



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM Sunday
8:30, 11:00 AM and 5:00* PM (*Note New Mass Time)
Reconciliation: Friday: 9:15 AM & Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM
or by Appointment (Call Main Office)
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - See pg 2

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Father, I have sinned...

The prodigal son turns back to his father with very poor, imperfect contrition. He has forgotten his son-ship and simply wants to eat. He has forgotten the beloved relationship that was once his. A hungry belly calls him home.

Many did not come home on this day 21 years ago. They had set off for work not expecting the violence that came their way. We underestimate the wickedness that people are capable of. America awakened to a brand-new world of insecurity.

Do we not thirst for home, for welcoming and affirming love? We are God's beloved children, yet the anxieties and distractions of this life can often betray us into the hands of demonic terrorists. God would have us walk on water focused on His Beloved Son. It is in Him that our son-ship, our daughter-ship, is restored. Let us turn our gaze to Jesus, perfect imago of the Father.

Sunday, the Day of Restoration

I want to point out the importance of Sunday as a day of restoration, where our souls can rest in God. We were made for one day a week of worship and rest, building up our families in love. Here is an excerpt from John Paul II's *Dies Domini*, an apostolic letter on Sundays:

1. The Lord's Day — as Sunday was called from Apostolic times (1) — has always been accorded special attention in the history of the Church because of its close connection with the very core of the Christian mystery. In fact, in the weekly reckoning of time Sunday recalls the day of Christ's Resurrection. It is Easter which returns week by week, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death, the fulfillment in him of the first creation and the dawn of "the new creation" (cf. 2 Cor 5:17). It is the day which recalls in grateful adoration the world's first day and looks forward in active hope to "the last day", when Christ will come in glory (cf. Acts 1:11; 1 Th. 4:13-17) and all things will be made new (cf. Rev 21:5).

Rightly, then, the Psalmist's cry is applied to Sunday: "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps 118:24). This invitation to joy, which the Easter liturgy makes its own, reflects the astonishment which came over the women who, having seen the crucifixion of Christ, found the tomb empty when they went there "very early on the first day after the Sabbath" (Mk 16:2). It is an invitation to relive in some way the experience of the two disciples of Emmaus, who felt their hearts "burn within them" as the Risen One walked with them on the road, explaining the Scriptures and revealing himself in "the breaking of the bread" (cf. Lk 24:32,35). And it echoes the joy — at first uncertain, and then overwhelming — which the Apostles experienced on the evening of that same day, when they were visited by the Risen Jesus and received the gift of his peace and of his Spirit (cf. Jn 20:19-23).

2. The Resurrection of Jesus is the fundamental event upon which Christian faith rests (cf. 1 Cor 15:14). It is an astonishing reality, fully grasped in the light of faith, yet historically attested to by those who were privileged to see the Risen Lord. It is a wondrous event which is not only absolutely unique in human history, but which lies at the very heart of the mystery of time. In fact, "all time belongs to [Christ] and all the ages", as the evocative liturgy of the Easter Vigil recalls in preparing the Paschal Candle. Therefore, in commemorating the day of Christ's Resurrection not just once a year but every Sunday, the Church seeks to indicate to every generation the true fulcrum of history, to which the mystery of the world's origin and its final destiny leads.

It is right, therefore, to claim, in the words of a fourth century homily, that "the Lord's Day" is "the lord of days".(2) Those who have received the grace of faith in the Risen Lord cannot fail to grasp the significance of this day of the week with the same deep emotion which led Saint Jerome to say: "Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, it is the day of Christians, it is our day".[3] Concussion: NFL (3) For Christians, Sunday is "the fundamental feast day",⁽⁴⁾ established not only to mark the succession of time but to reveal time's deeper meaning.

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Weekly Readings

September 11 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

September 12 Monday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

September 13 Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 7:11-17

September 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

September 15 Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

September 16 Memorial of Sts Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

September 17 Saturday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

September 18 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Sunday September 11

8:30 am-9:30 am
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Mass
Mass (live-streamed)
Mass (Summer Mass Time)
Apologetics

Monday September 12

10:00 am - 11:45 am
6:30 pm - 7:15 am

Food Bank (Drive by only)
Mass (live-streamed)

Tuesday September 13

6:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Mass (live-streamed)

Wednesday September 14

8:00 am - 12:00 pm
9:30 am - 11:30 am
4:00 pm - 5:45 pm
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
7:15 pm - 7:45 pm
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Campus Crew
Women's Guild
Food Bank (Drive by only)
Mass (live-streamed)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
Adoration & Reconciliation

Thursday September 15

8:30 am - 9:15 am
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Mass (live-streamed)
Knights of Columbus

Friday September 16

6:00 am - 7:30 am
8:30 am - 9:15 am
9:00 am - 10:00 am
10:00 am - 11:45 am

Men's Prayer & Reflection
Mass (live-streamed)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Food Bank (Drive by only)

Saturday September 17

8:30 am - 9:15 am
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Mass (live-streamed)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Vigil Mass



Sunday Night Mass Time Change Please note the Sunday evening Mass has moved back to its normal time of 5:00 PM for the school year.

