

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18, 2021

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30,11:00 AM

Reconciliation: Friday at 9:15 AM & Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM

or by Appointment (Call Main Office)
Eucharistic Adoration See Calendar pg 2

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Words from Fr. Ed

Rest a while...

Jesus is our rest. As St. Augustine said, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." Is your heart at rest, yet? We long for God's peace. "Our God is a God of peace." We are made in His image and likeness, inclusive of an eternal soul, so of course we long for peace in order to fulfill our divinely created nature. How can we make Jesus our rest?

Jesus Himself shows us an example of an ongoing need that we should be caring for. The Gospel says that after much ministry, Jesus said, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." We need solitude and prayer. Without these Divine gifts, we become frazzled and tend towards self-reliance to solve the pain of too much conflict. We try to save the world ourselves...and we fail.

Jesus does not fail, however, when people really trust in Him. As the Divine Mercy image invites us to pray, "Jesus, I trust in You." Trusting in Him means learning how to be God-reliant. While as children we might learn to trust God, we often, while immersed in the world's way of thinking, have learned to trust in ourselves. Disaster. As competent as we might be in human affairs, if we are relying on ourselves, we are building a wonderful house, but on sand. It will tumble. Or even worse, God will leave us in our sinful pride, blind to the tragedy of our arrogance. Jesus, heal us.

Do you take time for solitude every day? As a Secular Carmelite, I'm called to 30 minutes of meditation in silence and solitude. I can definitively say that without this rule of life I would never have completed seminary nor survived the trials of being a priest. Only by the grace of God and the nourishment of prayer have I been able to persevere thus far. He has been faithful to me. Please consider regular solitude each day.

Those of you who work outside the home might need a little transition time in nature or a holy place. I remember a millionaire banker whose family I stayed with in Vancouver. Every evening he would come home from work and go to the garden. There I would find him pulling weeds. Inane, unnecessary for a wealthy man, but necessary for someone who knew his need. What is your need today for rest? Do you know what it is?

Some go on vacations that require a week off after a week of vacation. Instead of being refreshed, we come home dissipated and stressed. Have you ever just sat in Church and enjoyed the silence? Have you ever just parked yourself by a mountain stream and forgot the destination of the hike, realizing you had already arrived? Have you ever stopped and just breathed, filling your lungs with the Holy Name of Jesus? Do so now and you will have peace.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Process

Archbishop Etienne has called for an Archdiocesan-wide Pastoral Planning process. I want to include a link here to their webpage so you can see where we are at in that process. (See https://archseattle.org/about-the-archdiocese-of-seattle/archbishop-etienne/pastoralplanning/). Here are the basics:

Our Mission

Jesus said to his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

The Vision

The outcome of a successful pastoral planning process will be a Church that reflects the Risen Christ to others. The goal is to help people have a conversion experience so they can draw closer to the Church and joyfully share Christ with the world today.

Check out Archbishop's video here:

https://archseattle.org/about-the-archdiocese-of-seattle/archbishop-etienne/pastoralplanning/pastoral-plan/

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10:00 – 11:45a 6:30p - 7:15p	Monday Food Bank (Drive by only) Mass - Live-streamed
6:30p - 7:15p	Tuesday Mass - Live-streamed
6:30p - 7:15p 4:00p – 5:45p	Wednesday Mass - Live-streamed Food Bank (Drive by only)
8:30a - 9:15a 9:30a - 9:45a	Thursday Mass - Live-streamed Distribution of Holy Eucharist
8:30a - 9:15a 9:30a - 9:45a 10:00 –11:45a	Friday Mass - Live-streamed Distribution of Holy Eucharist Food Bank (Drive by only)
8:30a - 9:15a 9:30a - 9:45a 5:00p - 6:00p	Saturday Mass - Live-streamed Distribution of Holy Eucharist Vigil Mass
8:30a – 9:30a 11:00 – 12:00p	Sunday Mass (Live-streamed) Mass

When Visiting Our Church

Please be aware that masks are always required and the chapel is limited to 10 people at one time. Also, some areas may be closed or noisy on occasion for maintenance work. Reminder: the parish phone is answered from 9 AM - 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

Open Church Hours

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 8 PM Saturday 8 AM - 10 AM and 2 PM - 8 PM Sunday 8 AM- 3 PM

NEW News Regarding Mass Attendance

There will be some changes to this weekend's Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Following the Archdiocese recent guidelines, we are making the following changes:

Registration NO LONGER Required for Weekend Masses!!!

