

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 2023

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM Sunday 8:30,11:00 AM and 7:00 PM* (Summer Mass Time*) Reconciliation: Friday: 9:15 AM & Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM

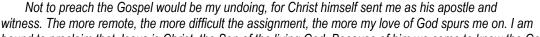
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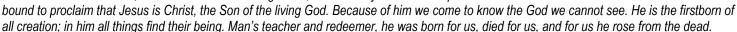
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From a Homily by Saint Pope Paul VI We proclaim Christ to the Whole World





All things, all history converges in Christ. A man of sorrow and hope, he knows us and loves us. As our friend he stays by us throughout our lives; at the end of time he will come to be our judge; but we also know that he will be the complete fulfilment of our lives and our great happiness for all eternity.

I can never cease to speak of Christ for he is our truth and our light; he is the way, the truth and the life. He is our bread, our source of living water who allays our hunger and satisfies our thirst. He is our shepherd, our leader, our ideal, our comforter and our brother.

He is like us but more perfectly human, simple, poor, humble, and yet, while burdened with work, he is more patient. He spoke on our behalf; he worked miracles; and he founded a new kingdom: in it the poor are happy; peace is the foundation of a life in common; where the pure of heart and those who mourn are uplifted and comforted; the hungry find justice; sinners are forgiven; and all discover that they are brothers.

The image I present to you is the image of Jesus Christ. As Christians you share his name; he has already made most of you his own. So once again I repeat his name to you Christians and I proclaim to all men: Jesus Christ is the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega, Lord of the new universe, the great hidden key to human history and the part we play in it. He is the mediator – the bridge, if you will – between heaven and earth. Above all he is the Son of man, more perfect than any man, being also the Son of God, eternal and infinite. He is the son of Mary his mother on earth, more blessed than any woman. She is also our mother in the spiritual communion of the mystical body.

Remember: it is Jesus Christ I preach day in and day out. His name I would see echo and re-echo for all time even to the ends of the earth.

Te Deum

God, we praise you; Lord, we proclaim you!
You, the Father, the eternal —
all the earth venerates you.
All the angels, all the heavens, every power —
The cherubim, the seraphim —
unceasingly, they cry:
"Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts:
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of your glory!"
The glorious choir of Apostles —
The noble ranks of prophets —
The shining army of martyrs —
all praise you.
Throughout the world your holy Church proclaims you.

- Father of immeasurable majesty,
- True Son, only-begotten, worthy of worship,
- Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

You, Christ:

- You are the king of glory.
- You are the Father's eternal Son.
- You, to free mankind, did not disdain a Virgin's womb.
- You defeated the sharp spear of Death, and opened the kingdom of heaven to those who believe in you.
- You sit at God's right hand, in the glory of the Father.
- You will come, so we believe, as our Judge.

And so we ask of you: give help to your servants, whom you set free at the price of your precious blood.

Number them among your chosen ones in eternal glory.

Weekly Readings

July 2 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

July 3 Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

July 4 Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27

July 5 Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

July 6 Thursday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

July 7 Friday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

July 8 Saturday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

July 9 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Parish Calendar

Sunday July 2

8:30 am – 9:30 am Mass 11:00 am –12:15 pm Mass

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Mass (Note: Summer Mass Time)

Monday July 3

9:00 am - 10:00 am Darling Dusters

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

Tuesday July 4 Campus Closed Except for Mass

6:30 pm – 7:15 pm **Mass** (live-streamed)

Wednesday July 5

8:00 am – 12:00 pm 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm 6:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Campus Crew Food Bank (drive by only)

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 Young Adults Group

Thursday July 6

8:30 am – 9:30 am 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Mass (live-streamed) Knights of Columbus

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

Friday July 7

6:30 am –7:30 am Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)

8:30 am – 9:30 am 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Mass (live-streamed)
Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:15 am - 11:00 am Sacred Story

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

Saturday July 8

7:30 am – 8:30 am 8:30 am – 9:30 am 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Second Hall Mass (live-streamed) Sacrament 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			
	June 18 & June 19 2023	June 10 & June 11 2023	FY To date July 1 2022 - May 31 2023
Collections-actual	11,952	20,433	975,944
Collections-Budget	18,037	14,036	1,025,415
Variance	(6,085)	6,397	(49,471)
*EFT-Actual	9,153	9,621	446,031
*EFT-Budget	12,018	6,663	464,824
Variance	(2,865)	2,958	(18,793)
Total Collections Variance	(8,950)	9,355	(68,264)

*EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections) New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2022



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 8:30 AM Mass. Ideal candidates are comfortable using a PC, attentive to the action of the liturgy, able to confidently "go with the flow." *Thank you to the parishioners who stepped up to fill every Sunday at the 11 AM Mass!*

Collection Counters - Monday mornings a fun team counts the weekend collections. If you are proficient with 10-key and like numbers, we need you. Contact dblakey@ststephenslife.com

Eucharistic Minster to the Homebound - Sunday morning Communion is brought to the residents at Benson Rehab and the Chateau. If you assist with this valuable opportunity please contact Marijean at mheautmaker@ststephenslife.com

Food Bank-Helpers needed to unpack and pack large orders of Food on Thursdays.

Tuesday Meal Prep-Summer helpers needed. Tuesdays from about 1:30-4:00pm. Food Handlers Permit and quick on your feet. Contact Jeannie, terrifictuesdaymeals@gmail.com

Terrific Tuesday Meals-Tuesday Evenings. Help with busing tables and clean-up. Be the hands and feet of Jesus to others. Contact Jeannie, terrifictuesdaymeals@gmail.com



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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-

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

Faith Formation Programs



Vacation Bible School Registration Open

We're excited to see you all at Bible Camp! Go to https://ststephenslife.com/vbc-registration for registration and information. Camp fills quickly, so sign up right away! (Registration is first-come, first-served. We hold spots for children of volunteers). Theme: Stellar- Shine Jesus' Light! We'll have a great week of Bible Stories, Songs, Games and Inspiration! Dates: July 24-28, 2023 Hours: 9:00 am - 11:55 am, Monday through Friday.



Children and Teen Faith Formation and Sacrament programs K-12th grade continue!. For updates on our programs please access our website at: https://www.ststephenslife.com/faithformation. Families - We need Volunteers! Please 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.



Baptism Classes In-person classes to prepare for Infant Baptism are now available. **Preregistration 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 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.



Teresa Wright is Retiring! We are grateful for her work in sacramental preparation for Baptism and Marriage, where she has guided many into the heart of our church. Teresa will be retiring on June 30. We look forward to seeing where her next chapter leads, and to continuing our relationship with her as parishioners of St. Stephens! Please pray in gratitude for her and in support of her work as she manages this transition. **To share a favorite memory or to simply say thank you, go online to https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/ivVrvGZd**



Thank you to all who continue to give generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal as well as through your prayers and participation in ministry and mission of St. Stephen the Martyr. Your efforts make so many things possible for our parish and the

wider church throughout Western Washington. We want to ask you this year to please consider giving your Annual Appeal gift online. We know many of you are still

comfortable writing a check or inserting cash in the envelope for us to send to the Archdiocese and we greatly appreciate your generosity and consistency over many years. To give, go Online at www.archseattle.org/GiveACA





Block Party Returns August 12! Last Summer's Block party was such a success that we have invited Danny Vernon to return as Elvis on Saturday August 12! In addition to great music, there will be delicious food, games and to top things off, all are invited to come back for Mass on the Grass at 5:00 PM! RSVP at https://ststephenslife.com/block-party

Day Job Custodian Opening

Day Custodian Position Open Now

Description: 30 hours per week; benefit eligible. Responsible for opening campus gates and building exterior doors as well as restroom cleaning, garbage, vacuuming, cleaning worship spaces, offices, and other common spaces. Works as a team with the Custodial Crew. Works to support the mission and ministry of the Church. Hours start at 7:30

am. Possible flexibility in hours per day working 5 or 6 days a week will be determined upon mutual agreement. Pay range is \$15.74 to 16.58 per hour, D.O.E. Benefits include, PTO, medical, dental and vision. Requirements: Speak, read and write English; Able to lift 50 lbs.; Able to work independently and with volunteers; Support parish safety policies; Assist with room preparation and set-ups; Basic computer skills; For an application or questions, please contact Kim Anderson at kanderson@ststephenslife.com or Tom Jones at tjones@ststephenslife.com.