**September 11: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time -**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the shepherd rejoices when he finds one lost sheep. The story tells us that nothing and no one is insignificant to God who is compassionate and loving to all. Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

Financials - Included are last weekend's collection, the weekend before, and the fiscal year to date through the last full month.

	Aug. 27 & Aug 28 2022	Aug. 20 & Aug 21 2022	FY To date July 1 2022-July 31 2022
Collections-actual	15,454	32,562	89,711
Collections-Budget	10,449	16,130	103,395
Variance	5,005	16,432	(13,684)
*EFT-Actual	7,846	9,226	46,468
*EFT-Budget	10,488	10,561	58,023
Variance	(2,642)	(1,335)	(11,555)
Total Collections			
Variance	2,363	15,097	(25,239)

*EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections)

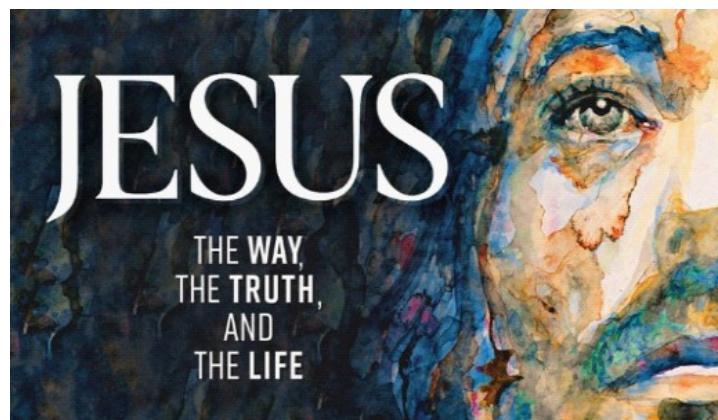
New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2022

Liturgy of the Hours <https://ststephenslife.com/holy-mass-live-stream>

Mon - Fri	6:30 - 7:30 AM	Holy Hour, Office of Reading Morning Prayer
Mon - Fri	12:00 PM	Angelus
Mon - Fri	3:00 PM	Divine Mercy
Mon - Fri	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
Sat - Sun	7:30 PM	Evening Prayer

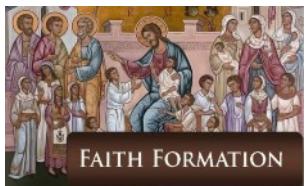
Come Adore

or see <https://ststephenslife.com/eucharistic-adoration>. Contact Tina 206-715-8462 or Bernie 206-427-6085.

**Adult Bible Study Fall 2022!**

Join us on **September 20th**, as we begin our fall study featuring **Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life!!** A 10-week video study program from Ascension Press that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. Currently, we have two Bible study sessions with the possibility of a third. We have one session meeting Tuesday morning at the church and one session meeting Tuesday evening in the church. We would love to offer a morning Zoom session, but we need a volunteer to run it. The morning session begins at 9:20 am, and the evening session begins at 6:30 pm. Each session lasts approximately two hours. We'd love to see you at one of them! **Register online or with us by September 13th and the cost is \$35.00. Registration is closed after September 13.** To access the online registrations, go to <https://ststephenslife.com/bible-study>. For more information or help with registration contact: Karen Buchert at kasbuchert@comcast.net or the Faith Formation office at sstm.yfmoffice@gmail.com or at (253) 631-6175, ext. 115.

Faith Formation Programs



and for updates visit:

<https://ststephenslife.com/fall-2022-registration-children-and-teens>.

We need Volunteers! With covid, we had to pull back our programs. Now we are starting to do more in-person programming, but we can't do that without awesome adults who are ready to share their faith. Ask in prayer - are you called to help in some way? If God says, "Yes,"! then let us know! We will find the right place for you. We look forward to meeting you! Contact at Maria Trejo at our Faith Formation office at sstm.yfmo@comcast.net or at (253) 631-6175, ext. 115. For K-5th grade and our overall Director, contact Shannon Battles at (253) 480-7112 sststephenskids@gmail.com. For Youth Ministry, 6th-12th grade contact Debbie Blomquist at sstm.youth@gmail.com.

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 bottom of the first page of our website: ststephenslife.com.

