

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

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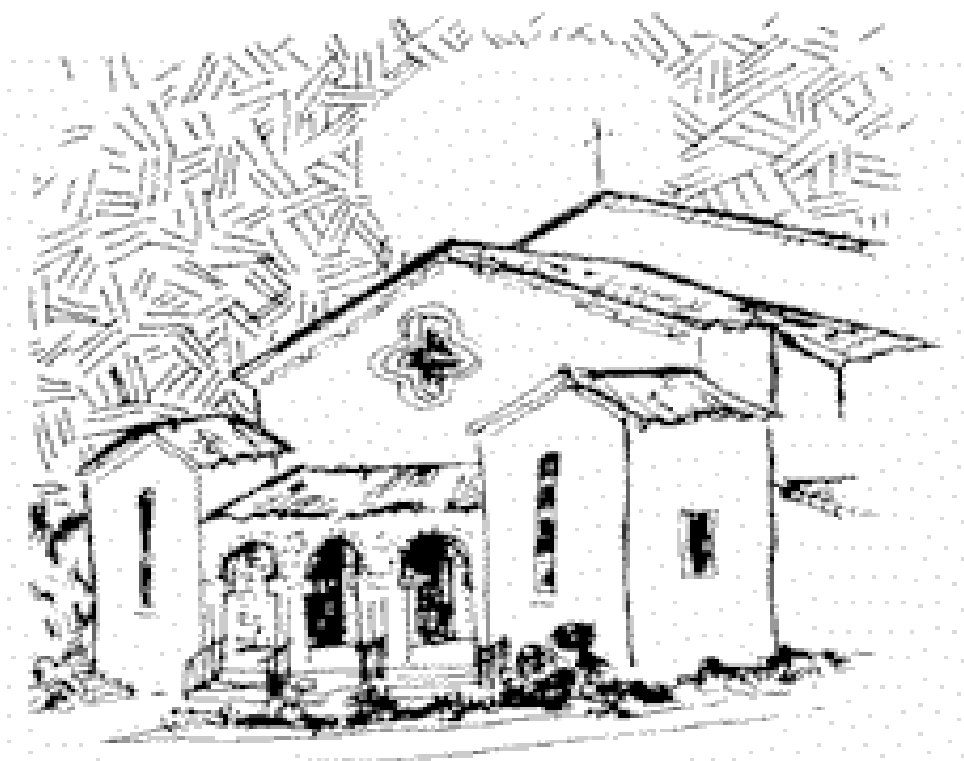
Jim Cook
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Amy Moehler

Teresa Proano
Kristine Sinajon
Angela Zullinger
Musicians

Christian Fernandez
Youth Minister

Jan Almeida
Bookkeeper



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

Easter Sunday
April 12, 2009

Our Liturgical Week

Monday, April 13

8:00 a.m. Fr. Walsh /Luther Ebrahim

Tuesday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Fr. Calegari/John Faliano

Wednesday, April 15

8:00 a.m. Fr. Murray/Marygrace Dunn

Thursday, April 16

8:00 a.m. Fr. Walsh/Gerald D'Arcy

Friday, April 17

8:00 a. m. Fr. Walsh/Anaceto M. Caunan

Saturday, April 18

8:00 a.m. Fr. Murray/Jamie Douglas

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

4:30 p.m. Fr. Murray/Dolores Murphy

Sunday, April 19

8:00 a.m. Fr. Calegari /Sam Rizzo

9:30 a.m. Fr. Murray//For the Parish

11:30 a.m. Fr. Sauer/Celestina Milch

6:45 p.m. Fr. Walsh/ _____

Bold Indicates Mass Intentions



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (*Acts 10:34a, 37-43*).

Psalm -- This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (*Psalm 118*).

(1) Second Reading -- All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (*Colossians 3:1-4*) or

(2) Second Reading -- Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (*1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*).

Gospel -- Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (*John 20:1-9*) or *Mark 16:1-7* (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, *Luke 24:13-35*).

