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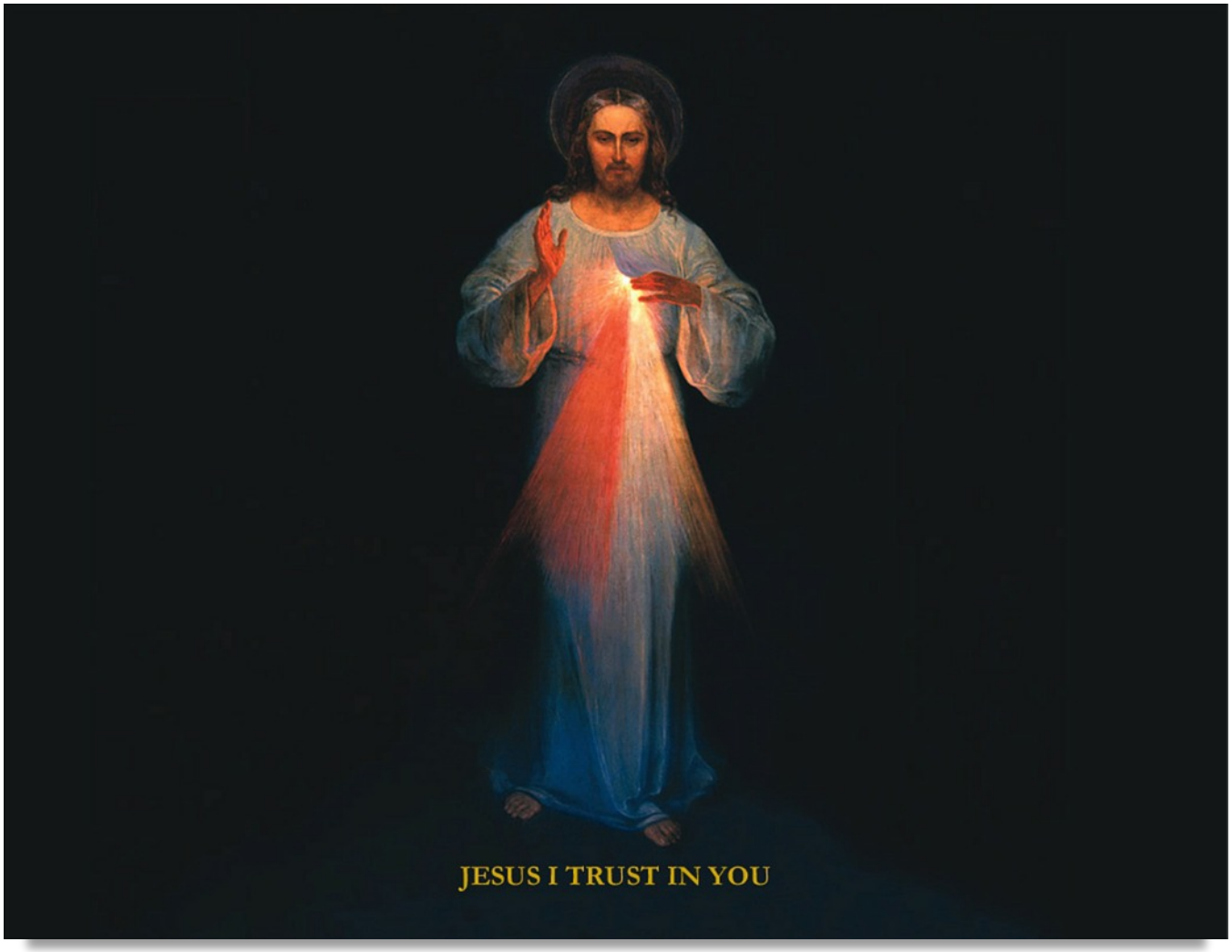
Sharing the transforming light of Christ



Divine Mercy Sunday
April 19, 2020

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30,11:00 & 5:30 PM
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

As the Father has sent me, so I send you
Mercy Sunday

Tragically, the coronavirus has impacted our parish and taken two of our parishioners. We ask God to give them peace, along with all the other sufferers of this virus. It has led to "The Strangest Holy Week Ever." I know that's not what we were praying for. We've heard the expression, "The Best Lent Ever;" well, now we have the strangest ever. With virus restrictions we were driven into Live-stream mode, where we continue to live as we enter Easter week. It's strange, and sad, not to have you with me at Liturgy. You are missed. But God has not changed and our mission has not changed.

