

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

451 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco, California 94132
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Pastor

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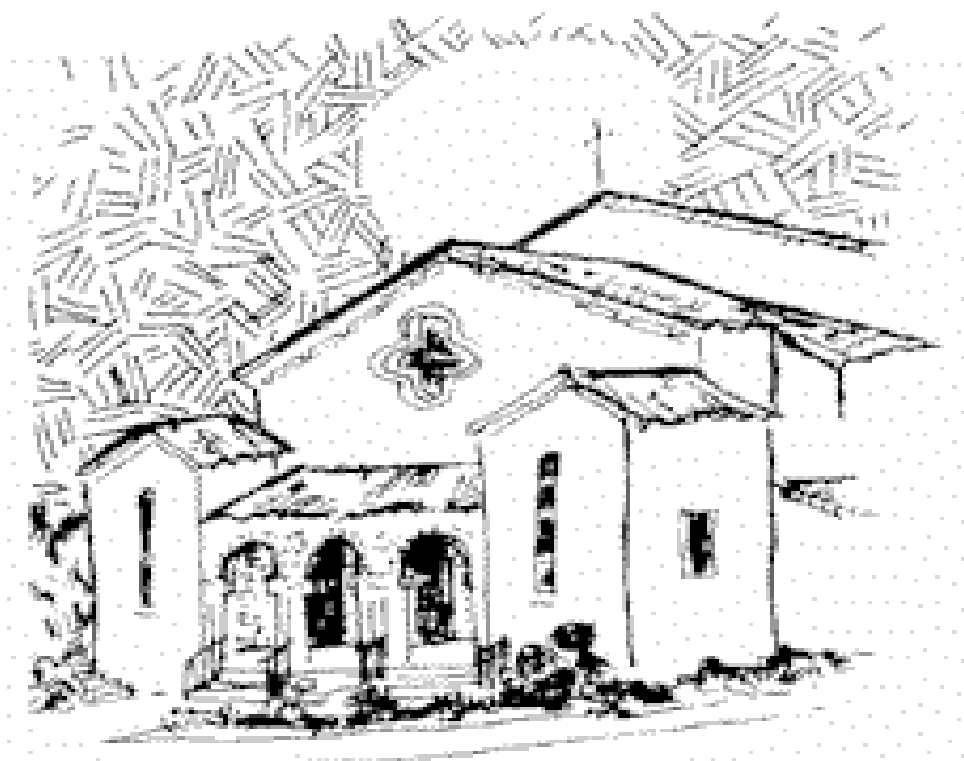
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Christian Fernandez
Youth Minister

Jan Almeida
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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

Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2009

Our Liturgical Week

Monday, April 27

8:00 a.m. Fr. Walsh /**Marygrace Dunn**

Tuesday, April 28

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

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 a.m. Fr. Murray/**Emma Johnson**

Thursday, April 30

8:00 a.m. Fr. Calegari/**Maria Castillo**

Friday, May 1

8:00 a.m. Fr. Murray/**Joseph L. Muscat M.D.**

Saturday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Fr. Murray/**Lorin & Paul Medlin**

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

4:30 p.m. Fr. Calegari/**Joann Clark Cook**

Sunday, May 3

8:00 a.m. Fr. Murray / _____

9:30 a.m. Fr. Calegari/**For the Parish**

11:30 a.m. Fr. Sauer/ _____

2:30 p.m. WKICU Mass

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

Bold Indicates Mass Intentions

Please remember:



Richard Rossi

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

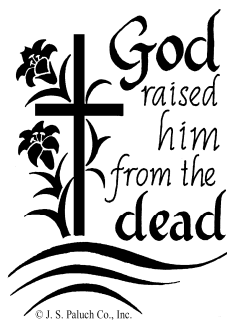
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (*Acts 3:13-15, 17-19*).

Psalms -- Lord, let your face shine on us (*Psalms 4*).

Second Reading -- We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (*1 John 2:1-5a*).

Gospel -- Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (*Luke 24:35-48*).



Christian Giving

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Special Collection Next Weekend

A second collection will be taken at all masses next weekend, May 2 and 3 for ...

ST. Stephen Buildings, Maintenance & Repair

Our Week at a Glance

Monday, April 27

50+ Club 12:30 p.m./Temp. Bldg.

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

Tuesday, April 28

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

Wednesday, April 29

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

Child Protection Meeting 6:00 p.m./Temp. Bldg.

Thursday, April 30

RICA 7:00 p.m./Parish Office

Friday, May 1

Art Project 12 noon/Temp. Bldg.