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BAPTISM

Baptism Classes - In-person classes to prepare for Infant Baptism are now available. The next in-person baptism class is September 10, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with a one-hour break for lunch. Pre-registration is required to attend, class size will be limited, and you must have proof of pre-registration to be admitted. Please, only 2 parents, baby, 2 godparents (5 total) per family. Pre-register by calling or emailing Teresa Wright, Pastoral Assistant for Infant Baptism 253-480-7106 or sstm.baptism@gmail.com.



Little Saints Preschool - Director Search It's time to finalize plans for the new school year, yet we continue to search for our new Little Saints Preschool Director (at St. Stephens)! Community, please join us in praying a Surrender Novena. You can also recommend potential candidates. Do you know a teacher who's secretly dreading the start of the new year? Maybe they are being called to a new purpose at Little Saints! To apply: call Shannon or go to our Recruitment Ad. To pray or recommend, go to our webpage: <https://ststephenslife.com/little-saints-director-search> Contact: Shannon Battles, Director of Youth and Family Ministry, (253) 480-7112, sststephenskids@gmail.com.



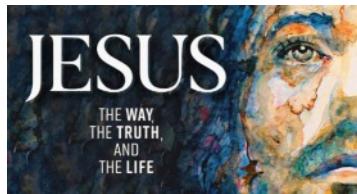
Attention Men! Plans are underway for the return of the fall weekend men's retreat this October! Mark your calendar for October 21-23 (Friday night through Sunday noon) at Black Diamond Camps. We are delighted to announce our Retreat Master will be with the Archdiocese's new Auxiliary Bishop, Frank R. Schuster! Watch the bulleting and Weekly Updates for details and registration information.



We Have Met our Annual Catholic Appeal Goal!

A HUGE THANK YOU for your gift to the Annual Catholic appeal, putting us over our goal and providing funding for driveway entrance and exit upgrades. As of today **450 families have pledged \$189,000 and \$17,000 of that will go to our parish project.** If you have not yet pledged, it is not too late. Please prayerfully consider doing so, as it will benefit our parish in its plan to improve entrance/exit signage and lighting for our campus. If you cannot make a financial pledge, please pledge to pray for St. Stephen's and its parishioners. Make

your pledge using this link: <https://archseattle.org/give-serve/giving-opportunities/annual-catholic-appeal/giveaca/> or an envelope found at the ACA table in the Narthex, which may be mailed or included in the collection.



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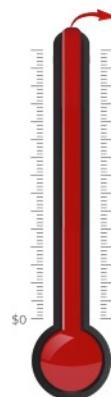
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Parish Goal
Current Pledges!
Archdiocese Goal



**“Seek and you will find,
knock and the door will be
opened to you.”**

- Matthew 7:7



BECOMING CATHOLIC

Wondering about Becoming a Catholic Christian?

**Do You Know Someone Who Might Be Interested in
Becoming a Catholic Christian?**

**Join Us for Inquiry Sessions
Starting Tuesday, September 20th; 7-9:00 PM**

Inquiry Sessions are the first step in RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). These Sessions are for adults interested in exploring the Catholic Faith in a non-judgmental atmosphere, these include:

- ★ Seeker and Inquirers who want to learn about the Catholic Faith, Traditions and Sacraments.
- ★ Adults from other Faith Traditions who are interested in joining the Catholic Church.
- ★ Baptized Adult Catholics who have not received all their Sacraments.

Inquiry Sessions are Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM, in the Parish Social Hall and meet current COVID guidelines. For Information or Questions contact: Anne Merklin at sstmassociate@gmail.com or 253-480-7108 (ext.126)



Musicians Wanted - Sunday Night Mass

The Sunday night musicians are looking for a few instrumentalists (bass, guitar, piano, etc) and singers so we can expand our pool of contemporary musicians. We're looking for folks with a contemporary background that can learn new songs quickly, find harmonies, and read music. If you're interested or know of anyone who might be, please contact Patty Swedberg at patty@weraisethebar.com.



Volunteer Opportunity - The **Darling Dusters** need someone like YOU to help tidy the church on Monday mornings starting at 9:00 am. Please call Sheila at 425-226-7179.

Start Lent 2023 in the Holy Land: The Promise, His Ministry, The Fulfillment!