Seating will be first come, first served. Seating capacity is limited. Overflow to the Underground Church will take place at the 8:30 and 11:00 AM Masses.

Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask, but they are no longer required. There will be separate sections for distanced and nodistanced seating.

These guidelines could be relaxed in the future, stayed tuned for more updates.

Tips for the Best Mass Experience:

There is no Underground Mass for Saturday Vigil, so please arrive early as capacity is limited. Sunday 8:30 am and 11:00 am the Underground Church in the Hall is available for Mass via Video with Communion served, if you prefer or if upstairs is full. Sunday 8:30 am Mass usually has more seating available. If you require seating assistance please arrive 15-20 minutes early. Remember, patience is a virtue, (and a blessing)! Please arrive early! We look forward to seeing you - God Bless!

Weekly Readings

July 18 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

July 19 Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

July 20 Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time Ex 14:21—15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

July 21 Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

July 22 Feast of Saint Mary MagdaleneSgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

July 23 Friday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

July 24 Saturday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

July 25 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Parish Stewardship Giving

Budget numbers not available at this time.



Why Become a Catholic? Join Us for Inquiry Sessions Starting Tuesday, Sept 21st!

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INQUIRY SESSIONS are for

• Those who want to learn about the Catholic faith.

 Those in other faith traditions who are interested in joining the Catholic Church.

 Adult Catholics who have not received all their Sacraments.

Inquiry Sessions for RCIA are Tuesdays, 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the parish Social Hall (will meet all covid-19 restrictions/guidelines).

If you have any questions, please contact, Anne Merklin, sstmassociate@gmail.com or call 253-480-7108.



Faith Formation Programs



Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year!

The Monday / Wednesday/ Friday 3's & 4's class and the Tuesday / Thursday 3's classes are full. We have a few spots available in the Monday-Thursday Pre-K class. Pick up a form in the kiosk by the

windows near the parish office and send to Abbie Nelson at: Little Saints Preschool, St. Stephen the Martyr, 13055 SE 192nd St., Renton, WA, 98058 or to sstm.littlesaints@gmail.com. We anticipate being back to our full schedule beginning in September! For questions, email Abbie at sstm.littlesaints@gmail.com.

Have a safe, restful summer and stay cool!

Our Baptism Classes Are Currently on Hold.

Please contact Teresa Wright at sstm.baptism@gmail.com for an alternative format. She will send information on how to complete the classwork as well as forms to complete and documents you must



provide. Once you have completed preparation your family will be put on our waiting list. We regret that we cannot guarantee when we will be able to schedule your child's baptism. Thank you for your kind patience.

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Parents: 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 on the left side of the page.

St. Anthony School

St. Anthony School in Renton still has some openings for Kindergarten for the upcoming 2021/22 academic school year. If you are interested, please contact them at 425.255.0059 or go to their website at www.sasr.org



Dear Parish family and friends. The month of July is upon us, which means it's time for our Respect Life Ministry to join with our Knights of Columbus council in supporting 4US (For Ultra Sound). 4US is a local respect life charity, who have over the years, with our help, furnished ultrasound machines to pregnancy centers here in Washington and across the US.

The **4US mission** is to illuminate hope for pregnant women in crisis through the power of ultrasound. Remember, 96% of women viewing their baby on ultrasound, opt to keep the baby. A powerful way they can do that is with help from our parish family and the Knights of Columbus. Please go to https://4us.org/adopt-a-center/about to learn more about this wonderful life saving organization and consider donating, so that we at SSTM can continue to stand for Stand for Life.





