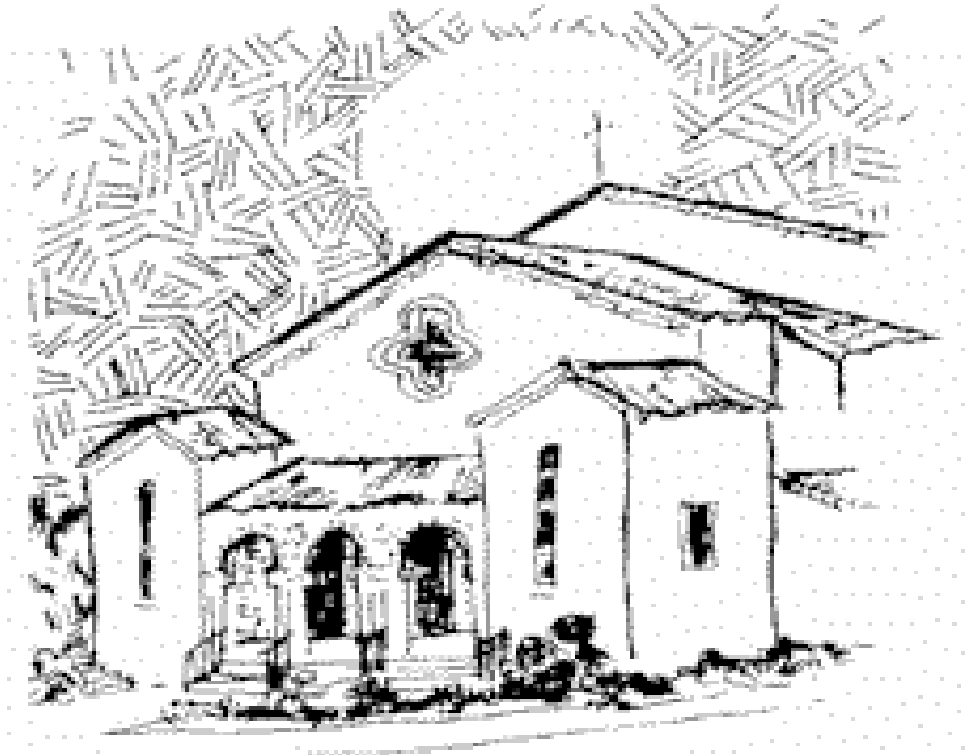
Mass Schedule

Weekdays:
8:00 am

12:10 pm During Lent
Rosary and Devotions after
the 8:00 am Mass

Saturday:
8:00 am & 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday:
8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am & 6:45 pm



RCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process of formation and instruction that enables an adult person (18 years and older) to learn about the Catholic Faith and to seek full initiation through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For further information about RCIA call 681-2444.

Marriage

By diocesan rule, arrangements for weddings need to be made by the bride and groom 6 months in advance of their wedding date. The marriage date is confirmed after the completion of the preparation process. Please contact our pastor to participate.

The Sick

Please notify the parish office (681-2444) if you or a relative or friend are hospitalized or unable to attend church due to sickness or age, and would like a visit and/or Holy communion.

Baptism

Parents wishing to have their children baptized at St. Stephen's are required to attend a baptismal preparation class. Godparents are required to participate in the class also.

The class is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. To register for this class, please call the Parish Center in advance.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:20 pm or by appointment.

Religious Education For Public School Children

1-8 MONDAY 3:45 - 5:15 pm

Palm Sunday
April 5, 2009

Our Liturgical Week

Monday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Fr. Walsh/**Lorin & Paul Medlin**
 12:10 p.m. Fr. Calegari/ _ _ _ _

Tuesday, April 7

8:00 a.m. Fr. Calegari/**George Hansen**
 12:10 p.m. Fr. Walsh/**John B. Arminini**

Wednesday, April 8

8:00 a.m. Fr. Murray/**Paul Medlin**
 12:10 p.m. Fr. Calegari/**Carmen Mooney**
 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation Service

Thursday, April 9 Holy Thursday

11:00 a.m. Grade 7 Prayer Service
 7:30 p.m. Fr. Calegari

Friday, April 10 Good Friday

12:00 noon Deacon Rosen
 1:00 p.m. Fr. Walsh
 2:00 p.m. Fr. Walsh
 7:30 p.m. Fr. Walsh