Join Fr. Victor Olvida and Fr. Mark Kiszelewski, Spiritual Directors, and Kathleen Tansey, Pilgrimage Host, February 27 - March 10, 2023. Enhance your faith visiting sites such as Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Dead Sea and meeting the people of Israel and Palestine. There is room for just a few more travelers. Register TODAY: <https://bit.ly/3lphyQ3> Questions? Contact Kathleen at 253-653-6074 or PSJ1350@comcast.co

Healing Mass - God is Calling... All are Welcome! Come and experience God's supernatural love! Friday, October 28th, 2022 Healing Mass. St Anthony Parish, 416 4th St, Renton, WA 7:00 PM Healing Mass. 6:45 PM Praise & Worship, followed by a Healing Service, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Prayer Team ministry. Celebrant, Fr Ed White, Pastor, St Stephen the martyr Church. Concelebrant, Fr. Xavier Bazil HGN, parochial Vicar, St Anthony Parish. Sponsor: Friday Night Prayer Group. For information call: Marilou 206-832-6081 or Christine 425-533-8437.

Please join the Girlfriends at our upcoming events. All women (age 18+) are invited! The *Lit & Lattes* group is meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 7 pm to discuss *It Ends with Us* by Colleen Hoover. Please RSVP to Vicki Kennerud at vkennerud@comcast.net for location details or Zoom link. New members are welcome!

Women's Guild - Welcome back St. Stephen's Women's Guild! This will be our first meeting since the pandemic. All women of the parish are invited to be part of this wonderful ministry. We serve the Lord and community of St. Stephen's primarily by hosting funeral receptions. Please join us in the Social Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 9:30 am for fellowship. Our meeting will follow. Questions? Contact Carol @ 425-255- 8584.

September 2022 Respect Life Month Events - ALL ARE WELCOME! September 1-30 - Prayer Partners stand vigil at the Cedar River Clinic, 263 Rainier Ave S, Renton. Our goal is to have at least two prayer warriors present at the Renton Cedar River Clinic from 7:30 am until 7:30 pm, Monday-Saturday. The following are times that are normally covered by Partners, but you are welcome to join them:

- Wednesdays - ~7:30 am-9:30 am, ~10-10:15 am-~11-11:15 am
- Thursdays - ~7:30 am-9:30 am, 9:30-10:30 am, 12:00-1:00 pm (The Care Net van is also with us from 9:30 AM-2:30 PM in the parking lot of the City View church on Thursdays).
- Fridays - ~7:30 am-9:30 am, 11:30 am-12:15 pm
- Saturdays - ~9:45 am-11:30 am

September 2 - Respect Life Ministry Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm-7:30 pm All Life ministries are welcome. Please come and pray for LIFE! Note the New Time.

September 8 - Respect Life Meeting, 7:00pm Our meeting will be at St Stephen the Martyr Parish in the office workroom. Questions, email or contact 19jmj54@comcast.net.



Double Feature with Jason Evert! We are excited to announce an incredible event for families, ages 13 and up, that will take place on Sunday, October 9th, at **St. Brendan Catholic Church in Bothell** and will feature international speaker and author, Jason Evert, who has spoken to more than one million teens on the topic of chastity. The event will include a presentation for teens and parents about dating relationships and God's plan for human love, followed by a time for adoration and reconciliation: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Purified for teens & families 13+ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | Gender and the Theology of Your Body for everyone 13+ One Evening - Two Great Events - Come to One Event or Both! We strongly encourage you not to miss this INCREDIBLE opportunity! Visit chastity.com/event to reserve your ticket.



Friday Morning Men's Prayer & Reflection Returns

All men are invited to begin their day with prayer and discussion of the coming Sunday Gospel. The doors of the Social Hall open at 6:00 AM for coffee and donuts. Morning Prayer begins at 6:30 followed by reading and reflection of the coming Gospel reading. We conclude no later than 7:30 AM. Come for this time of faith and fellowship. No expertise required!

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: 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).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For adults desiring to become Catholic, including those needing baptism. Contact Anne Merklin 253-631-1940 ext 126. sstmassociate@gmail.com

Praying For Sick

Renato Desiderio, Jim Steckler

If you or a loved one would like to be included in the bulletin listing please contact Betty Mencke at 253-631-1940.

Recent Deaths

Larry Kelly, Karen Gorg, Ann Erhart, Margie Voountarioso, Paulo Falaniko, Rita Canine, Tom Thiel, Maria Soto, Pat O'Connell, Joan Sevigny, Thomas Lorezca, Maria Coluccio, Joseph Marci, Adrian Perez, Walter Joseph Koczor, brother of Mary Kasprzyk, Terry Strom, Rose Heryla, Mary Ann Schofield, Violeta Castaneda

Serving in the Military

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

To add names to the box, please email 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 *The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who are bowed down.* - Psalm 146: 7-8 When thoughts come to your mind regarding the day you were involved in an abortion decision, do they make you feel blind to hope, entrapped in regret and burdened with shame? Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation, and be free again. **Registering now for our Virtual Healing Series.** English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814 Email projectrachel@ccsww.org Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. **You are loved with an everlasting love!**



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