Young Catholic Professionals Networking Happy Hour

The YCP Seattle Chapter is hosting their next Networking Happy Hour! Tee off with us at the Highlands Golf Course in Tacoma. This will take place Wednesday, July 12 at 7pm. Members get a free drink. Use the QR code to RSVP. Learn more about YCP at ycpseattle.org.



Partners in the Gospel

As part of the Partners in the Gospel strategic pastoral planning process, we have launched the Current Reality Report.

- This report provides a snapshot of the archdiocese today and outlines data and trends as well as forecasts for demographic changes over the next decade. It also outlines the urgent need for change and why we must re-envision parish life.
- The Current Reality report is available online at the Archdiocese of Seattle website and we have a link to it on our own website as well.
- I highly recommend that everyone take time to read this report or watch the online video presentation. This will help ground all of us in the reality we share before we begin the

process of reviewing potential parish family configurations this fall. For all Partners in the Gospel parish materials: https://archseattle.org/for-parishes/forparishespartners/ Current Reality Report link: https://archseattle.org/partners



















July 2: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: - In today's Gospel hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." This week, know that you will bringing hope to the poor by your financial donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Faith Insights from Bishop Fulton Sheen - A loving God: The Christian soul knows it needs Divine help, and therefore turns to Him who loves us even while we were yet sinners. Examination of conscience, instead of inducing morbidity, thereby becomes an occasion of joy. There are two ways of knowing how good and loving God is. One is by never losing Him through the preservation of innocence, and the other is by finding him after one has lost Him. Repentance is not self-regarding, but God regarding. It is not self loathing, but God loving. Christianity bids us accept ourselves as we really are, with all our fault and all my failings and our sins.

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, July 16th from 1:00-2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. 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

Darling Dusters - We Need Your Help! The Darling Dusters, who serve the church by helping to keep it neat and tidy, need more helpers. Please join us for an hour on Mondays, starting at 9 am. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please call Betty in the church office (253-631-1940).

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. We still have spot available in all grades for this upcoming school year, 2023-2024 and will continue to register through fall. 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. "To educate children to be joyous, St. Anthony School in Renton is looking to hire teachers in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th/8th grade middle school math. If you would like to inquire about any of these open positions please email your resume to Deacon Michael at cantu@sasr.org.

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Respect Life

Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life by Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Archbishop of Louisville Although fathers do not physically carry their children from conception, fathers can still be overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy. We Christians must support men who, in following the example of St. Joseph, choose to embrace their role as a father in all circumstances, but especially in challenging situations.

St. Joseph was unexpectedly called to fatherhood amid extremely confusing and difficult circumstances. However, despite many obstacles, St. Joseph chose to be faithful. St. Joseph chose life by listening to God's will and consciously deciding to be a father to Jesus, the Son of God.

Pope Saint John Paul II said that fathers are called to exhibit "generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother" (Familiaris consortio 25). Like St. Joseph, all fathers are uniquely entrusted with the protection and defense of both mother and child and, in this way, safeguard the sanctity of human life. Read Full Article: https://www.usccb.org/prolife/fathers-irreplaceable-role-welcoming-life

Meaning of Mass: What's so Special about the Lord's Prayer?

Last weekend, at all Masses Fr. Ed will took a deep dive into the meaning and significance of the Lord's Prayer as part of his Meaning of Mass series. To download a summary page visit.

Tumblers for Sale to Support Our Young Adults

You can pre-order and proceeds support our Young Adults heading to World Youth Day in July. Pre-order here. https://ststephenslife.com/wyd-fundraising Thank you for your support and prayers. We are getting close to paying off our trip! More info: bnieva@ststephenslife.com

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.

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

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Faith Formation Support Coordinator	Maria Trejo	253-631-6175 (115)	MTrejo@ststephenslife.com
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St Stephen Housing Association		253-480-7122	office@ststephenhousing.org
SVDP Help-Line		206-767-6449	
Lead Custodian	Luke Sanchez		Lsanchez@ststephenslife.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 See contact information above to reach a Staff person for Marriage or Baptism.

Appulments: (for these who are diversed): For compassionate and confidential previous to your questions and for hole through the appulment.

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, Jojo Castillo 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, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs

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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