



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 18, 2019

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30,11:00 & 7:00 PM (Summer Mass Time)

Reconciliation: Fridays 9:00-10:00 AM

Saturdays 3:00-4:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration See Calendar pg 2

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See a listing of Parish Staff on the back inside page

Words from Fr. Ed

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!

What is this fire that Jesus is speaking about? He relates it to his own baptism in blood as well as the division that will occur because of Him. One fire that we know comes because of His exit from this world is the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus says, "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you." (John 16:7) Jesus must go away. He must make a sacrifice of His life. This is His baptism in blood.

Jesus' baptism in blood culminates His life of self-giving here on earth. It is the new covenant in His blood which is perpetuated in the Holy Eucharist. The consecration of the Precious Blood reads thus:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
For this is the chalice of my blood,
The blood of the new and eternal covenant,
Which will be poured out for you and for many
For the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in memory of me.

His life, now poured out, leads the way to our baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus completes His witness through the Resurrection and the Ascension, essential mysteries of our Christian faith, as is professed in the Creed:



For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

As Jesus ascends, he instructs them,

And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.

This is the third baptism, after water, then blood, now comes the fire of God's truth. These represent the three sacraments of initiation; Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist.

Archbishop Sartain

Please note this invitation (left) to the people of the Archdiocese to join Archbishop Sartain for Mass at St. James Cathedral on Sunday, September 1, at noon as he prepares for retirement. A public reception will follow.

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Weekly Readings

August 18 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary TimeJer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

August 19 Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

August 20 Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

August 21 Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16 **August 22** Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

August 23 Friday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

August 24 Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

August 25 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

August 19 8:30a – 9:00a 8:30a – 10:30a 10:00 -11:45a noon — 2:00p 11a-midnight 3:00p – 3:30p 5:30p – 6:00p 6:00p – 8:00p 6:30p – 7:00p 6:30p – 8:00p	Monday Morning Prayer & Rosary Darling Dusters Food Bank Rosary Making Eucharistic Adoration Divine Mercy Chaplet Evening Prayer Library MASS Fil-Am Choir Practice
August 20 8:30a – 9:00a 9a – midnight. 1:00p – 3:00p 3:00p – 3:30p 6:30p – 7:00p 7:00p – 9:00p 7:30p – 9:00p	Tuesday Morning Prayer & Rosary Eucharistic Adoration Library Divine Mercy Chaplet MASS Girlfriends Lit & Latte Knights of Columbus
August 21 12:00a-12:00a 8:30a – 9:00a 1:00p – 3:00p 3:00p – 3:30p 4:00p – 5:45p 5:30p – 6:00p 6:30p 7:00p 7:15p – 7:45p	Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer & Rosary Library Divine Mercy Chaplet Food Bank Evening Prayer MASS Most Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion
August 22 3:00a – 12:00a 8:30a – 9:00a 8:30a – 12:00p 3:00p – 3:30p 6:30p – 7:00p 7:00p – 8:15p 7:00p – 7:45p	Thursday Eucharistic Adoration Morning Prayer & Rosary Thursday Crew Divine Mercy Chaplet MASS FAQ Apologetics Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
August 23 8:30a – 9:00a 9:00a–10:00a 9:00a – midnight 10:00 –11:45a 3:00p – 3:30p	Friday MASS Reconciliation Eucharistic Adoration Food Bank Divine Mercy Chaplet
August 24 12:00a-1:00a 6:00a - 8:00a 8:30a - 9:00a 9:00a - 4:30p 1:00p - 3:00p 3:00p - 4:00p 5:00p - 6:00p 6:00p - 8:00p	Saturday Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Adoration MASS Eucharistic Adoration Library Reconciliation Vigil MASS (Our Lady Of La Vang) Our Lady Of La Vang Reception
August 25 6:00a - 8:00a 8:30a - 9:30a 9:45a - 11:00 11:00- 12:00p 12:00p-1:00p 1:00p - 2:30p 5:00p - 5:30p 7:00p - 8:00p	Sunday Eucharistic Adoration MASS Library MASS Eucharistic Adoration (in church following Mass Grief Support Ministry Library MASS



Make Your Faith Come Alive in Your Life!