WE REMEMBER YOU

We remember you, O risen Lord, firstborn of the dead. Your resurrection destroys the power of death and changes tears of agony into cries of joy. Blessed are you! – *From Come, Lord Jesus by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 163*

Our Week at a Glance

Monday, April 13 Parish Office Closed
Liturgy Committee 7:30 p.m./Parish Office

Tuesday, April 14

Youth Group 6:00 p.m./Parish Office

Women's Guild 7:00 p.m./Extension Center

Wednesday, April 15

Sep. and Divorce Group 7:00 p.m./Extension Center

Thursday, April 16

Friday, April 17

Gamblers Anonymous 8:00 p.m./Parish Office & EC

Saturday, April 18

Saturday Morning Study Group 8:30 a.m./Marian Room

Sunday, April 19

Youth Group 4:00 p.m./Temp. Bldg.

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2009

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the
LORD. — *Psalm 118:17*



HAPPY EASTER

Welcome to St. Stephen for Easter! We celebrate today the fact that Jesus Christ who rose from the dead is alive and living in the body of the faithful. We are not alone. He is with us.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

The O'Reilly Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 13.

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 12, 2009

Welcome to Easter at St. Stephen - a parish that prays and worships, a parish that celebrates and reconciles, a parish that welcomes and reaches out, a parish that tries to make a difference.

Easter is our biggie! It's the biggest event that Christians have, bigger even than Christmas. It's hard to believe that by comparison to Christmas (a kind of minor feast), Easter is a major feast. Christmas gets great marketing and packaging; the malls are alive with the sounds and sights of it all, and it's really nice. There's a cute baby and angels that stay up in the sky where they belong. They don't come down and confuse us. So it's much easier to think of Christmas as the major Christian feast. But that's not true. Easter is our major feast.

Easter and the Resurrection make us a Christian people. That's most important for us and our entire lives. When we say Jesus is risen and Jesus is alive, we're not talking about CPR and a resuscitated body. Jesus, when he walked this earth, was different from and more than anything or anybody else. He was a kind of breakthrough in evolution. The God of the Universe, that power from the first flaring forth of the universe, was present fully in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ became THE unique presence of God on our earth in human form. That's why he overcame death.

With his resurrection, something even greater happened. The power and the spirit of Jesus became ours in baptism. We became the Body of the Risen Christ in our world. In a very true sense, the Risen Christ went from being singular to being plural, living now in the hearts of all the baptized. Easter celebrates who we have become and, as a result, that to which we are called to do and to be; a people united in Christ to take away the sin of the world.

The Easter gospel stories are about Jesus risen from the dead and appearing to various people in various places. We're not going to see him on Oprah or David Letterman anytime soon. Where we're going to see him is in and through the Body of Christ, all of us acting in his name.

We will see him in our positive relationships, our friendships, our family, our work, our care for people who are hurting and struggling. Being there for

one another, we make Jesus Christ with all his marvelous divine power available to one another.

Someone said that the difference between a working day and a holiday is that on a working day we 'make things happen,' and on a holiday we 'let things happen.' We celebrate Easter by letting God's power happen in our lives, by letting the Risen Christ BE in our lives - but so that we become a people who MAKE good things happen, who make a difference in our world. We have been given the divine power to do that. Can we do it? YES WE CAN!! Have a great Easter!

Your Pastor,

Fr. Joe

EASTER VIGIL EXULTET

The power of the holy night dispels all evil,
Washes guilt away, Restores lost innocence,
Brings mourners joy, It casts out hatred,
Brings us peace, And humbles earthly pride.

What a powerful prayer this is for us now in this time in our history. Despite the many unjust events and structures in our world, we are indeed an Easter people, washed in the waters of Baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, fed at the table of the Lord. We are called to believe in a God who brings life from our many forms of death and to trust that our God is a God free to work his wonders in endings as well as in beginnings.

"The Resurrection can only be received and affirmed and celebrated as the new action of God, who creates new futures for people and lets them be amazed even in despair. The Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus express in new ways God's freedom, justice and power to bring life even in the face of death." (Prophetic Imagination by Walter Brueggemann.)

Every moment we live in justice and peace with one another, we experience the Reign of God. To understand Easter is to live this reality day by day, moment by moment. The tomb is empty and we are called to seek Jesus among the poor and the powerless and to bring the good news of salvation and the joy of His kingdom to a world steeped in darkness. We are called to share the life of the Risen Christ with those who are entombed in poverty, violence, indifference and satisfaction.

The Easter tomb is indeed empty but the Lord is alive and working in our world.

Mark Your Calendar

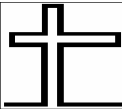
April 28, 2009 - Our 50+ Club journeys to the beautiful Sierras and the new Red Hawk Casino in Placerville

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 (4/5).....\$ 8,436

Year to Date Goal.....\$353,000

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



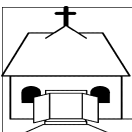
HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

for the 9:30 a.m. mass.

