



Robert Zünd, Gang nach Emmaus [Public domain]

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM Sunday

8:30,11:00 AM and 5:00 PM

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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Words from Fr. Ed

What Sort of Things?

Our Lord Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is in dialogue with the disciples of Emmaus, asking about what they have experienced these past few days. Here is the Gospel (Lk 24:13-35) in full:

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from

Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that
while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along"

They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?"

And he replied to them, "What sort of things?"

They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see"

And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.

As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.

Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

I include this because it is a Gospel that captures the essence of the liturgy and the importance of processing our experience of God with one another. Jesus enters into the hike of the two disciples, into the depths of their grief and discouragement, just as He does with us today. Like the Mass, He does this through sharing God's Word and a homily of sorts. Arriving at Emmaus, Jesus breaks the bread revealing His presence. He does the same with us each and every Mass. Let us become fully aware of Jesus' presence in the Mass.

Jerusalem

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

By the time you read this, I'll be moving from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv and the north of Israel. I'll have enjoyed a few days in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Thank you for your prayers. I'll be traveling under the angelic dome of God's protection. Here is a sample of what one would see in the Holy Land: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uq56ectzwno&t=1433s

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Weekly Readings

April 23 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 24 Monday of the Third Week of Easter Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

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 Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

April 27 Thursday of the Third Week of Easter Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

April 28 Friday of the Third Week of Easter Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

April 29 Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

April 30 Fourth Sunday of EasterActs 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Parish Calendar

Sunday April 23

8:30 am – 9:30 am 11:00 am –12:15 pm **Mass** (live-streamed) **Mass**

 $\begin{array}{lll} 5:00 \text{ pm} - 6:15 \text{ pm} & \textbf{Mass} \\ 6:30 \text{ pm} - 8:00 \text{ pm} & \text{Apologetics} \end{array}$

Monday April 24

9:00 am – 10:00 am Darling Dusters

10:00 am – 11:45 am Food Bank (drive by only) 6:30 pm – 6:45 pm **Mass** (live-streamed)

Tuesday April 25

9:00 am – 12:00 pm
10:00 am – 10:45 am
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm
6:30 pm – 7:15 pm
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
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7:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Wednesday April 26**

7:15 pm – 7:45 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

RCIA

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm Sacred Story

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Adoration & Reconciliation 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Young Adults Group

Thursday April 27

8:30 am – 9:30 am
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm
8:30 am – 9:30 am
St. Vincent de Paul
Encounter Ministry

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

Friday April 28

6:30 am – 7:30 am

8:30 am – 9:30 am

9:00 am – 10:00 am

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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Saturday April 29

7:30 am – 8:30 am
8:30 am – 9:30 am
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
5:00 pm – 6:15 pm

Exodus 90 in Social Hall

Mass (live-streamed)
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Vigil Mass

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

Weekly Collections			
	**April 08 & April 09, 2023 Easter Weekend	April 01 & April 02, 2023	FY To date July 1 2022-March 31 2022
Collections-actual	30,458	32,899	755,802
Collections-Budget	29,480	18,680	834,576
Variance	978	14,219	(78,774)
*EFT-Actual	9,528	9,634	362,216
*EFT-Budget	8,664	5,632	387,963
Variance	864	4,002	(25,747)
Total Collections Variance	1,842	18,221	(104,521)

** Easter was a week earlier than 2022 New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2022 *EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections)



Share your Gifts and Talents at St. Stephen's

Here are a few needs at our parish. Contact Beth Nieva for more information (253-480-7105, bnieva@ststephenslife.com).

Screen Operator - Once a month run the screens at the Saturday 5 PM Mass or Sunday 11 AM Mass. Ideal candidates are comfortable using a PC, attentive to the action of the liturgy, able to confidently "go with the flow."

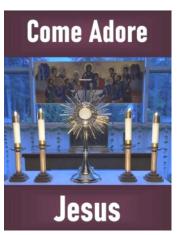
Altar Server Closet Keeper - Once a week straighten the Altar Server closet. Wash and iron garments periodically, as needed. The ideal candidate appreciates order and cleanliness. Work alone or with a friend on your own schedule.

Altar Server Mentor - Train young people in the skills and spirituality of altar serving. Ideal candidates like working with children and teens, are naturally encouraging, good communicators, and love the Holy Eucharist and the sacred action of the liturgy.