Come to an Evening with Fr. Ed! Come for the Fellowship and Small Group discussions, for Prayer, a DVD about our Catholic Faith, and a Teaching by Fr. Ed White!



When: Friday, August 23 6:30-8:30 PM: In the Narthex

Food: NO Cost Please bring a potluck item. Drinks provided.

RSVP at

https://ststephenslife.com/living-faith-fellowship

Next Evening August 23 - A Walk Through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy

Questions/Info: Contact Anne Merklin at sstmassociate@gmail.com, 253-631-1940 ext 126

Are You Considering Becoming A Catholic?



Join Us for Inquiry Sessions, Starting Thursday, Sept 19th!

Do you or someone you know wish to learn about the Catholic faith and receive the Sacraments of Initiation?

INQUIRY SESSIONS for

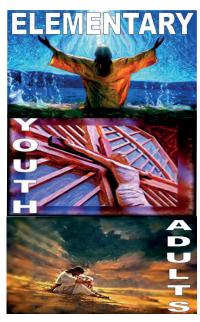
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) are for:

- Those who want to learn about the Catholic faith.
- Those in other faith traditions interested in joining the Catholic Church.
- Adult Catholics who have not received all their Sacraments.

Inquiry Sessions for RCIA are Thursdays, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, in the parish Annex/Outreach building behind the Church.

If you have any questions, please contact, Anne Merklin, sstmassociate@gmail.com or call 253-631-1940, ext. 126.

Faith Formation Programs



FAITH FORMATION SUMMER AND FALL 2019 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

Elementary Programs (K – 5th Grade) Wednesday Nights 6:00 to 7:15 pm Religious Ed, First Eucharist and Connections Classes are done for the Summer! (See Below for Fall Registration Information and Updates.)

Youth Programs (6th – 12th Grade) Sunday Nights 6:45 to 8:30 pm Edge, Life Teen, CY1 and CY2 Classes are done for the Summer! (See Below for Fall Registration Information and Updates.)

Want to know what is happening in our Teen Programs? Follow us on Instagram sstm teen.

Adult Programs

Sept 19 - Catholic Inquiry Sessions (Details Below)

Sept 21 - Next Infant Baptismal Class (See Details Below)

Sept 24 – Adult Bible Study AM and PM Sessions (See Details Below)

Fall 2019-20 Registration Update:

Thank you to everyone who participated in Fall Registration for teen and children's programming! If you missed registration, please watch the bulletin through the summer. We will have late registration instructions soon. For questions contact the Faith Formation office at (253) 631-6175, ext. 115, or at sstm.vfmoffice@gmail.com.

Little Saints Preschool Fall 2019-20 Registration Information:

Little Saints Preschool MWF multi-age class is full for Fall 2019-20. There is space available in the TTh 3's class and the M-Th Pre-K class. To enroll contact Abbie Nelson, Program

Director, at sstm.littlesaints@gmail.com.



Our Next Infant Baptismal Class is Saturday, September 21, 2019. From 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in classrooms 128-129. Please take class 3

months prior to desired month of baptism. A \$10.00 donation per

family is appreciated. For questions contact Teresa Wright via email at: sstm.baptism@gmail.com.





FALL 2019: It's a great time to begin studying the Bible! Our fall program begins

September 24, 2019. Our study is called "Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" and is from Ascension Press. We meet on Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening. The morning session begins at 9:20 am

and the evening session begins at 6:15 pm. Each session lasts approximately two hours. We'd love to have you join us. To join us or for more information contact Karen Buchert at: kasbuchert@comcast.net or Maria Trejo in the Faith Formation Office

at: sstm.yfmoffice@gmail.com.



Are You Thinking of **Becoming a Catholic?**

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith and its teachings? We can help you find the answers!

COME TO HEAR WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BECOMING A CATHOLIC! Join Us for Inquiry Sessions: Thursday, September 19th, 7:00-9:00 pm,

Annex Building (behind Church).

For more information or questions contact; Anne Merklin at sstmassociate@gmail.com or call 253-631-1940, ext. 126.

