



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 9, 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

or by Appointment (Call Main Office)

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - See pg 2

Parish Office (253) 631-1940 Faith Formation (253) 631-6175 13055 SE 192nd Street Renton, WA 98058 www.ststephenslife.com Listing of Parish Staff on the back inside page

Hope in the Midst of Turmoil

In the midst of turmoil and adversity, the readings for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time bring us a message of hope, trust, and reliance on God's strength. The prophet Zechariah speaks of a future king who will come to restore the kingdom, bringing justice and peace.

The promise of a new beginning and the restoration of their homeland must have been difficult to believe in the face of despair and uncertainty. Yet, through Zechariah's words, God's promise shines as a beacon of hope, reminding the people that even in the darkest moments, God remains faithful and has a plan for their restoration.

Finding Solace in Jesus

In the Gospel Jesus invites us to find rest and solace in Him. He acknowledges the burdens we carry, the struggles we face, and He offers to share our yoke, to lighten our load. Jesus assures us that the demands of God are not beyond our strength. He invites us to turn to Him, to place our trust in Him, and to seek His help when life becomes overwhelming.

This message is profoundly relevant in our own lives. We too encounter moments when we feel overwhelmed, burdened by the challenges and trials that come our way. We may face personal struggles, societal unrest, or the weight of expectations and responsibilities. In those moments, it is easy to rely solely on our own strength, to become consumed by worry and doubt.

Relying on Jesus in Difficult Times

But the readings remind us that we are not alone. Just as God promised a new king in Zechariah's time, He has given us Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, who offers us His love, mercy, and companionship. Jesus understands our burdens because He carried the weight of the world upon His own shoulders. He beckons us to come to Him, to surrender our anxieties, and to find solace in His gentle and compassionate presence.

Turning to Jesus in our times of need requires humility, faith, and a willingness to let go of our self-reliance. It means acknowledging that we cannot navigate life's challenges alone and that we need the help of our loving Savior. It involves surrendering our burdens and allowing Him to guide us along the path of righteousness, justice, and peace.

As we reflect on these readings let us take comfort in the knowledge that God's promises endure, even in the most difficult of times. Let us trust in Jesus, who offers us rest for our weary souls and shoulders the weight of our burdens. May we seek His guidance, His strength, and His love in all aspects of our lives, knowing that with Him by our side, we can face any trial or tribulation. Let us turn to Him and say, "Lord Jesus, help me. I surrender my burdens to You. Grant me the grace to find rest and hope in Your loving embrace."

Questions for Reflection

- Should I turn to God immediately when I face difficult times, or should I try to rely on myself first?
- Am I more inclined to depend solely on my own strength and abilities, or do I seek God's guidance and assistance from the beginning?
- Can I recall a time when I was struggling, and the Lord came to my assistance?
 How did I experience the presence and help of the Lord during that time?
- Who in my life needs me to be the hands and feet of Christ today, helping them with their heavy load? How can I extend the love, compassion, and assistance of Christ to them?
- In what ways can I deepen my trust and reliance on God's strength? How can I cultivate a deeper trust and reliance on God's strength in my daily life?
- Are there areas where I tend to rely more on myself than on God? How can I invite Jesus to share my yoke and lighten my burdens?
- How can I actively seek rest and renewal in Jesus? Am I intentional about seeking solace in Jesus and surrendering my burdens to Him?
- How can I prioritize finding rest and hope in Jesus' presence, trusting that He will provide the strength and guidance I need?

Source: https://young-catholics.com/2818/14th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/#rely



Weekly Readings

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

July 10 Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

July 11 Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

July 12 Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

July 13 Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

July 14 Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

July 15 Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

July 16 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Parish Calendar

Sunday July 9

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

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

Monday July 10

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 July 11 Campus Closed Except for Mass

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

Wednesday July 12

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 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Young Adults Group

Thursday July 13

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

Mass (live-streamed) Knights of Columbus Pastoral Council

Friday July 14

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 15

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 24 & June 25 2023	June 17 & June 18 2023	FY To date July <u>1 2022</u> - May 31 2023
Collections- actual Collections-	18,857	11,952	975,944
Budget	15,634	18,037	1,025,415
Variance	3,223	(6,085)	(49,471)
*EFT-Actual	8,966	9,153	446,031
*EFT-Budget	12,018	12,018	464,824
Variance	(3,052)	(2,865)	(18,793)
Total Collections Variance	171	(8,950)	(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



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 - 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

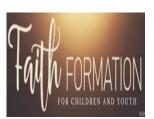


Vacation Bible School Registration Open

We're excited to see you all at Bible Camp!
Camp filled quickly, but we still have need of adult
and teen volunteers. To help, go to
https://ststephenslife.com/vbc-registration
Our theme is: 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 Anne Merklin at 253-480-7108 or AMerklin@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 has Retired! 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**



Precious Blood of Jesus July is the month devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. You are invited to ioin the weekly devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Here is a link to learn more about this devotion and 10 ways to honor the Precious Blood.

https://aleteia.org/2019/07/02/what-the-month-of-july-means-to-catholics-and-how-to-honor-it-in-your-home/



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 Ope

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 guestions, 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









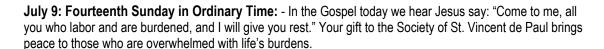












Faith Insights from Bishop Fulton Sheen - God and man: The humble, simple souls, who are little enough to see the bigness of God in the littleness of a Babe, are therefore the only ones who will ever understand the reason of His visitation. He came to this poor earth of ours to carry on an exchange; to say to us, as only the Good God could say: you give me your humanity, and I will give you My divinity, you give me your time, and I will give you my eternity; you give me your broken heart, and I will give you Love; you give me your nothingness and I will give you My all.