Talents Team - Assist with connecting volunteers to ministries. Make phone calls to welcome new people, send emails, and assist with follow-up paperwork.

Welcome Team - Bring a smile to the Narthex before and after Masses. Assist with simple questions and welcome visitors.

Greeter and Ushers - Do you already attend the 8:30 am Mass? Joe could use your help. Assist families with seating, help with the collection and Communion. This is a great way to assist with the smooth flow of Mass and get to know others.



Adoration Invitation

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Stephen's is now perpetual!

- Jesus is exposed daily from midnight to midnight
- No adoration during regularly scheduled Masses
- To sign up or for more information: visit the website:

https://ststephenslife.com/eucharistic-adoration or visit the adoration table in the Narthex after Mass. All hours have room for more adorers. Call one of the coordinators: Tina (206) 715-8462 or Bernie (206) 427-6085

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 - Fri12:00 PMAngelusMon - Fri3:00 PMDivine MercyMon - Fri5:30 PMEvening PrayerSat - Sun7:30 PMEvening Prayer

Faith Formation Programs



Children and Teen Faith Formation and Sacrament programs K-12th grade are now underway.

For updates on our programs please access our website at: https://www.ststephenslife.co

m/faith-formation. Families - We need

Volunteers! 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!! For our Faith Formation office contact Maria Trejo at mtrejo@ststephenslife.com or at (253) 631-6175, ext. 115. For K-12th grade and our overall Director, contact Shannon Battles at sbattles@ststephenslife.com or at (253) 480-7112, ext. 114.



Baptism Classes In-person classes to prepare for Infant Baptism are now available. Pre-registration is required to attend. Class size will be limited, and you must have proof of preregistration 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 at (253) 480-7106, ext. 120 or twright@ststephenslife.com. twright@ststephenslife.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.



St Stephens **UPDATE**

December 2, 2021



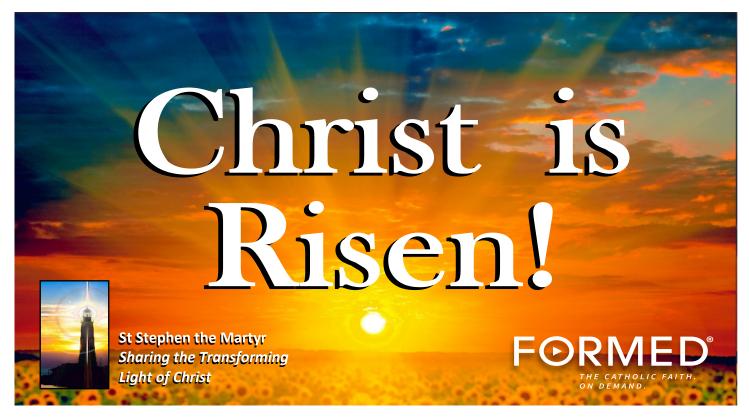
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Iron Sharpens Iron - Seattle Men's Conference April 29, St Michael's, Olympia

Attention Men: Our exciting speakers are: Bishop Frank Schuster, Auxiary Bishop of Seattle: Dr. Tom Curran, radio host & Catholic father of nine; Deacon James Thurman, founder and organizer of the Holy League Men's Conference in Oregon; Jon Leonetti. Catholic speaker & radio host. Nail down your discount price of \$35. You'll also get a delicious lunch and light breakfast goodies too. After March 30, the price is \$45. SeattleMensConference.org Enjoy a day of inspiration, challenge, prayer (Confession & Adoration too!) and engaging conversations. God is calling you to greatness. The conference will equip you to answer God's call in your life. May the Lord help each of us to be healed in any area of brokenness--and may you and I become the bolder Catholic men so desperately needed today for our family, Church & society. Grab your discount today. Then let's gather together at St. Michael Parish in Olympia on April 29 appropriately in the Easter season. Whatever your age, the 10th Annual Iron Sharpens Iron Seattle Catholic Men's Conference is being held for you.





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- 2. Click on Sign Up as a Parishioner.
- 3. Under Create a New Account search for St Stephen the Martyr, Renton WA.
- 4. Click Next and register with your name and e-mail. Enjoy!

