Human Life and Justice



If you are a pregnant mother in distress or know someone facing a crisis pregnancy, our Gabriel Angels are trained volunteer mentors who walk beside Mom with spiritual, emotional, & practical support. Call 1-888-926-ANGEL to connect with an Angel. Questions? Contact Roberta Jorgensen: robertajorgensen@comcast.net

Pregnant & Need Help? Call 1-800-395-HELP or 1-877-NOT-ALONE to talk with someone 24/7 or visit www.optionline.org for information. Call Prepares, 206-737-9264, http://preparesforlife.org Homeless & Pregnant? Call Good Counsel Homes, 1-800-723-8331, www.goodcounselhomes.org. Find women's healthcare services at 3W Medical Clinic www.3wmedical.org/ in the U-District (206-588-0311). Find local pregnancy centers at www.911babies.com, including Pregnancy Aid in Kent (253-852-1201), Des Moines (253-878-3770), and Next Step in Lynnwood (866-892-5125).

USCCB quote...

"Within the 'people of life and the people for life,' the family has a decisive responsibility. This responsibility flows from its very nature as a community of life and love, founded upon marriage, and from its mission to 'guard, reveal and communicate love'" (The Gospel of Life, no. 92). --Citing John Paul II, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Familiaris Consortio (22 November 1981), 17: AAS 74 (1982), 100. Excerpt from Evangelium vitae © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.





Saint Paul Street Evangelization - Join us this summer at the Kent and Renton Farmers Markets, fun and friendly visits with the commu-

nity. For more info call Jane 206-229-6778 or email jane.gootherts@gmail.com

Praying For Sick

Marie Peacock Albers, Nela Pacleb, Irene Bauman, JoAnna Bailey, Jim Dougherty, Brian W. French, Lydia Franada, Chad Horky, Mary Byersdorf, Leila Abada, Kelley Chazes, April Sedall, Nicole Paulsen, Shelby Talley, Christina Rafferty, Antonio San, Nicolas Nenita, San Nicolas, Rolf Ju, Emelita Joyosa, Leonora Bernabe, Johanna Abafo, James Vaccaro, Marlene Hill, Teresa Wright, Precilla Del Rosario, Yvonne (Dawn) Kunkle, Jesse Boyovich, Jan Sykes, Phyllis Beaver, Joel Rivera, Julie Fernandez, Saksithan Hak, Lan Buck, Joshua Hecox, Charito Rubis Galindo, Rose Herlya, Manny Gutierrez, JJ Conavad, Jim Steckler, Cam-Tu Fulong, Ngan Nguyen, Adam Bynum, Xavier Mascaren, Ester Hansen, Jesusa Cadalina, Henry de Guzman, Dolores Dela Cruz, Nicomedes Rodriguez, Molly Dinsmore

Serving in the Military

Major Patrick Warfel, Captain Philip Clay LT Luke Carpenter (deployed) Stephen Snelling, Zachary Cullers, (Japan) Jack Cullers in US, Zenaida Roth, Sydney Munn

Deaths May - July

May: Brenda Jones June: Rachel Snelling July: Deanna Pellerin, Bruno Corsi, Paul Johnson

To add names to the box. please e-mail ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940. To contact the Prayer Chain please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com



St. Stephen Housing Association is gearing up for its November 9th Wine Tasting and Auction Fundraiser "HOPE FOR HOUSING", which raises money for our program serving homeless families. We are looking for auction items, such as tickets to events, rounds of golf, and restaurant and spa gift certificates, or brand new items you've just never used, just to name a few. Or if you love to make gift baskets and would like to make one for the auction, we would be thrilled! Do you have a skill you would be

willing to donate that could be auctioned off? If you have something to donate that could be used in our auction to raise to help homeless families, we would love to talk to you! Please contact us at 253-638-9798 or SSHAfundraiser@gmail.com. Thank you!

Collection Counter Needed, running tapes, tabulating totals and preparing deposits. Requirements: Math aptitude, confidentiality and background check required. If interested contact the bookkeeper at sstmbookkeeping@gmail.com



Fall Men's Retreat - Join Us for this Exciting Retreat Designed for Men!