Our vision of *Sharing the Transforming Light of Christ* continues. We've been doing exactly that via Live-stream. Our Live-stream for Easter Sunday has, as of this writing (Monday the 13th):

Mass	2000 views	Angelus	325 views
Morning Prayer	570 views	Divine Mercy	401 views
Evening Prayer	281 views		

I have also been able to connect with our youth via Zoom, thanks to our Youth Ministers, Debbie and Beth.

The coronavirus is changing how we do ministry, forcing us to use the internet more than in the past. Imagine, it began with one human being in China and has now infected almost two million people around the world, killing 116,000 of those (as of 4/13/20). While that is a lot of people, as of April 1st, it was only the 11th cause of death in the world, behind:

Seasonal Flu	122,000	Alcohol	628,000
Malaria	246,000	Smoking	1,254,000
Suicide	269,000	Cancer	2,061,000
Auto	339,000	Hunger	2,806,000
HIV/AIDS	422,000	Abortion	10,665,000

(Figures from www.worldometers.info)

Most of these are preventable through an application of God's love and truth. How do we do that in a time of quarantine?

I invite you to a time of study, beginning with ten minutes of Lectio, reading the Bible. Imagine if all Catholics read their Bibles for 10 minutes per day. What a perfect time to pick up this habit. It only takes a moment to find your Bible and open it. Set your timer at 10 minutes and begin. I'm opening this week to the Psalms. Once done with Lectio, begin a study of Church teaching. Our first reading this weekend says, "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers." (Acts 2:42) Any saint is a bearer of the teaching of the apostles, as they have imbibed the truth and have lived it with love.

I hope to make this Easter Season a preparation for the "strangest" Pentecost (May 31st) since the Acts of the Apostles. I say strange in the most positive sense of a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon St. Stephen the Martyr. We are ready for it. Please God, we will be back in our Church and celebrating full steam ahead. We need to move forward in living out our vision to share the transforming light of Christ. Please pray for this intention

Mercy Upon the World

Mercy Sunday is the grand finale and conclusion of our Novena of Divine Mercy. We have prayed since Good Friday for various categories of persons who need God's mercy. Jesus said to St. Faustina:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.
Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment
On this day the very depths of My tender mercy are open.
I pour out a whole ocean of grades upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy...
Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.
Eternal Father, we offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world. (Prayer taught to Faustina by Our Lord)

Let us pray for an end to the coronavirus and the reopening of our Churches. My heart is with you and praying for God to continue to guide our parish. May you be blessed during this time of quarantine.

Fr Ed

Weekly Readings

April 19 Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

April 20 Monday of the Second Week of Easter
Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

April 21 Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter
Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

April 22 Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter
Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

April 23 Thursday of the Second Week of Easter
Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

April 24 Friday of the Second Week of Easter
Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

April 25 Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

April 26 Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

April 19	**Monday**
10:00 – 11:45a	Food Bank (Drive by only)
6:30p - 7:15p	**Live-streamed Mass**
April 20	**Tuesday**
6:30p – 7:15p	**Live-streamed Mass**
April 21	**Wednesday**
4:00p – 5:45p	Food Bank (Drive by only)
6:30p - 7:15p	**Live-streamed Mass**
April 22	**Thursday**
6:30p - 7:15p	**Live-streamed Mass**
April 23	**Friday**
8:30a - 9:15a	**Live-streamed Mass**
April 24	**Saturday**
8:30a - 9:15a	**Live-streamed Mass**
April 25	**Divine Mercy Sunday**
9:00a – 10:00a	**Live-streamed Mass**

Urgent Invitation to Join the CCS SEWING BEE and Help Make 10,000 MASKS! To learn how you can sew masks for yourself and others visit https://ccsww.org/sewing-bee/

Legislative Advocacy
Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide our Supreme Court Justices as they prepare to render a decision on the challenge to a Louisiana law requiring that abortion-performing doctors have the right to admit patients to a local hospital.