Today, Sunday, Apr. 12 - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, Apr. 19 - Parish Council

Sunday, Apr. 26- Zaida Ysip

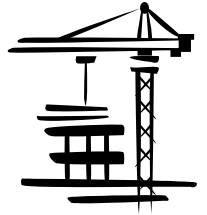


Welcome to Our Parish

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."

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 30 thru April 5** were:

Leo McCaffrey, Danny Casey,
Stefano Maffei, Danielle Tioyao,
Alvina Han, Kirstie O'Callaghan,
Matthew Hazelwood, Gino Gandolfo,
Danielle Chuakay, Allison Veronello,
Alexis Picache, Danae Becerra,
Willa Hegarty, Marcus Rabara,
Margie Francisco, Megan Hallisy,
Logan White, Stephanie McCarthy,
Peter Goudy, Tom McGovern,
Clare Casey, Brian Cleary, Tony Suarez,
Georgia Davey, Janelle Labiaga,
Jake Cleary, Adriana Suarez,
Saoirse McCormack, Katie Regalia,
Paul Newland, Lauren Blake,
Jennifer Montemayor, Emilia Holl,
Danny Casey, Olivia Abad,
Sergio Mungcal, Christian Hernandez,
Sean Kim, and Erik Wassmer.

Thank You!



**THE CHURCH IS ADORNED WITH EASTER FLOWERS
IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Al Ambrose
 Paul I. Archbold
 Anna Asdrubale
 Ariani Family
 Bertha & Martin Barzoloski
 Margaret Boylan
 Barney Breen
 Mel Campbell
 Jack Carpentier
 Lena Cella
 Mario Cella
 Adriana Choy
 JoAnn Clark Cook
 Harry Clifford
 Mrs. Day
 John Andrew Debono
 Shirley Dickensheet
 Anne Dito
 Ken Eaton
 Dorothy Ehikian
 Jerry C. Fitzgerald
 Pete Ganduglia
 Virginia Mary Gearhart
 Gisin Family
 Helen & Vincent Greely
 Vera Brennan Greely
 Alma Gross
 Ivan Gross
 Patricia Lynn Hanus
 Thomas C. Henry
 Elizabeth T. Horan
 Martin P. Horan
 Janet Horrilleno
 Tito Horrilleno
 Angelinz de Jesus
 Justa de Jesus
 Rod de Jesus
 Emma Johnson
 Nancy & William Keenan
 Janet & Michael Kelly
 Kenneally Family
 George & Marie Kerwin
 Kirby Family
 Pearl & Frank LaBelle
 Loretta Jane Lawler
 William Francis Lawler
 Alice & Daniel Leehane
 Dominic M. Leonardini
 Christie Linehan
 Patrick LinehanMark
 William Loney

Mary Catherine Loney
 Mr. & Mrs. C. Lucci
 Josephine Casson Lund
 Roy Allen Lund
 Manning Family
 Carrie Marshall
 Marie Matelich
 Denis McCarthy
 Leo T. McCarthy
 Meyers Family
 Celestina Milch
 Dave Nathan
 Raymond Nelson
 Michael Stephen Ojong
 Evelyn Olsen
 Joseph Palace, Jr.
 Millie Perez
 Michael F. Quirie
 James T. Rodman
 Adriano Rosario
 Candida N. Rosete
 Frank M. Ryan
 Aurora & Guillermo Salvador
 Efron Salvador
 Marcelina Salvador
 Alice Sanderson
 Ernest Schmidt
 Charles & Ann Slajer
 Josephine Marie Stender
 Dan & Jane Sullivan
 Joan Taam
 Semiramis Virondeau
 Vivian Family
 Dolores Von Holt
 Fred Von Holt
 Mary Leehane Walsh
 Jimmy Williams
 Cecilia Witt
 Karel & Anna Zidek

**The Church is Adorned with Easter
Flowers in Honor of**

Dr. Ruby Buffin	Ofa Taulanga
Lucy Fale	Ofa Taulanga's Children
Mary Porter	Taulanga Family (overseas)
Michael F. Quirie	Jesse Tribulato
Josephine Moggia	Loretta Tribulato
Sisters of Mercy	

Oakland Police Officers (4) RIP