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

Saturday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 3

WKICU Fellowship 2:30 p.m./Temp. Bldg.

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

CARITAS

Caritas is providing Eucharist to the sick and home-bound of our parish community. If you or someone in your family would like to receive the Eucharist in your home, please call the parish center at 415 681-2444 or you may call Ken Fambrini direct at 415 254-8464. You will be visited by the Eucharistic minister nearest your home.



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, Pedro Pons, Marsha Potolo,
Joyce Peterson, Sister Pat Phelan,
James Roach, Delores Robinson, Ian Taylor,
Robert Thael, Loretta Tribulato,
Maria Elena Varela, Richard Voyles,
and Mary Windrow.



A CHEERFUL GIVER

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given. --*St. Julian*

Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

April 26, 2009

I want to say a grateful word of thanks to all of you who offered time, talent and funds to make our church celebration of Easter so warm and beautiful. Musicians, church decorators, sacristans, liturgical ministers, young people and not so young - all of you went the extra mile so we could celebrate this greatest of Christian feasts with joy and gratitude.

This Tuesday, "Catholic Lobby Day," Catholics from all over California will be visiting the state capitol from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM to meet with elected officials and talk to them on behalf of the poor, vulnerable and voiceless of our society. The one day event will include information sessions, a rally at the capitol, visits with legislators and Mass at the nearby Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. St. Stephen will be represented thanks to information offered in recent issues of "[Catholic San Francisco](#)."

School is back but Easter is not over. The Church will continue to celebrate the feast through May 31st, Pentecost Sunday. Though many more people show up in church on Easter Sunday than any other Sunday of the year, I feel most Catholics are unaware that Easter is the greatest event of the Christian year. It is the event that defines us as Christian and Catholic, much as St. Patrick's Day defines us Irish - and those who wish they were Irish!!

The resurrection of Christ from the dead transformed the first disciples of Jesus from being fearful and clueless into bold and passionate men and women of vision and action. That first Easter turned Peter, John, Mary Magdalen and the others into giants who went out with gigantic dreams for the world, sprang into action and made a difference that has lasted two thousand years. John said in his first letter, "The victory that conquers the world is our faith" - 1 John 5:4.

What kind of faith is that? I think it's a kind of 'vision' rather than simple belief in the resurrection. It's a believing and trusting in what the resurrection means; that there's meaning and purpose beyond ourselves and beyond our own making. My hunch is that this meaning and purpose was lovingly given so we could enjoy truly meaningful and fulfilling lives. For me, faith is the 'vision' that arises from being loved.

I quoted last week a US bishops' source that said 150,000 adults came into the Catholic Church throughout the United States this Easter. Someone asked why all these people - many of them highly educated and intelligent - would want to become Catholic? After all, are we not the Church of the crusades, the inquisition, Galileo, the clergy scandals....?

In the last analysis, the answer may lie in something Jesus Christ once said, "You have not chosen me but I have chosen you." There are certain qualities about Christianity, especially Catholicism, that may have urged some of them to respond to God's calling. One, I think the gospel offers a vision that most satisfies the mind. Two, the God revealed

by Jesus Christ seems to meet the hopes of the human heart. Three, Christianity offers a way of life that fulfils and challenges the conscience. And four, it offers a strong sense of gift, leaving little choice but to live with an ongoing sense of gratitude. In brief, I think Christianity offers a credible vision of how to live in a way that makes a difference in our world.

Here, dear parishioner and friend, is your prayer for these fifty days of Easter: "Lord, how can I make a difference?"

Your Pastor,

Fr. Joe

Volunteers Needed

Did you know that CCD has not been the official name for the children's catechetical program for decades? Somewhere in the 'seventies the name was changed to Religious Education though many continued to call it CCD. That title was dropped a couple of years ago in favor of a more meaningful one, namely, Faith Formation. It was felt that Religious Education was too narrow a description of what the Church is trying to do. Education usually refers to just learning the teachings (like you'd learn geography or anatomy), whereas Formation implies something deeper. Our Faith Formation program needs volunteers for both the Monday afternoon 4:00 PM Public Grade School session and the Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9:30 Sunday Mass. If you like children and feel you have something to offer, please contact Ms. Thu-Ha Rae at the Parish Office.