Saturday, April 11 Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

3:30 p.m. Fr. Calegari/Reconciliation
 7:30 p.m. Fr. Murray

Sunday, April 12 Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Fr. Sauer/**Emma Johnson**
 9:30 a.m. Fr. Walsh/**For the Parish**
 11:30 a.m. Fr. Calegari/ _ _ _ _ _
 6:45 p.m. Fr. Calegari/ _ _ _ _ _

Bold Indicates Mass Intentions



Please remember:

Edna Juanita Restani

Who recently died in the peace of Christ. Our sick and homebound are in continual need of our prayers, please remember them in prayer.

TODAY'S READINGS

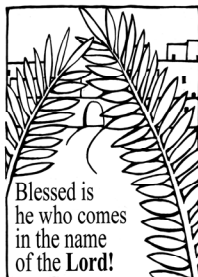
Gospel at the Procession with Palms -- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading -- In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm -- My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading -- Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel -- The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]).



Our Week at a Glance

Monday, April 6

Men's Club 7:00 p.m./Temp. Bldg.

Tuesday, April 7

Art Project 1:30 p.m./Temp. Bldg.
 Youth Group 6:00 p.m./Parish Office

Wednesday, April 8

Hot Lunch 11:45 p.m./Temp. Bldg.
 St. Vincent de Paul Conference 7:30 p.m./Parish Office

Thursday, April 9

Friday, April 10 Office closed at noon thru April 13.
 Gamblers Anonymous 8:00 p.m./Parish Office & EC

Saturday, April 11

Sunday, April 12

Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m./Ralph Nicol Park
 Youth Group 4:00 p.m./Temp. Bldg.

Christian Giving

Good Friday Collection For The Holy Places

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Pope John Paul II requested that all Good Friday collections go to support the Catholic Church in the Holy Land.

Few places in the world are as precious to Catholics as those where Jesus Christ, Our Savior, walked and taught ...lived and died All the work done by the Franciscan Friars for the pilgrims, the native Christians and the poor of every faith depends, in great part, on your generous support.

Please be as generous as you can to our less fortunate sisters and brothers in the Holy Land when the annual Collection for the Shrines and the people of the Holy Land is taken on Good Friday.

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our community, and for all in the book of the sick. May they know the healing touch of Jesus.

- William Applegate, Natividad Austria,
- Irene Buscovich, Elena Carr, James Collins,
- Bernard Curran, David Douglas, Msgr. Bruce Dreier,
- Betty Francesconi, Dan Gilson, Art Hazlett,
- Mary Elizabeth Henry, Nellie Jocson, Elizabeth Kauss, Miguel Mendoza, Maggie McDonald,
- Irin Mullen, Mercy Newman, Kylie O'Leary,
- Stephanie Patty, Joyce Peterson,
- Sister Pat Phelan, Pedro Pons, Marsha Potolo,
- James Roach, Richard Rossi, Delores Robinson,
- Ian Taylor, Robert Thoel, Loretta Tribulato,
- Maria Elena Varela, Richard Voyles,
- and Mary Windrow.



Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

April 5, 2009

It's Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, the week when we hear Christ's story again and have it come true in ourselves and in our community. In a very true sense, this week is set aside to celebrate who we have become.

Well, who have we become? We are the cheering crowds of Palm Sunday because we are attracted to Jesus. It might be because of his values, or because of his message, or because of a personal relationship with Jesus, or because of some awesome religious experience along the way.

We have also become Holy Thursday people of the Last Supper because along the way we have been nourished in one way or another by the memory and the Real Presence of Jesus - in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, in our families, in those we serve, our community and in our individual selves.

We are Good Friday people - the ones who ran away, the ones who let him die. There are plenty of days when we forget about him entirely, and plenty of times in our lives when we really desert Jesus.

We are Easter Sunday morning disciples also. They heard from the women that Jesus was risen, heard that the tomb was empty, but remained unconvinced. It was just too much to believe! And sometimes we're like that too. We've heard about it, but it's a little too much to take seriously.

And, finally, we are the people of the Risen Jesus, who go forth to talk about him and celebrate him; who receive new life from him because the God Jesus tells us about changes our attitudes, changes our behavior and our energy level, and gives us new life.