Alterations: Video series on the MASS
Don't miss this special opportunity during the current Covid-19 crisis. There are 5 wonderful sessions which explore the depths of the sacred liturgy. Link for Altaration videos on the Mass. This will expire on 4/28/20. Visit
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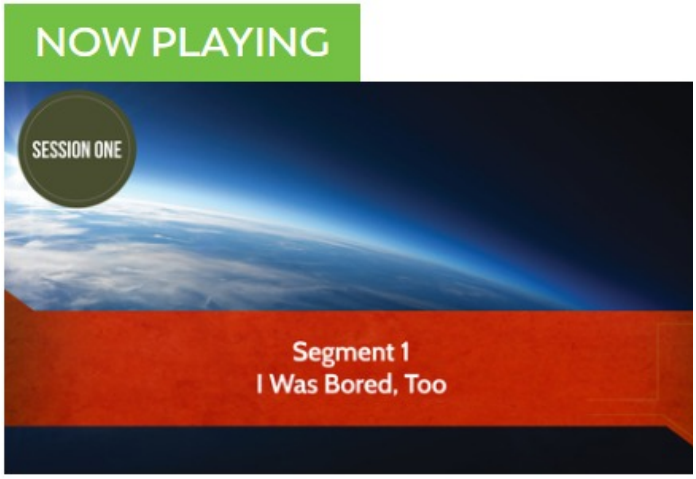

St. Stephen the Martyr is Currently Closed
Dear Brothers and Sisters, given Governors "Stay Home" order, we are closing the Church until further notice & Archbishops guidance. Our Governor has issued an order that all in Washington state are prohibited to hold gatherings of any size. In obedience to his authority and trusting that it is in the best interest of saving lives, the church will be closed temporarily. Please note this closure includes the cancellation of adoration and confessions until further notice. For the videos of the Archbishop's announcement and messages from Fr. Ed please visit .https://ststephenslife.com/ coronavirus-response

Holy Mass - During this time period when we are restricted from celebrating Mass publicly, St. Stephens is live streaming Mass from the rectory. You can find links on our website: https://ststephenslife.com/ and our Facebook page: St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, Renton WA.

The Current Mass Schedule is: Sunday at 9:00 AM; Monday through Thursday 6:30 PM; Friday & Saturday 8:30 AM. ***Important: Please note the Holy Week schedule on the left .***

Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick will be available only through appointment. Please contact the main office at 253-631-1940.
If your loved one is in need of anointing, please call the St. Stephens parish office to make arrangements for Fr. Ed or Fr. Jockim to visit. If the person in need of anointing has or is suspected of having COVID-19, we will assist you in connecting with one of the dedicated Priests the Archdiocese has commissioned to administer sacraments to COVID-19 patients. \

Please Continue Your Financial Support
The suspension of public Masses will seriously impact our weekly collection. Like most parishes, 90% of our revenue comes from the generous support of our faith community. This generosity supports the many ministries of the church as well as maintenance of the building and grounds, utilities, insurance, and payroll. Please remember our parish in your prayers and by making your regular donation. You may donate through the mail or drop off donations during office hours, weekdays from 9 AM - 4 PM. Consider signing up for electronic giving through the link"Donate Online on our parish website *www.ststephenslife.com*

Parish Stewardship Giving ***April 11 & 12, 2020***

To Our Parish:	**Budget**	**Actual**	**Difference**
Last Weekend	$34,937	$11,925	-$23,012
Fiscal Year to Date	$1,283,389	$1,153,749	-$129,640
Maintenance Reserve	$4,235	**Christian Social Action**	$385
Rice Bowl	$1,123		