This 3-day event (Friday evening, through early Sunday afternoon; October 11-13) will explore the challenge men face of authentically living their faith in the world today. Our Retreat Master, Dr. Tom Curran, and Pastor Fr. Ed White, will guide us through a rich and thought provoking encounter with Christ.

Our Featured Retreat Master: Dr. Tom Curran Host of Sound Insight, Dr. Tom Curran is a speaker, author, and podcast/radio host. As a speaker, Dr. Curran has given over 1800 presentations to more than 350,000 people in 35 states and 6 countries. He specializes in many topics, including the Sacraments, marriage and family, evangelization, and the Holy Spirit. For more than 11 years Dr. Curran has been the host of Sound Insight, a Cath-

olic weekday radio show and podcast that airs on 5 stations and reaches thousands of Catholics online.





Outreach Ministry

Under the Patronage of Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Contact: Darlene Simpson

Office Phone: 253-631-1940 etc 103 Email: darsimpson@gmail.com

"It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving." St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Food Bank In Outreach Building Mon's & Fri's 10am - 11:45am Wednesday's 4pm - 5:45pm

Needed this week: This week tit seems we are very low on tuna fish. If you can help that would be

great!

FYI: People who are served by our food bank are only allowed to come once a month. You need to be a registered parishioner (min. 6 months) to receive financial aid from St. Stephens. The food bank is an exception.

Attention: Parishioners with Students in School between Kindergarten and Seniors in High School

If you need help with school supplies, please contact Darlene Simpson in Outreach Ext. 127 or at darsimpson@gmail.com.

Gas, grocery, McDonald's and Subway gift cards are always appreciated! Please support our food bank with prayers and donations so that we can support others! Thank you for your generosity! *NOTE*: Please take PERISHABLE FOOD items to Food Bank directly. Thank you.

St. Stephens' Medical Closet - The St. Stephen's Medical Closet provides free and easy access to medical equipment for St. Stephen's parishioners and their families. Parishioners can borrow donated equipment for as long as they need it, returning it when the need is no longer there. There are no fees. We run solely on charitable community giving. If you are in need of medical equipment or would like to donate medical equipment, please contact one of the following team members: Norman Matheson 425-228-0601 thenorthsea@comcast.net, Donna Williamson 253-854-1290 Willi3_5@g.com or Jennifer Walker 253-985-0109.



St. Stephen Housing Association is currently looking for people with a heart for service to join our board of directors. SSHA is a transitional housing program serving homeless families with children. We help families find stability and get back into permanent housing, and our board helps to govern and guide our work. If you are interested, or would just like more information about this opportunity, please call Ann Allen at 253-638-9798. No previous experience needed!

FAQ Apologetics Discussion group meets Thursdays, 7pm in the Conference Room. Learn how to answer the questions family, friends and coworkers ask about the Catholic Christian faith. For more info email Sean Stewart tarses@centurylink.net or visit the group.

Help Wanted: Help Wanted: Assistant to the Bookkeeper, bookkeeping experience preferred, to work 3- 4 hours each Monday morning. Please note: This is a temporary position. For more information, please contact Eric Miller, e-mail: sstmbookkeeping@gmail.com



Electrician Needed! Our Hall Kitchen Team needs a Licensed Commercial Electrician Contractor to join the Restoration project for the Social Hall kitchen. Can you help? Please contact Joe Valmonte at joev@peaseandsons.com for questions and information. We appreciate everyone's continued prayers and support



St Vincent de Paul Conference would like to thank our parishioners who continually help our neighbors in need of our help. A big thank you for the parishioners who answered our call to help our neighbor with 4 children in providing us the means to deliver clothes and shoes for all 4 kids.

3 Minute Retreat - At your computer with a few minutes to re-focus? Try visiting www.3minuteretreat.com/

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS: Our annual picnic will be on Sunday, Aug. 25th at 3 pm at the home of Dennis & Jayne Thueringer. The cost is \$5, plus you are asked to bring a potluck item (appetizer, salad, or dessert). There will be carpooling from the lower parking lot of church at 2:45. Please RSVP Joann at 253-639-3787

Grief Ministry - If you are grieving the death of a loved one, come find strength and compassion with the St. Stephen's Grief Support Group on Sunday, August 18th from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Chapel. Our topic will be "Guilt—If Only....". For more info, contact Sharon Rasmussen at 425-228-1437. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes...for the old order has passed away." Revelation 21, 4

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Join us for a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje September 29 – October 2, 2019. Medjugorje is a place of profound peace, where multitudes of pilgrims have experienced conversion of heart and spiritual renewal, drawing close to Christ through our Holy Mother. For more information, please visit: www.medjugorjepilgrimage.net.