So we set aside this week to celebrate who we have become - people who are full of contradictions, weary at times, distracted much of the time, but always holding onto the Jesus Story, and trying our best to be Jesus People.

May this be a week when we focus both on the journey of Jesus and on our own personal journey. May we recognize ourselves this week for the first time, and celebrate

Your Pastor,

Fr. Joe

Communal Reconciliation this Wednesday

The old style "confession" with which many of us grew up has changed. For one thing it's no longer done in a darkened closet, though the option of speaking through a grill is still available. Even the name has been officially changed to focus on its deeper meaning. It's now called the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation, and is available either one on one and face to face, or it can be celebrated in a Communal Penance setting, such as we will have this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. In this approach, hopefully under an hour, there will be music, scripture, a homily by Fr. Pettingill, examination of conscience and the opportunity to approach in private one of the half dozen priests who will be on hand to name an area of personal sin and receive absolution, or for some spiritual consultation. In addition to Fr. Dave Pettingill, we will have Frs. Bill Brady (Pastor, St. Emydius), Tony Sauer and Paul Capitolo from SI, and the three priests of St. Stephen - Frs. Ed, Len and Joe. This is a further opportunity of preparing to experience the 'Shalom' of Easter.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal, 2009

Ninety-five and counting... that's the number of families who have pledged their support to the 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We're up to \$25,964 in donations! Twenty-two families have matched or exceeded Father's Walsh's \$500 pledge, while 32 families are new to AAA this year. Celebrate Palm Sunday with a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Just \$72 or \$6 a month from every parish family will enable St. Stephen to meet our \$69,300 assessment. We're already 37 percent of the way there! Look for a special thank you by name in the bulletin at the end of April. We are most grateful for your generosity.

Please note: all checks should be made payable to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and sent to St. Stephen Church, 451 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132. Thank you again!

Religious Education

There will be no Faith Formation (CCD) classes on April 6th. We look forward to seeing you back at our regular class times on April 13th Easter Monday.



Rolph Nicol Park Clean Up Day

Join the *Friends of Rolph Nicol Park* and the St. Stephen *Just Fools* service group for a clean up day in Rolph Nicol Park (next to St. Stephen Church) in partnership with the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department.

Saturday, April 4th

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (or come for as long as you can) Adults and children welcome
Bagels and coffee provided**

Send an email to Kerry Slattery at kerrymslattery@gmail.com. Can't make this one? There will be another opportunity to participate in July!

Mark Your Calendar

April 8, 2009 - Reconciliation service at 7:00 p.m. with Fr. Pettingill.

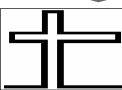
April 28, 2009 - Join our 50+ Club as we journey to the beautiful Sierras and the new Red Hawk Casino in Placerville

May 1-3, 2009 - Widowed, Separated, and Divorced Weekend at the Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park.

St. Stephen 50+ Club

Our next meeting is Monday, April 27th at 12:30 p.m. We will meet in our Temporary Building. (Contact: Helga D'Arcy at 731-8211).

Sold Out!: Our trip to the Red Hawk Casino in Placerville on Tuesday, April 28th sold out in two days. Planning is underway for a second trip to take place in the near future.



Sacrificial Giving

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Weekly collection goal.....\$ 8,000

Past weekend collection (3/29).....\$ 7,986

Year to Date Goal.....\$345,000

Year to Date.....\$292,953

Thank you! Your continued generosity to our Parish is critical and never goes unnoticed.



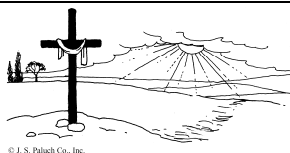
HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

for the 9:30 a.m. mass.

Today, Sunday, Apr. 5 - Ushers

Sunday, Apr. 19 - Parish Council

Sunday, Apr. 26- Zaida Ysip



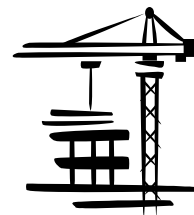
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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 2009

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.-- *Philippians 2:8*

Our new Parish Center is emerging where Donworth Hall once stood... Nibbi Brothers, our general contractor, continues to stay on schedule and on budget as the second level of our structure rises from the earth.



