



## Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 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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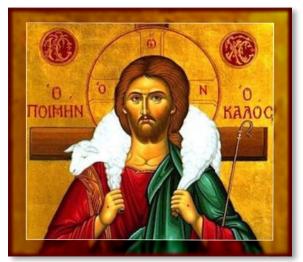
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#### **Christ the Good Shepherd**

I am the good shepherd. I know my own – by which I mean, I love them – and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father.



Again he says: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life. Shortly before this he had declared: If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture. He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter

what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveller who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going.

#### Responsory

The good shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep, is risen from the dead:\* for the sake of his flock, he was willing to endure death, alleluia.

Christ has been sacrificed for us, our paschal victim:\* for the sake of his flock, he was willing to endure death, alleluia.

https://universalis.com/20230430/readings.htm

#### **Weekly Readings**

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

May 1 Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

May 2 Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

May 3 Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

**May 4** Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

May 5 Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

May 6 Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

**May 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

#### Parish Calendar

**Sunday April 30** 

8:30 am - 9:30 am Mass (live-streamed)

11:00 am -12:15 pm Mass 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm Mass 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm **Apologetics** 

Monday May 1

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 May 2

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Scripture Study 10:00 am - 10:45 am Rosary Group 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Mass (live-streamed) 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Scripture Study 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**RCIA** 

Wednesday May 3

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Campus Crew 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm Food Bank (drive by only) 6:30 pm - 6:45 pm Mass (live-streamed)

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

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 May 4

8:30 am - 9:30 am Mass (live-streamed) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**Encounter Ministry** 7:00 pm - 7:30 pmPrecious Blood of Jesus Devotion 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm **Knights of Columbus** 

Friday May 5

6:30 am - 7:30 am Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15) 8:30 am - 9:30 am Mass (live-streamed) 9:00 am - 10:00 am Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:00 am - 11:00 am Sacred Story

10:00 pm - 11:45 pm Food Bank (Drive by only)

Saturday May 6

7:30 am – 8:30 am Exodus 90 in Social Hall 8:30 am - 9:30 am Mass (live-streamed) 9:15 am - 10:30 am Blessing of Sacramentals 3:00 pm - 4:00 pmSacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm 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 16 & April 16, 2023	**April 08 & April 09, 2023 Easter Weekend	FY To date July 1 2022-March 31 2022
Collections-actual	21,580	30,458	755,802
Collections-Budget	31,794	29,480	834,576
Variance	(10,214)	978	(78,774)
*EFT-Actual	7,865	9,528	362,216
*EFT-Budget	10,243	8,664	387,963
Variance	(2,378)	864	(25,747)
Total Collections Variance	(12,592)	1,842	(104,521)

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."

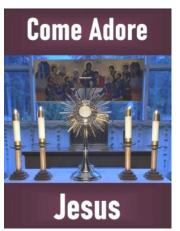
Altar Server Closet Keeper - Once a week straighten the Altar Server closet. Wash and iron garments periodically, as needed. The ideal candidate appreciates order and cleanliness. Work alone or with a friend on your own schedule.

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 followup 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/eucharisti c-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 - Fri 12:00 PM Angelus Divine Mercy Mon - Fri 3:00 PM **Evening Prayer** Mon - Fri 5:30 PM Sat - Sun 7:30 PM **Evening Prayer** 

<sup>\*\*</sup> Easter was a week earlier in 2023 than 2022

## 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 <a href="twight@ststephenslife.com">twight@ststephenslife.com</a> twight@ststephenslife.com



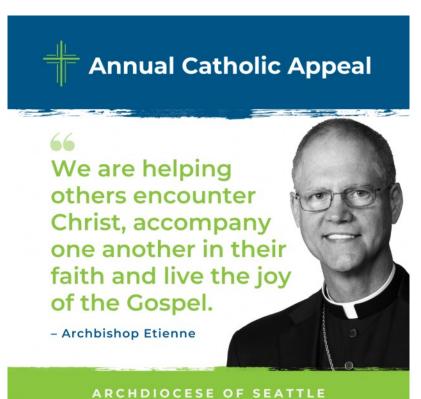
**Parents:** Please sign-up for Flocknote so you can get program and parish news, as well as emergency updates! To sign up for Flocknote, go to bottom of the first page of our website: ststephenslife.com.



**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, May 21st from 1:00-2:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. The topic will be: "How Long Will This Grief Last?" For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at <a href="mailto:srasmussen910@yahoo.com">srasmussen910@yahoo.com</a>. "The Lord heals the brokenhearted, binds up their wounds." Psalm 147, 2-3



Encounter Ministries Transformation Night Friday, May 12 - Welcomes Catholic Lay Evangelist Barbara Heil - Conversations with God Barbara founded From His Heart Ministries in 2014 as a Catholic lay ministry with a desire to see this generation encounter the deep love of our Heavenly Father through teaching, preaching, evangelism, short term missions in many other countries, training teams for evangelism and mission, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit through His Gifts. Schedule: 6:00 PM Praise and Worship, 7:00 PM Renewal of the Mind Teaching by Barbara Heil, 8:00 PM Prayer Ministry.



