19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come” (Luke 12:40).

STAFF:
Rev. Francisco J. Anzoátegui, Pastor
Rev. Gabino O. Macías, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Andrew T. Grelak, Senior Priest
Deacon: Alfredo Nieves
Deacon: Wilfredo Dilan
Deacon: Carlos Turcios
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Assistant Coordinator & Sacristan: Maria M. Nieves
Mass Media Coordinators: Osvaldo & Margarita Calderon
Secretary: Maria M. Nieves
Financial Manager: Kelly McPherson
Cemetery Director: Joseph Viel, CSI

WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday: 4 p.m. (English) - 7 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (English) - 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Monday to Saturday: 8 a.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m. (in Spanish)

HOLY DAY MASSES: As announced

Confessions:
Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Or by appointment

August 7, 2022
**Mass Intentions**

For the Week of From August 6 through August 13

**Saturday, August 6**
4:00 P.M.  Anthony O’Neill, Memorial
7:00 P.M.  Marcelliano Alzate and Maria D. Valencia, Memorial

**Sunday, August 7**
9:00 A.M.  Delia and Guillermo de Creamer, Memorial
10:30 A.M.  "El Salvador del mundo" - Patron Saint of El Salvador
Jonathan Velez, Memorial
Special Intention of the donor
Betania Maria Lopez, Health/Blessings
Emma Gomes Lopez, Health/Blessings
12:30 P.M.  Clarissa Palencia, Birthday Blessings
Mary McGuire, Memorial
Tirso de los Santos, Memorial
Patricia Ann Alioto, Memorial

**Monday, August 8**
8:00 A.M.  In Thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy for favors received

**Tuesday, August 9**
8:00 A.M.  Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, August 10**
8:00 A.M.  Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Stephen Parish
7:00 P.M.  Maria Tarcila (Lily) Roca, Memorial

**Thursday, August 11**
8:00 A.M.  Mary Buttarazzi, Health and Blessings

**Friday, August 12**
8:00 A.M.  Jose A. Nuñez, Memorial

**Saturday, August 13**
8:00 A.M.  George R. Desmond, 3rd Anniversary
4:00 P.M.  Rev. Msgr. Edward Zeitler, 5th Anniversary
7:00 P.M.  Juan Maria Castanaza, Memorial

**Rose for Life Intentions**

The Roses for Life this week are sponsored by Joe and Rachel Previte for birthday blessings for their son Joe Previte, by Virginia Ellis in memory of Msgr. Robert Giggi, by the Morales-Paredes family for health and blessings for the family, by the Morales-Paredes family for health and blessings for the Marroquin-Valdez family, by the Morales-Paredes family in memory of Manuel de Jesús González.

**Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass** — It’s not too early to tell couples who will be celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries this year that they are invited to join Sean Cardinal O’Malley for a special Mass at the Holy Cross Cathedral on Sunday, November 6th, at 2:00 p.m. to mark these special occasions. The Mass includes a renewal of vows and a special blessing from the Cardinal. Couples can register at www.evangelizeboston.com/event/annualwedding-anniversary-mass. For more information, email Emily_Elliott@rcab.org.

**The Assumption of Mary**

Monday, August 15

Although the feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother into Heaven is not a Holy day of Obligation this year, we will still celebrate this great mystery in the life of our Blessed Mother Mary with Masses on that Monday at 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. in English and 7:00 P.M. in Spanish. Come to honor our Blessed Mother and rejoice in her Assumption into Heaven.

“Oh Blessed Mother Mary, pray for us, your children and draw us closer to your loving Heart!”

**The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

In the Catholic Church, August is the month dedicated to the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Special prayers will be said each morning, and there will be a special Mass to honor this devotion. Please learn this prayer as we keep this devotion:

“Immaculate and pure Heart of Mary, pray for us and protect us from all evil.”

**Attention! Important Notice!**

Under no circumstances, please, DO NOT GIVE MONEY TO ANY-ONE.

We have a way to help people in need and we have never turned anyone down who truly need help. The members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society are very good Catholic people committed to their ministry. We do not want to endorse the proliferation of unneeded requests. Tell these individuals to call the Parish during

**Remember the Parish in Your Will**

One of the most important sources of donations to a parish is a bequest in the name of a deceased parishioner. We have over the years received some very generous bequests from persons who were grateful for all the blessings they had received in this parish. If you have any questions about how to go about remembering St. Stephen Parish in your will, please call our Financial Manager Kelly McPherson at (508) 875-4788.

**RCIA Classes in the Fall** — If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, or would like to become a Catholic, we will start classes on Sunday, October 16th. We will meet every Sunday, except for holiday weekends, from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. up through Easter, which is April 9, 2023. Any questions, call Mr. Drummey at the Office.
Readings for the Week of August 7, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-14/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6/Mt 19:3-5
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-5

Financial Information
Offertory Collection 7/30 and 7/31 $ 4,911
We Share (On-line giving) $ 75
Mission Appeal Total $ 4,150
Weekly Needed to Cover Expenses $ 6,000
Thanks for your faithful support!

“Happy the servant, whom the Lord finds ready when he returns” (Luke 12:43)

The Sacraments: Channels of Grace

To help us get to Heaven, Jesus gave us seven Sacraments to strengthen us and make us holy. There are three elements to each sacrament: (1) They are visible and effective signs that we can observe, such as pouring water on a child’s head in Baptism. (2) They were given to us by Jesus Himself, as when He told the Apostles to go forth and baptize all nations (cf. Matthew 28:19) or gave them the power to forgive sins (cf. John 20:22-23). (3) Their purpose is to give us grace, that is, God’s divine help.


In the Sacraments, God uses ordinary things, such as oil, water, and bread, to bring about extraordinary spiritual results. It is important to remember that the Sacraments get all their power from Christ Himself. It is Christ who baptizes, who confirms, who forgives sins, who transforms bread and wine into His Body and Blood. Even if the priest or bishop is not a holy person, the sacrament is still valid because it is Christ who administers it.

Sacraments are not like magic. We must cooperate with them in order to obtain God’s grace. We can receive Confirmation and never go to church again, so in that case our refusal to cooperate with God will keep us from getting to Heaven. It is not God’s fault if we don’t get to Heaven; it is our fault according to the bad choices which we freely made.

2022 Catholic Appeal: Faith in Action. It All Starts with You!

With great joy and deep gratitude, I am pleased to inform the community that we have surpassed our goal for the 2022 Catholic Appeal, and the Parish will obtain a most needed rebate from this collection that will be of great use to us for repairs to our Church.

At this point, I want to thank sincerely EVERYONE WHO MADE THE SACRIFICE AND EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS CAMPAIGN. With your help, we were able to raise $29,052 which is 125% of our goal this year.

Once again, you all came thru as you always do and showed how much you care for this community and for our beloved Catholic Church.

May the Lord reward each and every one of you for the love you have for our beloved Parish of Saint Stephen, and for joining hands with us in accomplishing this very important goal.

Thank you.