

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

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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 the Parish Office.

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

If you, 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, please notify the Parish Office

Infant Baptism

Expectant or new parents wishing to have their children baptized at St. Stephen should contact the Parish Office at least two months before the desired date of baptism to complete the

baptismal preparation session. Godparents are required to attend. The session is held at 10:00am on the first Saturday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation

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

Faith Formation

We offer classes for children in grades 1- 8 to grow in love of God and community, including preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion for children in grade 2, and preparation for Confirmation in grade 8. Classes are held on Monday afternoon from 3:45 - 5:00 p.m. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We celebrate Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday during 9:30AM Mass. Registration is not required, children age 3 to 8 may participate.

Mass Schedule

Weekdays:

8:00 am

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

Pentecost Sunday
May 31, 2009

Our Liturgical Week

Monday, June 1
 8:00 a.m. Fr. ___/Neemani Family
Tuesday, June 2
 8:00 a.m. Fr. ___/Duncan MacConaghy
Wednesday, June 3
 8:00 a.m. Fr. ___/Gerald D'Arcy
 11:00 a.m. Fr. ___/Grade 7 Mass
Thursday, June 4
 8:00 a.m. Fr. ___/Gerald D'Arcy
Friday, June 5
 8:00 a.m. Fr. ___/Margaret Pyle
 5:30 p.m. Fr. ___/Graduation Mass
Saturday, June 6
 8:00 a.m. Fr. ___/Lorin & Paul Medlin
 3:30 p.m. Fr. ___/Reconciliation
 4:30 p.m. Fr. ___/_____
Sunday, June 7
 8:00 a.m. Fr. ___/Andrew Ongpian
 9:30 a.m. Fr. ___/For the Parish
 11:30 a.m. Fr. ___/_____
 6:45 p.m. Fr. ___/Celestina Milch

Bold Indicates Mass Intentions



Come, Holy Spirit! Pentecost Sunday *May 31, 2009*
 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.
 -- 1 Corinthians 12:4

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues (*Acts 2:1-11*).

Psalm -- Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (*Psalms 104*).

Second Reading -- There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (*1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13*) or *Galatians 5:16-25*.

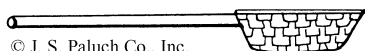
Gospel -- As the Father has sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit (*John 20:19-23*) or *John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*.

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth



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Special Collection Next Weekend

A second collection will be taken at all masses next weekend, June 6 and 7 for ...

St. Stephen Buildings, Maint. & Repair

Our Week at a Glance

Monday, June 1
Tuesday, June 2
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group/Parish Office
 7:00 p.m. Grief Group/Parish Office
Wednesday, June 3
 11:45 a.m. 7th/8th Grade Luncheon/
 Temp. Bldg.
Thursday, June 4
 10:30 a.m. "K" Puppet Show, Lunch/
 Temp. Bldg.
Friday, June 5
 8:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous/
 Parish Office & EC
Saturday, June 6
 8:30 a.m. Saturday Morning Study
 Group/Marian Room
 Evening 8th Grade Dance/Temp. Bldg.
Sunday, June 7
 4:00 p.m. Youth Group/ Temp. Bldg.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
 Monday: St. Justin; Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: St. Marcellinus and St. Peter
 Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and his companions
 Friday: St. Boniface; First Friday
 Saturday: St. Norbert; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



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, Dan Gilson, Art Hazlett, 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 Thoel, Loretta Tribulato, Richard Voyles, Maria Elena Varela, and Mary Windrow.



Pastor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

May 31, 2009

Christmas, Easter and Pentecost are the three biggest feasts of the Christian year. Pentecost is perceived as a kind of 'poor relation.' We don't have a Pentecost tree or infant in a crib. We don't have Pentecost dinner. And we never have a Pentecost Bunny, or a Pentecost egg hunt!

So, what DO we have? The scriptures tell us that the disciples, men and women, had gathered in a single room on the first Pentecost. Their leader had been killed. Being afraid of the authorities they made sure to lock and secure the room. Then, out of the blue came a rushing and noisy blast of wind which shook the whole place. Following on the heels of the wind were awesome flames of fire, a flame hovering over each person in the room.