St Stephen the Martyr Has a Gift for You!

FORMED is an online resource which provides amazing content 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. Discover all the best Catholic Christian content in one place. Entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks, and a great selection of popular ebooks! It's FREE and easy to register! Visit ststephenslife.formed.org to create your account!



Fr. Casy Cole, OFM

Sunday, July 18

Begins with Mass at 5:30 PM

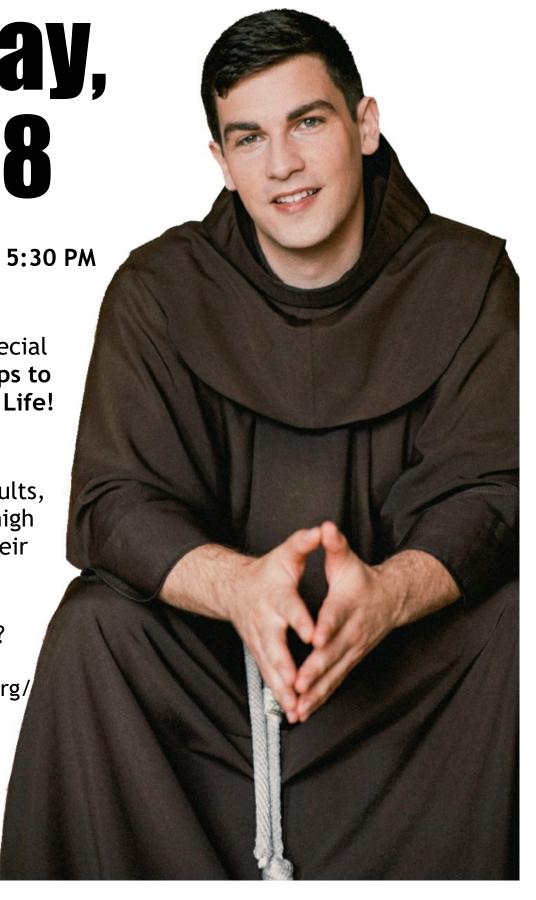
Fr. Casey presiding.

Following Mass a special presentation: 3 Steps to Finding Purpose in Life!

All are welcome, especially young adults, middle school and high school youth and their parents!

Want to learn more? Visit http:// breakinginthehabit.org/















Library News:

- The church library is currently open on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 1 to 3 pm
- Additional hours will be added as volunteers become available--so if you have a love of books, please consider volunteering for a shift
- Books, tapes, and videos that you have borrowed and are ready to return can be placed in the book return basket by the library door near the restrooms.
- Assorted bibles and bible study guides are available
- Donated items are available on the FREE table
- If you can volunteer or have questions please contact Pat at 206-824-6502 (after the phone rings you must dial 1 to be connected).
- The library belongs to YOU--ENJOY!

Gabriel PREPARES - Did you know a baby uses 7 to 11 diapers a day, over 200 a month, a very big box?? Would you like to adopt a size? Each month bring/ship one big box to St. Stephen for our 11 babies. Most needed sizes now are 4, 5, and Toddler pull-ups for both girls and boys. Contact Robertajorgensen@comcast.net or Kathleen 253.653.6074. We are looking for more angel companions to add to our program too.

July 18 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Vincent de Paul, a great man of action was also a contemplative. His contemplation of God's love overflowed into practical love for the poor. Please say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten, as you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul blue envelope.