The concrete walls and steel trusses are an imposing site on Eucalyptus Drive. We are most excited for opening day of our two-story, 20,000-square-foot facility, which is slated for this November.

Although we are on budget, we need to raise a little over \$1 million to pay off our Archdiocesan loan and equip our new parish community center. There are a variety of giving levels (from \$25,000 to \$1 million) which allow donors to create a permanent legacy for a family member, themselves or another individual the donor wishes to honor. This is your once-in-a-lifetime chance to be a part of St. Stephen Church history. Please contact Nancy Hayden Crowley, St. Stephen Development Director, at 415/681-2444 ext. 29 or e-mail at development@saintstephensf.org for more information on commemorative naming opportunities at our new Parish Center at St. Stephen.

St. Stephen Altar Servers

Our special "thanks" to our student Altar Servers who faithfully continue to volunteer their time and talent to our parish. Our Altar Servers for **March 23 thru 29** were:

**Harry Egan, Alexander Jarnutowski,
David Esser, Matthew Kozuch,
Micaela Faliano, Phillip Simmons,
Stefano Maffei, Joseph Kozuch,
Megan Hallisy, Margarita Francisco,
Allison Veronello, Elizabeth McCaffrey,
Kathleen Glasser, Leo McCaffrey,
Michaela Serafica, Jason Serafica,
Brianna Martin, Danny Casey,
Casey Stuart, Lisa Lie, Zachary Yiu,
Nicole Linn, Erin Smith, Carter Evans,
Danielle Tioyao and Gavin Clark.
Thank You!**



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2009

Mon., Tue., Wed., April 6 - 8

8:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. Weekday Mass
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation Service

Holy Thursday, April 9

There is no morning Mass
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10

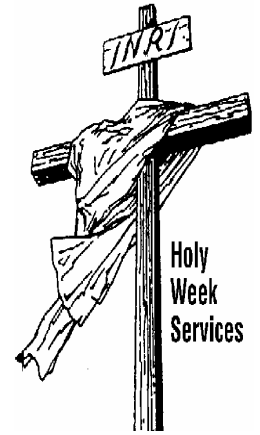
There is no morning Mass
12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. Good Friday Services
7:30 p.m. Prayer around the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 11

There is no morning Mass
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Reconciliation (Confessions)
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil (no 4:30 p.m. Mass)

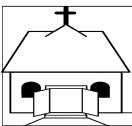
Easter Sunday, April 12

Masses 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.



e-Contributions Makes Giving Easy!

e-Contributions allows St. Stephen to accept regular and special contributions via the Internet. You may use your credit or debit card to contribute safely, simply and automatically to all parish collections. Log onto www.e-paluch.com for complete information and registration. Pick-up a registration form in our vestibule or come by the O'Reilly Parish Center. Remember, you can use e-Contributions to send in your Capital Campaign pledge payments, too!



Welcome to Our Parish

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us. If you are new to our parish, we invite you to register and learn more about our many parish ministries and organizations. You may phone the Parish Center at 681-2444 or register online at www.saintstephenSF.org!

Our parishioners receive the weekly newspaper "Catholic San Francisco."

ST STEPHEN PARISH 2008-2009

ORGANIZATION/MINISTRY CONTACT PERSON

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| • Altar Servers | Katya Minnick |
| • Altar Society | Helen Perlite |
| • Bridge Group | Helen Perlite |
| • Caritas | Ken Fambrini |
| • Choir Director | Angela Zullinger |
| • Church Hospitality | Thu-Ha Rae |
| • Fifty Plus Club | Helga D'Arcy |
| • Finance Council | Dan Linehan |
| • Grief Support | Ruby Buffin |
| • Lectors | T.J. Perlite |
| • Liturgy Committee | Ruby Buffin |
| • Marriage Preparation | Clergy |
| • Men's Club | Tony Maffei |
| • Music Director | Griselda MacDonald |
| • Parish Council | Patrick Smith |
| • Religious Education | Veronica Wong |
| • RCIA | Ruby Buffin |
| • Stewardship | Kathleen Bruno |
| • St Vincent de Paul | Julie O'Callaghan |
| • Ushers | Bob Anthony |
| • Women's Guild | Fionnuala McElligot |
| • Youth Group | Christian Fernandez |