What did it all mean? The disciples, locked in the room and fearful, were confined in their vision, outlook and attitude. Along came the Holy Spirit and their vision was expanded, their attitude changed. The Spirit emboldened them to go out and change the world. The "Acts of the Apostles" frequently uses the word 'bold' to describe the attitude of the disciples after their Pentecost experience.

Today we celebrate the Holy Spirit. We celebrate our faith, our baptism, our lives as Christians, our religion and spirituality - that magnet within us that draws us to God. Someone said that spirituality is "the energy and wisdom that roots us in God and pushes us beyond ourselves."

We ask new parishioners to become involved in the life of the parish, to sign up for various ministries and clubs. We ask new school parents to become active in the school clubs and organizations. We ask all to open their eyes and hearts to see the large picture that is the St. Stephen Faith Community. The Spirit offers us the "big picture" of life and

calls us to be a people who don't hide behind locked doors and small ideas, but who go out and get connected and involved and try to make a difference.

Our spirituality gets dehydrated and limited and lost when we think of it as getting away with as little involvement as possible. It becomes brimfull and powerful when we constantly nourish it with God's word, the revealing stories of Jesus in the gospels that disclose to us the full picture of who we can become and what God can do for us. "O Lord," prayed St. Augustine seventeen hundred years ago, "grant me to discover all I can become and all you can be for me."

Your Pastor,

Ft. Joe

For New and/or Expecting Parents

Our next pre-baptismal preparation class for new and/or expecting parents and godparents will be Saturday Jun 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the Marian Room. The class is required for all new parents prior to baptizing their child. Please call the Parish Office to register for this class.



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 **May 18 thru 24** were:

**Samantha Baker, Alexa Martinez,
Adrienne Tiña, Annika Tiña,
Danae Beccera, Catherine Pabalan,
Thomas Gaerian, Saoirse McCormack,
Alexander Jarnutowski, Olivia Abad,
Phillip Simmons, Matthew Birsinger,
Jay Francisco, Brianna Martin,
Janelle Labiaga, Kirstie O'Callaghan,
Sean Kim, Mathew Pashby,
Thomas McGovern, Erik Wassmer,
and Logan White. Thank you!**

Mark Your Calendar

Today! May 31, 2009 The Bloodmobile returns to St. Stephen to collect your life giving gift.

June 3, 2009 Spring Parish Luncheon Alma Via of San Francisco will host their annual parish luncheon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Please join them for a 3 course lunch (free) and entertainment. RSVP by May 29th to 415 337-1339.

June 10, 2009 Last Day of School!

June 23, 2009 Our 50+ Club ventures off on a day trip to the River Rock Casino in the beautiful Alexander Valley. Note; this popular adventure is sold out. Watch this space for an announcement regarding a return trip to the fabulous Red Hawk Casino in Placerville.

June 30, 2009 Prime Note Ensemble **Benefit Concert** will be held at St. Stephen Church at 7:30 p.m.

September 13, 2009 Our **Parish Picnic** will once again be held at Blackberry Farm.

St. Stephen 50+ Club

Our next meeting is Monday, June 8th at 12:30 p.m. We will meet in our Temporary Building. (Contact: Helga D'Arcy at 731-8211).

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

Today, Sunday, May 31 - Ophelia Cabatic
Sunday, June 7 - Francie Pasquini
Sunday, June 14 - Youth Group



Sacrificial Giving

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Weekly collection goal.....\$ 8,000
Past weekend collection (5/24).....\$ 4,826
Year to Date Goal.....\$409,000
Year to Date.....\$359,069

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

BIBLICAL DEPTH

The words of the Bible find me at a deeper level of my being than any other book does.

--Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Together we make a great team!