Grief Ministry

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, come find strength and compassion with the St. Stephen's Virtual Grief Support Group on Sunday, July 18th from 1:00-2:30 pm. Our topic will be "Unfinished Business / Looking at Your Expectations". For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at srasmussen910@yahoo.com. "Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord." Psalm 31, 25

New Sacrarium Installed

- "... when you have received the body of the Lord, you reverently exercise every care lest a particle of it fall, and lest anything of the consecrated gift perish ..."
- ~ Origen of Alexandria (c.185 c.254) Christian theologian, in Homilies on Exodus 1

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist requires of us the utmost reverent treatment of His Body and Blood. To help ensure that no particle of the Body of Christ and no drop of His Precious Blood will perish at St. Stephens we are nearing completion of a new sacrarium sink in the sacristy. It has a cover, a basin, and a special pipe that drains directly into the earth instead of the sewer system. After Mass the sacred vessels and linens are rinsed in the sacrarium sink so that the sacred species is dissolved and receives a dignified "burial" in the earth.

The sacrarium is unabashedly beautiful. Notice the veins of the natural stone that are reminiscent of the Shroud of Turin, the careful workmanship of the carpentry, the crown of thorns found on the hardware, and the chi-rho and cross on the lid that symbolize Christ. God, Creator of all things and the source of beauty, is both honored and revealed in this sacred object. By reflecting His beauty the sacrarium evokes and glorifies a mystery of God -- that of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist. Meditating upon the attributes of the sacrarium can lead us to greater adoration, love, and reverence for the precious gift of His Body and Blood. May the Lord increase our faith in His real presence in the Holy Eucharist!

We give thanks to God for our new sacrarium and to the Fil-Am Spring Festival group who donated the funds to purchase this sacred object that is truly worthy of our Lord.

Parish Information

New to St. Stephen's? Welcome! Learn more about our vibrant community by visiting our web site at www.ststephenslife.com. Registration forms are online or may be obtained from the ushers and put in the collection basket or mailed in. **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: our bulletin@gmail.com.

Main Office Phone: TEL 253-631-1940 / FAX 425-255-2943 Ten digit phone numbers listed below are direct lines.

Pastor	Fr. Edward G. White	For Fr. Ed contact his a	Fr. Ed contact his assistant, Betty Mencke 253-480-7103 (100)	
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SVDP Help-Line		206-767-6449		
Custodial Support	Brian Guenther, Soo Kim		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

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, Roselyn Corpuz, 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, Rose Herlya, Manny Gutierrez, JJ Conavad, Adam Bynum, Xavier Mascaren, Ester Hansen, Jesusa Cadalina, Henry de Guzman, Nicomedes Rodriguez, Molly Dinsmore, Baby Nyhla Wallace, Angelina Rivera, Alexander, Charito Rubis Galindo, Diachenko, Art Condes, Leticia Dela Cruz Reyes, Douk Ko, Nick Montecalvo, Joe Buss, Bernadette DeMarc, Jim Steckler, Christina Nguyen and Thanh-Huyen Pham, Angelito de Leon, Felix Tarnate Jr, Alex Llaneza, Marcia Hall, , Cesar Anselmo, Dennis Anonuevo, Magnosita Manjares, Olivia Francisco Parnell, Gabriel Schafer

Serving in the Military

Major Patrick Warfel, Captain Philip Clay LT Luke Carpenter (deployed) Stephen Snelling, Jack Cullers US, Zenaida Roth, Sydney Munn, Daniel Dobbs Japan, Joey Buslon Poland

Deaths

Molly Douglas, Jerry Mayer, Amparo Lopez, Rodney MaxieJohn McEnroe, Ely Castro, Marie Anderson, Mother of Carol Williams, Bill Pie' Sr., Wayne Delahanty, Ben Castillo, Rolando Valdez, Adrian Abada, Thelma Varona, Thomas Goff Sr., German Amador II

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

Rachel's Corner: Hope and Healing After Abortion Project Rachel is offering a new virtual healing program via ZOOM in response to the cancellation of regular healing retreats during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are hurting from the results of an abortion, come and find healing and God's loving grace "My burden is lifted and my heart feels life in it again. My promise to God is

to never walk this road of brokenness again." - Testimonial Call Julie 206-920-6413, JulieE@ccsww.org

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