## Archbishop Etienne's Message on the Annual Catholic Appeal

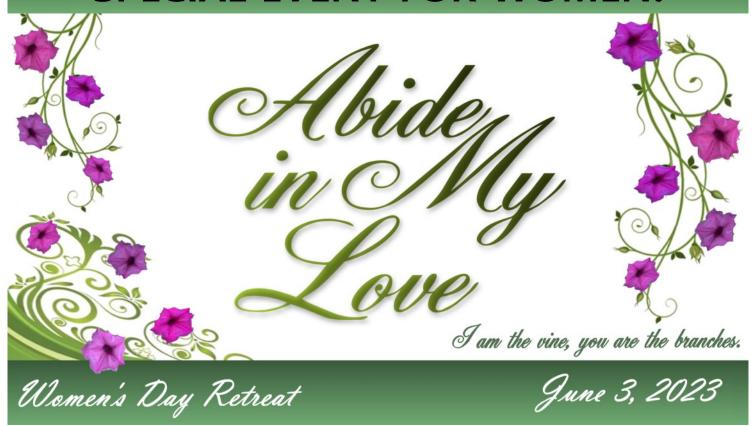
Did you have a chance to read Archbishop Etienne's letter and the importance and impact of your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal? This weekend (speaker name) witnessed at Mass to the impact of the Annual Catholic Appeal to minister to those in need, build the Catholic faith within us and directly support our parish mission services. Please consider how you are a part of (first name of speaker's) and Archbishop's message. Take time to read the campaign materials and prayerfully consider how you and your family will participate. Use the envelope in the pew or scan the QR code (on the envelope or below this announcement) or visit our website [insert parish website] to give today. Let us encourage each other to help make our ministries a success!

It's easy to give to the ACA:

- Online at archseattle.org/GiveACA
- · Scan this QR Code



## **SPECIAL EVENT FOR WOMEN!**



## Saturday, June 3, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Topic: *Abide in My Love:* We invite you for a day of Refreshment and Renewal as we reflect and rejoice in how to remain in Jesus' Love and Joy! *Spend time in fellowship, discussion, and prayer as you:* 

- Reflect on how to *Abide in the Love and Joy of Christ, as the Vine, and We as the Branches!* (John 15: 4-7 & 9-11).
- Rejoice how we as Disciples are pressed down through suffering, but ultimately, the fruits of that, can be turned into the Wine of the Kingdom! (John 2: 1-12).



Our featured speaker is Dr. Sarah Bartel, a moral theologian, co-host

of Enduring Love Radio on Sacred Heart Radio, and co-editor of A Catechism for Family Life. Sarah and her husband Nathan are the founders of www.canafeast.com, supporting online Catholic marriage enrichment.

All are encouraged to attend 8:30 am Mass in the Church. Check-in will take place at 9:15 in the Social Hall. Registration Fee: \$35 - Includes light breakfast, lunch, snacks and materials.



To Register online with a card, go to <a href="https://ststephenslife.com/womens-retreat">https://ststephenslife.com/womens-retreat</a> or by check see paper forms in the Church Narthex. Remember, space is limited - *Register early!* 

Questions / information contact: Tina, at sstm.womensretreat@gmail.com or 206-715-8462.





















**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 <a href="https://www.sasr.org">www.sasr.org</a> or email Jean Dang at <a href="mailto:dang@sasr.org">dang@sasr.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:sstm.homeschool@gmail.com">sstm.homeschool@gmail.com</a>

**April 30: Fourth Sunday of Easter:** Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly." By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters.

#### Faith Insights from Bishop Fulton Sheen

**PRAYER:** You cannot always depend on prayers to be answered the way you want them answered but you can always depend on God. God, the loving Father often denies us those things which in the end would prove harmful to us. Every boy wants a revolver at age four, and no father yet has ever granted that request. Why should we think God is less wise? Someday we will thank God not only for what He gave us, but also for that which He refused.

#### **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 <a href="https://ststephenslife.com/understanding-the-mass">https://ststephenslife.com/understanding-the-mass</a> 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 <a href="mailto:vsmithcasem@gmail.com">vsmithcasem@gmail.com</a> 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. <a href="mailto:sstmassociate@gmail.com">sstmassociate@gmail.com</a>

#### **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**

Joseph Marci, Adrian Perez, Walter Joseph Koczor, brother of Mary Kasprzyk, Terry Strom, Rose Heryla, Jim Steckler, Violeta Castaneda, Mary Claire Duncan and Adrian Abada, Robert Paulsen, Ingeborg Hoffman (Brier), Kay Boyle, sister of Mike Nolan

#### 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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