Don't Miss the Footsteps of St. Paul Pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey Including a 3-Night Mediterranean Cruise! Join Bill & Patty Swedberg, Pilgrimage Hosts, Fr. Brooks Beaulaurier, Spiritual Director, and Dr. Timothy Mullner, Pathfinders' President, April 19-28, 2020, for the trip of a lifetime through Greece & Turkey. Follow in the footsteps of St. Paul & the early Church while visiting sites such as Corinth, Ephesus, Thessaloniki, Athens, Santorini, and MORE! Download the Brochure Register TODAY: https://bit.ly/2TkqcoS Questions? info@pathfinders.me





Parish Information

New to St. Stephen's? Welcome! Learn more about our vibrant community by visiting our web site at www.ststephenslife.com or emailing us at WelcomeStStephenslife.com or emailing

Parish Office Hours: Most weeks, Monday - Friday, 9 AM - Noon and 1-5 PM. **Bulletin Notices:** The **article deadline is 5 PM on the Monday** before the weekend you wish it to appear. Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email notices to: ourbulletin@gmail.com. Our bulletin is provided free of charge by the advertisers on the back of the bulletin. To place an ad, contact Janis Charles with Catholic Printery at 206-713-8187 or e-mail janisc@catholicprintery.com.

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Child Care Nursery	Liese Diachenko		StStephensChildCare@gmail.com.
St Stephen Housing Association		253-638-9798	office@ststephenhousing.org
SVDP Help-Line		206-767-6449	
Custodial Support	Brian Guenther, Soo K	<i>(</i> im	briang.sstm@gmail.com

Marriage: Couples seeking Marriage must contact the church 9 months before their wedding date. Some preparation and Parish Registration are required before a date can be set. Contact Teresa Wright for details concerning marriage at (253) 631-6175, Ext. 120.

Annulments: (for those who are divorced): For compassionate and confidential answers to your questions and for help through the annulment process, please contact our parish Tribunal Advocate, Veronica Smith-Casem, at vsmithcasem@gmail.com or 425-301-0356.

Baptism: Preparation and Parish Registration are required for both Parents and Godparents/Sponsors. Baptisms are held monthly. Contact the Faith Formation Office for details (253-631-6175).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For adults to become Catholic & be baptized. Contact Anne Merklin 253-631-1940 ext 126. sstmassociate@gmail.com



In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus says "Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy." Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the neighbors we visit. We have a single mom, 8th months pregnant with her first baby, a girl. She is due August 22nd. During our home visit we brought a car seat and learned she has no other baby items or family in the area. If you have anything to help this new mom please call Shirley at 253-350-9638. Our Conference is experiencing an increased number of Spanish speaking neighbors in need. If you speak Spanish our SVDP Conference and the neighbors we serve need you. Call Shirley at 253.350.9638 for details.

Parish Stewardship Giving

To Our Parish:	Budget	Actual	Difference	Our Other Giving:	
Last Weekend	\$28,645	\$20,327	-\$8,318	Maintenance Reserve	\$376
Fiscal Year to Date	\$174,638	\$158,395	-\$16,243	Christian Social Action	\$623

Rachel's Corner: Hope and Healing After Abortion Before the retreat my life was full of anger, my cross was heavy, and I was angry with myself; on retreat I went through detox because that is what it is like to be filled with pain, anger, and frustration. Now I am feeling my healing and my resurrection to this new life God has given me. He has fed me with His word, His Mass and His communion. -Testimonial. Your healing after abortion can most certainly be a resurrection to a new life that you thought would never be yours again. Ask Him to give you the courage to take that step towards Him. He will do everything else. Rest in Him on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and come alive again. Call Aleah at 206-920-6413 Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. www.ccsww.org/projectrachel You are loved with an everlasting Love!