Yes, St. Stephen parishioners, we're more than half way to our AAA goal of \$69,300. Thanks to the generous support of the following donors, we have now raised 52 percent of our AAA assessment or \$36,613! A special thank you this week to:

Josephine Ambrose

Anonymous

Marie & John Duggan

Diane & Al Gragnani

Rosa & Justo Lopez

Shannon & Stan Raggio

Lorraine Rinaldi

Virginia M.Y. Wong

One hundred and forty-four St. Stephen families and individuals have stepped up to the plate to contribute to AAA in 2009. This includes **44** families who are new to AAA this year and **30** families who have matched or exceeded Father Walsh's \$500 AAA contribution. We are so grateful for your generosity.

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 us to meet our goal.\$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!

ALL ARE SENT

Fifty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of all God's promises in the feast of Pentecost, a feast that has sometimes been called the birthday of the church. One last time we are reminded that we Christians have received the Holy Spirit, not for our own benefit, but to enable us to follow our Christian vocation.

The centerpiece of the scriptures for Pentecost is the account in Acts of the Apostles of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The other readings for this Sunday help us to understand what it means to live out our Christian vocation. Paul's letter shows us the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gives to us. John's Gospel reminds us that Jesus has sent all his disciples to share his forgiveness and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Benefit Concert
Prime Note Ensemble
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Date: June 30, 2009
Place: St. Stephen Church

Music

St. Stephen Church will host the Prime Note Ensemble, the first Filipino all-male a capella choir based in Saudi Arabia on June 30, 2009 for a one night performance. Prime Note Ensemble won the bronze medal at the 4th World Choir Games in Xiamen, China. This year they will be competing at the California Choral Festival and Competition in San Luis Obispo and also in Goriza, Italy and Barcelona, Spain. The group was recently ranked as one of the top 50 Male Choirs in the world by Musica Mundi. Tickets are \$20.

Proceeds benefit the building fund for Donworth Hall among others. For tickets and more information, call (415) 676 1936 and at www.brownpapertickets.com



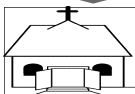
Special Religious Education Classes

The Religious Education Office of the Archdiocese of San Francisco sponsors classes for children and adults with special challenges. The sessions which take place within the city of San Francisco are currently:

***St. Gabriel Parish (grade school children).**
Classes on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

***St. Cecelia Parish (adults/pre and post Confirmation).** Sessions of monthly sharing on Sundays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

According to the individual need, other sites and schedules are possible. For more information, please contact: Sr. Julie O'Neill, BVM, Coordinator of Special Needs for the Archdiocese of San Francisco at 415 614-5655.



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!

An Ode to Summer And Automatic Payments

Summer is almost here
The long, lazy season
The best time of year
Warm days beckon
Whoops there's the fog!
Time to leave town
Don't forget the dog

Pack your sunscreen and sandals
And something to read
Two weeks will fly by
With astonishing speed
But what of your Church
That you so dearly love
your God and your friends
Of which we speak thereof
We will continue to pray
For you and yours
that you take time to relax
and forget most of your chores
But if you want to keep giving
While you are away
Sign-up for e-Contributions
You can do it today!

Get ready for summer!

Sign up for *e-Contributions* and contribute safely, simply and automatically to St. Stephen Church. You decide how much and how often to give in advance and arrange to have the amount either automatically deducted from your checking account or charged to your credit card. To register on-line, visit www.e-paluch.com.

Summer Recreation Leagues

CYO is offering a fun opportunity for kids to participate in our Summer Recreation Programs: Coed Volleyball League, May 26 - July 2; Boys & Girls Basketball Leagues, July 7 - August 13; Gaelic Football League; June 1 - July 9; Girls Volleyball Day Camps and Boys & Girls Basketball Day Camps; various summer sessions. All youth who are entering the 3rd - 8th grades this fall (2009) are eligible.

All games/practices will be held in San Francisco parish and city gyms. To register:

1. Sign up with your Parish/School Athletics Director.
2. Register online or download a registration form at cyo.cccyo.org and mail to address on form.
- or 3. Call 415 972-1252 to obtain forms or for more information.