Support World Youth Day Pilgrims 19 Young Adults from St. Stephen will be traveling to Fatima and Lisbon in July. We appreciate your prayers and support as they discern how God is calling them. If you would like to help defray the cost of travel for some poor college students you can drop off a donation in the office (marked for WYD 2023) or make an online deposit here. Thank you! https://ststephenslife.com/young-adult-world-youth-day-pilgrimage

Now Enrolling: St. Anthony School - Are you interested in your child receiving a mission-based, community-focused Catholic education? For nearly 100 years, St. Anthony School has educated the whole child to better the world and serve others. St. Anthony is now enrolling for all grades for next school year (2023-2024). Please visit our website at www.sasr.org or email Jean Dang at dang@sasr.org to set up a school tour or to learn more info.

Home Schooling

St. Stephen the Martyr has a Home school co-op for k-12. We offer support for those who are schooling at home and those considering the journey. Join us for a visit. For more information contact Stephanie Firth at sstm.homeschool@gmail.com

April 23: Third Sunday of Easter: In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others. Your donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families in providing food, utility and rent Thank You!

Faith Insights from Bishop Fulton Sheen

PRIDE. Two classes of people make up the world: those who have found God, and those who are looking for Him – thirsting, hungering, seeking! And the great sinners came closer to Him than the proud intellectuals! Pride swells and inflates the ego; gross sinners are depressed, deflated and empty. They, therefore, have room for God. God prefers a loving sinner to a loveless 'saint'. Love can be trained; pride cannot. The man who thinks that he knows will rarely find truth; the man who knows he is miserable, unhappy sinner, like the woman at the well, is closer to peace, joy and salvation than he knows.

Books for Kids

There is now a basket with children's books for use during daily and weekend masses. It will be kept in the back of the Church, by the water font during the week & by library door small table on weekends.

Your Food Pantry (Bank) The Food Pantry continues to serve many families every week! Your generosity is a valuable part of this ministry and we thank you for your continued support!. As a reminder, the Pantry is now back to it's normal schedule: Monday 10:00 am – 11:45 am; Wednesday 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm; Friday 10:00 pm – 11:45 pm.

Terrific Tuesday Meals are Back! All are welcome for 6:00 PM dinner in the Social Hall at St. Stephens. Meals served on the following dates: April 25, May 30, June 27.

Friday Morning Men's Prayer & Reflection Social Hall opens at 6:15 AM for coffee and donuts. Morning Prayer begins at 6:30 in the chapel, followed by reading and reflection of the coming Sunday Gospel. We conclude no later than 7:30 AM. Participants are encouraged to download the app, I-Breviary for use with the Morning Office of Readings.

April 2023 Events for Life

April 1-30- Prayer Partners stand vigil at the Cedar River Clinic, 263 Rainier Ave S, Renton. They stand on Wednesday 9:30-10:30 am. Prayer partners are also there Thursdays 9:30-Noon. Care Net Ultrasound Mobile unit is in Renton from 9:30am - 2:30pm every Thursday each month. Partners also stand on Fridays 11:00am-Noon and Saturdays 9:30am-11:30am.

The Meaning of Mass - Fr Ed continues with his teaching series on the Mass as he explores the Meaning of Mass document by Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg. Visit https://ststephenslife.com/understanding-the-mass for materials including the bishop's study guide, Fr Ed's summary documents, and video excerpts from his teaching during Mass. Remember: When we make a decision to give our lives to God, He will transform us. We get out of Mass what we put into it. What we hold back from God, we hold back from His transforming grace.

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 **content 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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St Stephen Housing Association	-	253-480-7122	office@ststephenhousing.org
SVDP Help-Line		206-767-6449	
Custodial Support	Soo Kim		

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, Linda Marie Parker, Grace Ragonesi, Kelley Chaves, Angelina Rivera, Leila Rivera-Abada 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, Jim Steckler, Mary Ann Schofield, Violeta Castaneda, Mary Claire Duncan and Adrian Abada, Robert Paulsen, Ingeborg Hoffman (Brier)

Serving in the Military

Captain Philip Clay, LT Luke Carpenter (deployed), Major Stephen Snelling, Jack Cullers US, Zenaida Roth, Joey Buslon Poland, Pv. 2 Anthony Vogeler

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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