Difficulties and Doubts

They're not the same. According to John Henry Newman, 'Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt.' For example, the construction of the new Donworth Center is fraught with difficulties, but we have no doubt as to its necessity. As reasonable and thinking people, we naturally apply our minds to our faith, including to what happened in the aftermath of the Crucifixion. Religious doubt is wondering whether religious terms have any basis in reality. 'God', 'Christ', 'The Resurrection', 'salvation', - are these words for real? To put it another way, do these words refer to a reality that is meant to interfere with our lives? "Why are you troubled?" asks Jesus in today's Gospel, "And why do questions arise in your hearts?" T.S. Eliot wrote that 'Human kind cannot bear too much reality.' If we are fearful of religious reality that may threaten our lifestyle then those words of the Risen Christ may be addressed to us, today.

**St. Stephen Class of 2009
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 pashbyamat@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 Bridge Marathon

The St. Stephen Bridge marathon consists of 80 women who play bridge from September to May. A donation of \$25 per person is made to the parish in September. If you are interested in joining this group please call Helen Perlite at 753-5964.



Practice Resurrection!

Deacon Dan of the Faith in Action group invites you to join us on Monday May 4th at 7:00 p.m. to learn about who we are and to help us plan our future events. Please join us at the Parish Office. New faces welcome! (Contact: Deacon Dan at 285-3849 or online at Drosen1949@aol.com.)

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS
for the 9:30 a.m. mass.**

Today, Sunday, Apr. 26 - Zaida Ysip
Sunday, May 3 - Antonette Glynn
Sunday, May 10 - St. Vincent De Paul



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Weekly collection goal.....\$ 8,000
Past weekend collection (4/19).....\$ 6,447
Year to Date Goal.....\$369,000
Year to Date.....\$327,517

**February 2009 Stewardship, A Way of Life
Thank you for your generous
support of our parish.**

<u>Income</u>	This Year	Last Year
Collections/Sacraments —	\$ 26,436	
e-Contribution Collections —	\$ 3,186	
Monthly Maintenance —	\$ 2,510	
Other Unrestricted —	\$ 2,594	
Total	\$ 34,726	\$32,516
<u>Expenses</u>		
Salaries & Benefits —	\$ 33,423	
Heating, Lighting & Power —	\$ 4,458	
Water/Wastewater —	\$ 0	
Telephone —	\$ 0	
Refuse —	\$ 1,938	
Property Maintenance —	\$ 4,185	
Worship & Parish Life —	\$ 4,214	
General & Administration —	\$ 2,747	
Total	\$50,441	\$51,717
Net	(\$15,715)	(\$19,201)

Annual Appeal 2008
Goal \$69,900
Pledges \$52,702 79% of goal
Donors 200 Registered Parishioners 1081
Amount taken from savings to meet
our Archdiocesan obligation:
\$14,363.

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 13 thru 19** were:

**Erin Smith, Sean Kim, Mikayla Minnick,
Gino Gandolfo, Rudolph Ragan, Kyle Reidy,
Stevie Smith, Matthew Birsinger, Adrienne Tiña,
Annika Tiña, Kathleen Glasser, Hughie MacNeill,
Fiona Smith, Stefano Maffei, Lisa Lie, Carter Evans,
Sarah Schmitt, Carter Evans, Danny Casey, Thomas
McGovern, Priscille Alden, Erin Lithgow, Olivia
Abad, Kira McPolin, Patrick Newland, and Peter
Goudy. Thank You!**

St. Stephen 50+ Club

Our next meeting is tomorrow, Monday, April 27th at 12:30 p.m. We will meet in our Temporary Building.

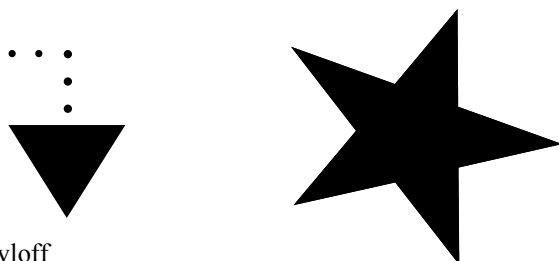
Mother's Day Roses

Please see the bulletin insert today to order your Mother's Day Roses.

(Contact: Karen Leach at 664-2152)



THANK YOU TO OUR 2009 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL DONORS!



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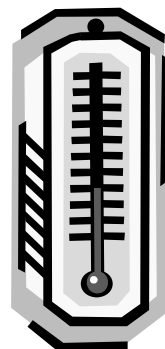
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Goal:
\$69,300

Funds
Raised:
\$29,458

Since kicking off our 2009 Annual Appeal in February, St. Stephen Church has raised \$29,458 or 42 percent of our \$69,300 goal! There are now 25 families who have met or exceeded Father Walsh's \$500 pledge and 40 families who are new to AAA this year. We are deeply grateful to the 117 individuals and families who have supported our AAA campaign this year and invite you to join them with 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. **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!

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