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.

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.

Camp Solanus for Boys Grades 7-9 Aug. 5-10 - Visit https://www.stnicholascc.org/camps

Join us at camp Solanas and embark on a transformative journey of discipleship, friendship, and leadership. Our program is designed to inspire and challenge boys to reach their fullest potential as young men. With exciting game and friendly competitions you'll have a blast while discovering your hidden talents and abilities. But our camp is more than just fun and games; will also delve into meaningful moments of prayer and reflection to deepen our understanding of what it means to be a man of god. Don't miss out on this life-changing opportunity to grow as a person and a leader. Sign up for Camp Solanus today!

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

A few weekends ago, at all Masses, Fr. Ed took a deep dive into the meaning and significance of the Lord's Prayer as part of his Meaning o f Mass series. To download a summary page visit our website at https://ststephenslife.com/understanding-the-mass



Encounter Summer Intensive July 24-29

Experience the first four quarters of the Encounter School of Ministry in just two days! Drawing from the richness of our Catholic heritage, we seek to teach, equip and activate disciples to demonstrate the love of God through the power of the holy spirit in their sphere of influence. Themes Covered:

- 1. Identity and transformation
- 2. Hearing God's voice and the prophetic gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 3. Power and healing
- 4. Inner healing and freedom

Visit: https://encounterministries.us/summer-intensive-offerings/#calendar-e75fc3a1-6c4a-4ca2-818e-f85f8b34352c-event-



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.

Pastor	Fr. Edward G. White	For Fr. Ed contact his assistant, Betty Mencke 253-480-7103 (100)		
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Robert Antony	253-480-7111 (132)	FatherRobert@ststephenslife.com	
Deacon	Dec. Carl Chilo		sstmdeaconcarlchilo@gmail.com	
Deacon	Dec. Sonny Ungco		sonny.ungco@gmail.com	
Deacon	Dec.lke Tarabi		ike.tarabi@outlook.com	
Dir. of Parish Operations	Tom Jones	253-480-7114 (103)	tjones@ststephenslife.com	
Pastoral Associate	Anne Merklin	253-480-7108 (126)	AMerklin@ststephenslife.com	
Pastoral Assistant for Outreach	Darlene Simpson	253-480-7121 (127)	Dsimpson@ststephenslife.com	
Office Manager/Pastor's Assistant	Betty Mencke	253-480-7103 (100)	bmencke@ststephenslife.com	
Liturgy Coordinator	Janet Denby-Stewart	253-480-7115 (102)	JStewart@ststephenslife.com	
Pastoral Care	Marijean Heutmaker	253-480-7116 (106)	Mheutmaker@ststephenslife.com	
Bookkeeper	Debbie Blakey	253-480-7113 (101)	DBlakely@ststephenslife.com	
Facilities & Parish Life Coordinator	Kim Anderson	253-480-7120 (129)	KAnderson@ststephenslife.com	
Director of Faith Formation	Shannon Battles	253-480-7112 (114)	SBattles@ststephenslife.com	
Youth Ministry	Michael Joseph	253-480-7110 (113)	mjoseph@ststephenslife.com	
Young Adult Ministry/Talents Ministry	Beth Nieva	253-480-7105 (123)	bnieva@ststephenslife.com	
Evangelization & Communications	Bill Swedberg	253-480-7107 (121)	bswedberg@ststephenslife.com	
Baptism & Marriage	Anne Merklin	253-480-7108 (126)	AMerklin@ststephenslife.com	
Little Saints Preschool	Shannon Battles	253-480-7112 (114)	sstm.littlesaints@gmail.com	
Faith Formation Support Coordinator	Maria Trejo	253-631-6175 (115)	MTrejo@ststephenslife.com	
Choir Director	Nina DeJesus	253-236-2882 (137)	ndejesus@ststephenslife.com	
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!



"We Always Put Your Interests First!"

John L. Scott



1-800-626-3213 Diesel, Gas, Heating Oil, Lubricants, Grease, Racing Gas, Truck Sales & Repair





REAL ESTATE Lori Hruby 206-488-7077

John L. Scott

www.lorihruby.johnlscott.com



Taxes • QuickBooks

 Small Business Estate Planning 253-234-5732



(253) 852-2620 w marlattfuneralhome o







- · Carbon Mono

ACT Authorized SafeStreets

833-287-3502

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

AD CREATOR STUDIO











Service and New Efficient Systems



206-783-1190 425-974-1003

Guaranteed work! "Ask your neighbor!" 40 Years of Integrity & Skill

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS



*100,000 Satisfied Customers 206-783-4129 425-455-1310 The Plumber

People Recommend" 40 Years of Integrity and Skill

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

> CONTACT ME Michelle Jacobs

miacobs@4LPi.com (800) 950-9952 x2215

www.fischerplumbing.com **NEVER MISS**

OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin emailed to you every week.



VISIT WWW.PARISHESONLINE.COM