

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

451 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco, California 94132
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Rev. Joseph Walsh
Pastor

Rev. Leonard Calegari
Rev. Edward Murray
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Pastoral Associates

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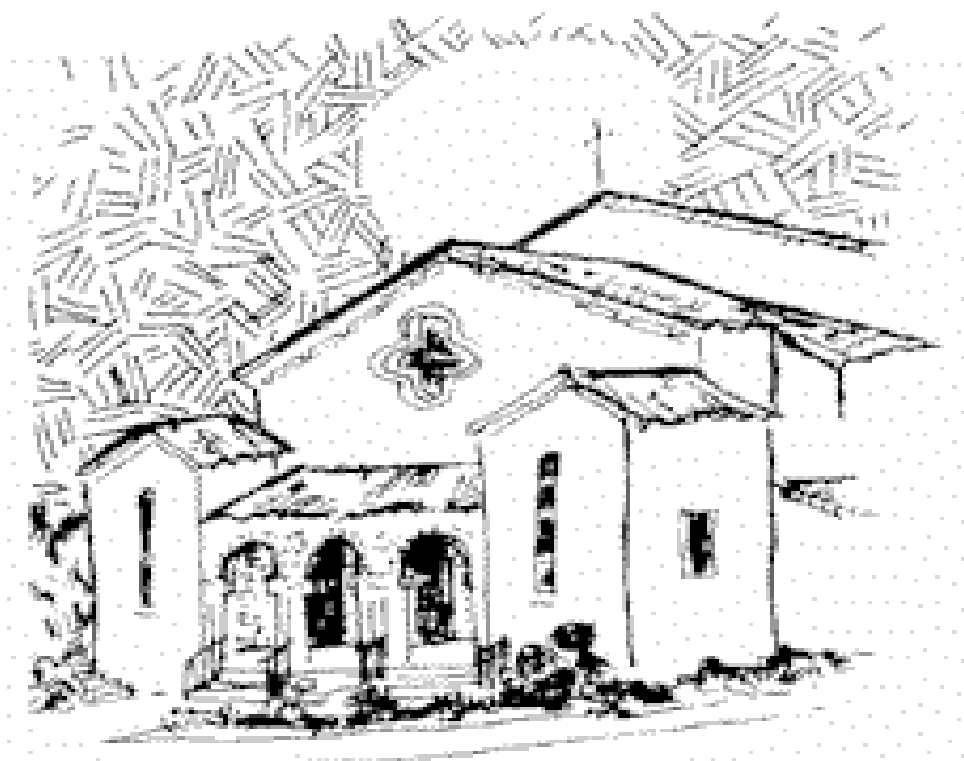
Jim Cook
Parish Manager

Christopher Candelaria
Griselda MacDonald
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

Second Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2009

Our Liturgical Week

Monday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Fr. Walsh /Bernadette Muscat S.I.

Tuesday, April 21

8:00 a.m. Fr. Calegari/Antonio Panacci

Wednesday, April 22

8:00 a.m. Fr. Murray/Pearl La Belle

11:00 a.m. Fr. Calegari/Grade 1 Mass

Thursday, April 23

8:00 a.m. Fr. Calegari/ _ _ _ _ _

Friday, April 24

8:00 a. m. Fr. Walsh/ _ _ _ _ _

Saturday, April 25

8:00 a.m. Fr. Murray/William Lawler

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

4:30 p.m. Fr. Walsh/Phyllis Lavelle

Sunday, April 26

8:00 a.m. Fr. Murray /Gloria Maciel

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

11:30 a.m. Fr. Calegari/Tina Milch

6:45 p.m. Fr. Murray/Samuel J. Rizzo

Bold Indicates Mass Intentions



Please remember:

Betty Francesconi
Frank Howard
Aine O'Brennan

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: **Divine Mercy Sunday;**
Orthodox Easter
- Tuesday: **St. Anselm; Yom Ha-Shoa**
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)
- Wednesday: **Earth Day;**
Administrative Professionals Day
- Thursday: **St. George; St. Adalbert**
- Friday: **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen;**
Arbor Day
- Saturday: **St. Mark**

Christian Giving

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Special Collection
Next Weekend

A second collection will be taken at all masses next weekend, April 25 and 26 for ...

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Our Week at a Glance

Monday, April 20

Religious Education 3:45 p.m./Parish Offices

Tuesday, April 21

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

Women's Guild 7:00 p.m./Temp. Bldg.

Finance Council 7:30 p.m./Parish Office

Wednesday, April 22

Hot Lunch 11:45 a.m./Temp. Bldg.

Thursday, April 23

RICA 7:00 p.m./ Parish Office

Friday, April 24

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

Saturday, April 25

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

Sunday, April 26

8th Grade Parents 2:00 p.m./Parish Office

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

TODAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?-- 1 John 5:5

First Reading -- With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (*Acts 4:32-35*).

Psalm -- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (*Psalms 118*).

Second Reading -- The victory that conquers the world is our faith (*1 John 5:1-6*).

Gospel -- Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (*John 20:19-31*).



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 19, 2009

According to a USCCB news report, some 150,000 new and returning adult Catholics were received into the Church at Easter Vigil ceremonies throughout the United States last weekend. Will they live henceforth with a steady certitude of faith, armor-plated against doubt and difficulties?

Priestly ordination did not give me the grace of unqualified certainty about God, Christ, Church or religion. There are days when I nurse my doubts. For me, brushes with darkness and doubt are normal; at times they are confusing and painful.