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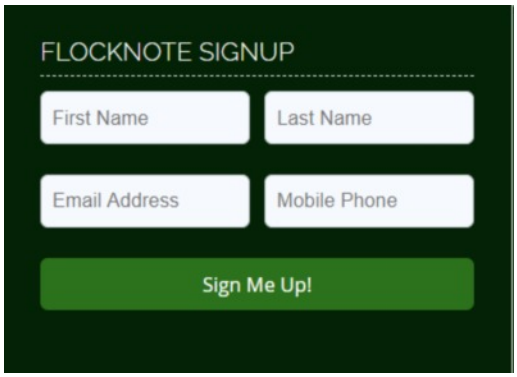
Give Up a Saturday for Lent has been Cancelled - Please watch upcoming bulletins and Weekly Updates for possible work parties in the weeks ahead. Thank you!

Faith Formation Programs

Adult Programs:
June 20 (Sat) Next Infant Baptism Class * Details Below
(**Please note:** No Infant Baptism classes during April & May due to Lent and Easter)

K to 12th GRADE PARENTS

Please check your emails regularly. We're adjusting programs as circumstances shift, and emailing instructions/ materials for parents to continue child/teen formation at home. Please let us know if you have questions, frustrations, or unique blessings!



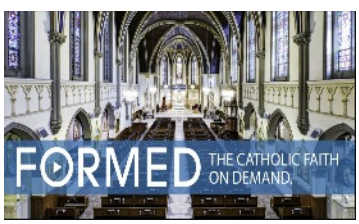
Parents, also please sign-up for Flocknote so you can get program and parish news, as well as emergency updates! To sign up for Flocknote, go to the first page of our website: ststephenslife.com. Look at the dark green section of the page.

Our Preschool Now Enrolling for Fall!
We still have a few openings left for classes starting next Fall. To learn more, contact Abbie Nelson, our Director, at sstm.littlesaints@gmail.com if you have questions.

Our Next Infant Baptismal Class is Saturday, June 20, 2020 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. Please Note: No Infant Baptism Classes in April and May due to Lent and Easter. For questions contact Teresa Wright via email at sstm.baptism@gmail.com.

From the Youth & Family Ministry Team to our Faith Formation Families: You're in our thoughts and prayers during this challenging time. Please tell us if you have any particular challenges for which you'd like prayer. We'll include them in our daily prayer. God's love is all around us. Watch for your many blessings, especially during this challenging time!

Masaka Dinner - The Masaka Dinner schedule for this year April 18th, 2020 Has Been **Canceled!!** We Pray for your continue support for our dinner next Year. If You have purchased a Ticket? The St. Stephen the Martyr Knight of Columbus will refund the purchase price of the ticket or you can donate money. All donated money will go to the Masaka Children's Foundation. For Refunds or donation please contact John Paust at 206-948-5280 Sincerely,Dell Rogers, Grand Knight.



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Parish Office Hours: Most weeks, Monday - Friday, 9 AM - Noon and 1-5 PM. **Bulletin Notices:** The **article deadline is 12:00 PM on the Friday** a week before the weekend you wish it to appear (8 days in advance). Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email notices to: ourbulletin@gmail.com.

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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).

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Deaths

Molly Douglas, Jerry Mayer, Amparo Lopez
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To contact the Prayer Chain please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

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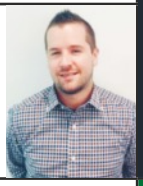

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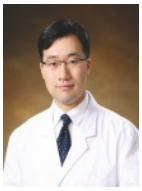

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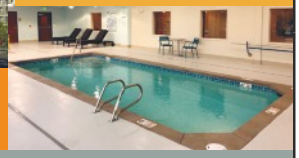

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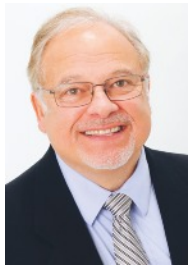

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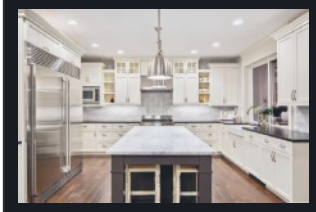

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