Is God a tempting illusion cooked up over the centuries, born out of human needs and surrounded with a lot of impressive wisdom and admirable generosity of spirit? Christ certainly existed, but was this extraordinary individual given too much credence by religiously excited people in the decades following his death?

The Church sometimes seems a prison of dishonesty, and the real miracle is that so much mediocrity does not alienate more people from it. Much of the history of religion seems linked with blind fanaticism, violence, rigid attitudes and hostility to those who break new ground or live creatively.

These thoughts come when I find myself standing outside the life of faith, staying at a distance, feeling disconnected from others. Maybe that's why I find doubting Thomas in today's Gospel so engaging. It is significant that he was absent when the Risen Lord showed himself on the first Easter Sunday.

Whenever I miss something worthwhile, like a party or a chance to meet the pope, and especially if it's my own fault, I am inclined to cover my disappointment by dismissing its significance. When Thomas missed the Lord's appearance to the others, he raised his conditions: "...Unless I put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side..."

At the root of such doubting is something in me that has temporarily become disconnected; disconnected from the giving self, from the goodness of people. When I feel connected - whole and together - faith makes sense. In such moments I know, too, that faith makes sense even when I'm having a bad day. In such moments I've come to know that faith always makes sense - in good times and in bad.

Your Pastor,

Fr. Joe

Justice and Peace in Columbia

Today, hundreds of congregations of faith and conscience in North America and Europe join with millions of people of faith in Columbia to pray for the peacemakers and justice seekers in that war-torn land. The Catholic bishops of the U.S. remind us: "In the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the social teachings of the Church, we understand the social sins that cry to heaven because they generate violence, disrupt peace and harmony between communities within the same nation....Among these sins must be mentioned the drug trade, the recycling of illicit funds, corruption at every level, the terror of violence, the arms race, racial discrimination...and the irrational destruction of nature." - USCCB. Some 60 Catholic representatives including bishops, priests, nuns and seminarians have died violent deaths in Columbia in the last decade and approximately 5,000 people are killed annually in Columbia's armed conflict while close to four million have fled from their homes. (Catholic Relief Services website.)

What can we do? First, pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering in Columbia. Then go to the following websites to learn about the peace issues in Columbia and what actions you can take. www.crs.org/public-policy/churchleaders.cfm or www.usccb.org/sdwp/international/bkgrcolumbia605.shtml.

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 **April 6 thru 12** were:

**Sean Kim, Gino Gandolfo, Joey Kozuch,
Paul Newland, Nicole Linn, Lauren Blake,
Hugh MacNeill, Erica Hipp, Matthew Kozuch,
Cassandra Friedrich, Billy O'Driscoll, Chiara
Olmes, Christiaan Parnell, Erin Smith, Sergio
Mungcal, Nick Lobue, Aidan O'Driscoll,
B. Bruneman, Mikayla Minnick, Olivia Abad,
Alexa Martinez, Kevin Cassidy, Mathew
Pashby, Graham Gilleran, Margie Francisco,
Georgia Davey, Marilyn Mullaney, Adam
Baker and Elizabeth McCaffrey.**

Thank You!





Our St. Stephen's St. Vincent de Paul Conference thanks everyone for their generous contribution of \$2,207 to the second collection for SVDP on March 28th and 29th.

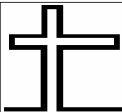
Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The money you donated helps to feed many people who are less fortunate than us.



St. Stephen Book Club

You are invited to join Deacon Dan and the Resurrection Book Club to discuss the book "Three Cups of Tea" tomorrow, Monday April 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

Please phone him at 285-3849 or online at Drosen1949@aol.com.



Sacrificial Giving

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

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

Past weekend collection (4/12).....\$18,681

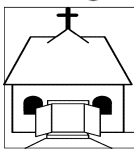
Year to Date Goal.....\$361,000

Year to Date.....\$320,070

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. 19 - Parish Council
Sunday, Apr. 26 - Zaida Ysip
Sunday, May 3 - Antonette Glynn



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 Class of 2008 CAR WASH FUNDRAISER Saturday, May 9 - 8:00 a.m. to 4p.m.

Please support our 8th graders in their major fund raising event of the school year. All proceeds go toward the Class of 2008 graduation activities.

Cars, Trucks, Vans, SUVs - \$10.00

The 8th graders will sell tickets after the 4:30, 9:30 and 11:30 masses on April 25/26 and May 2/3.

(Contact: Alicia Pashby at 650-787-9035 or online at pashbymat@sbcglobal.net.)

MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT-FORE! Friday May 8th

Foursomes are now warming-up for the 14th Annual Cougar Classic Golf Tournament at Crystal Springs. For details, please call Greg Holl at 650 757-1556 or Patrick Goudy at 415 420-9775.

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).

St. Stephen Families Continue to Raise the Heat on Our AAA Thermometer!

We're at \$28,716 which represents 41 percent of our Archbishop's Annual Appeal assessment of \$69,300. There are now 25 families who have met or exceeded Father Walsh's \$500 pledge and 39 families who are new to AAA this year. Congratulations and thank you to the 111 families who have supported AAA this Lenten season! As we celebrate Eastertide and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, please consider a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. When you support AAA, you are helping to support the Archdiocesan work in our community including chaplains in our hospitals, scholarships for children and families in need, assistance for our elderly, help for the homeless, outreach to youth, young adults and disenfranchised Catholics. Remember, just \$72 or \$6 a month from every parish family will enable St. Stephen to meet our \$69,300 assessment. **Look for a special thank you by name in the bulletin at the end of April.**

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!

**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 Linehan
 Mark 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
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 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