



## **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 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

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***To anyone who has, more will be given, and he will grow rich...***

Dear Reader of this word,

The Lord has given you faith to persevere to this point where you are reading a bulletin of our parish, St. Stephen the Martyr. He wants to give you more and make you rich, so keep reading. Read not just this little commentary but immerse yourself in God's Word. Let us pray for that grace. I include here the invocation that I prayed during my homily from last weekend (7.9.23):

***Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine***

For this great gift to happen, the transformation of my heart, I must be receptive to the whole of God's Word which comes via the Sacraments, the Word of Scripture, my fellow Christians, and the life of prayer that God is calling me to. St. Faustina writes,

*Thank You, O Lord, my Master, That You have transformed me entirely into Yourself, And accompany me through life's toils and labors; I fear nothing when I have You in my heart. (1001)*

How does Our Lord do this? Our primary way of transformation comes through the Holy Eucharist. Faustina goes on in poetic verse:

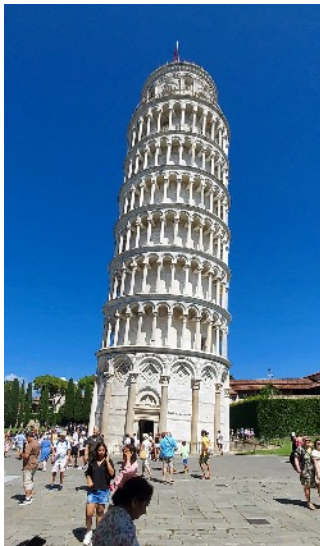
<i>The Lord's Supper is laid, Jesus sits down at table with His Apostles, His Being all transformed into love, For such was the Holy Trinity's counsel.</i>	<i>With great desire, I desire to eat with you, Before I suffer death. About to leave you, love holds Me in your midst. He sheds His Blood, gives His life, for He loves immensely.</i>	<i>Love hides beneath the appearance of Bread, Departing, He remains with us. Such self-abasement was not needed, Yet burning love hid Him under these species. (1002)</i>
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Jesus' Heart, burning with love for us, is given in the Holy Eucharist. Like radiation treatment that uses a seed planted within a tumor (Brachytherapy), so Jesus, the Holy Sower, plants the most glorious seed possible into our hearts.

*Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.*

This is a passive process that we might hardly be aware of. Through His presence within our souls, Jesus gradually transforms our thoughts, feelings, and desires. Are we willing? That is the one requirement: we have to submit to the movement of the Holy Spirit that does not force change on us. We must give permission each step of the way.

*Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.*



This is also where these little invocations make a difference. When we pray such a prayer sincerely, we exercise our free will by saying Yes to what God wants, which is to make our hearts "like unto" His. He does not do this out of an egotistical desire to conquer and control. No, He loves us and wants what is best for us. How many parents have struggled with children who don't recognize their parents' wisdom that knows what is best for a child?

Then, like that seed planted in a tumor to transform it from sickness to health, so the Body of Christ, both Eucharistic and Mystical (that's us!), is meant to transform hearts. Are we willing?

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### **The Leaning Bell Tower of Pisa**

As I described in my homily this past weekend, it was revealing to see how many thousands of people were flocking to see this leaning tower (better to build a foundation on rock, Someone said), while Jesus in the tabernacle lay a hundred feet behind me as I took this picture. I think there were 5 people in the sanctuary around the tabernacle.

*Jesus, hidden seed of holiness, transform our hearts so that we can draw the world to you, the Rock of Ages. May we build our lives on You, so that when the storms come, we might endure and thrive in Your love.*

### **Weekly Readings**

#### **July 16 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

#### **July 17 Monday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34—11:1

#### **July 18 Tuesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

#### **July 19 Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

#### **July 20 Thursday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

#### **July 21 Friday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Ex 11:10—12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

#### **July 22 Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene**

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

#### **July 23 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday July 16

8:30 am – 9:30 am  
11:00 am – 12:15 pm  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Mass**  
**Mass**  
Grief Support Group  
**Mass (Summer Mass Time)**

### Monday July 17

9:00 am – 9:30 am  
10:00 am – 11:45 am  
6:30 pm – 7:15 pm

Darling Dusters  
Food Bank (drive by only)  
**Mass** (live-streamed)

### Tuesday July 18

6:30 pm – 7:15 pm  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Mass** (live-streamed)  
RCIA

### Wednesday July 19

8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
10:00 am – 10:45 am  
4:00 pm – 5:45 pm  
6:30 pm – 6:45 pm  
7:15 pm – 7:45 pm  
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm  
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Campus Crew  
Rosary Group  
Food Bank (drive by only)  
**Mass** (live-streamed)  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena  
Sacred Story  
Adoration & Reconciliation  
Young Adults Group

### Thursday July 20

8:30 am – 9:30 am  
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm  
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

**Mass** (live-streamed)  
Knights of Columbus  
Precious Blood of Jesus devotion

### Friday July 21

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

Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)  
**Mass** (live-streamed)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Sacred Story  
Food Bank (Drive by only)

### Saturday July 22

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 week-end before, and the fiscal year to date through the last full month.

Weekly Collections			
	July 1 & July 2 2023	June 24 & June 25 2023	FY To date July 1 2022- June 30 2023
Collections-actual	18,273	18,857	1,042,290
Collections-Budget	17,766	15,634	1,096,071
Variance	507	3,223	(53,781)
*EFT-Actual	8,361	8,966	484,743
*EFT-Budget	2,127	12,018	505,898
Variance	6,234	(3,052)	(21,155)
Total Collections	6,741	171	(74,936)
Variance			

\*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](mailto: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!***

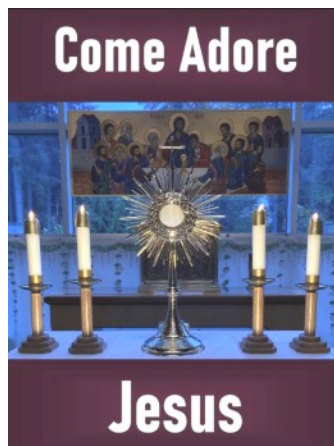
**Collection Counters** - Monday mornings a fun team counts the weekend collections. If you are proficient with 10-key and like numbers, we need you. Contact [dblekey@ststephenslife.com](mailto:dblekey@ststephenslife.com)

**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](mailto: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 1:30-4:00 pm. Food Handlers Permit and quick on your feet. Contact Jeannie, [terrifictuesdaymeals@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.



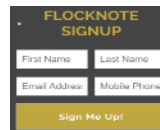
## Children and Teen Faith Formation and Sacrament programs K-12th grade continue!

For updates on our programs please access our website at: <https://www.ststephenslife.com/faith-formation>. **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](mailto: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](mailto:sbattles@ststephenslife.com) or at 253-480-7112.



**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 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](mailto: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](https://ststephenslife.com).



## Precious Blood of Jesus

July is the month devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. You are invited to join 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/>

## Save the Date: Saturday, August 12!



## Mass on the Grass 5:00 PM!

**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>



Please join the Girlfriends at our upcoming events. All women (age 18+) are invited! The **Lit & Lattes** group is meeting on Tuesday, August 8 at 7:00 pm to discuss The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams. We will be meeting in Classroom 130 and also have a Zoom option. Please RSVP to Vicki Kennerud at [vkennerud@comcast.net](mailto:vkennerud@comcast.net) if you will be in person or via Zoom. New members are welcome!

# Day Job Custodian Opening

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](mailto:kanderson@ststephenslife.com) or Tom Jones at [tjones@ststephenslife.com](mailto:tjones@ststephenslife.com).



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

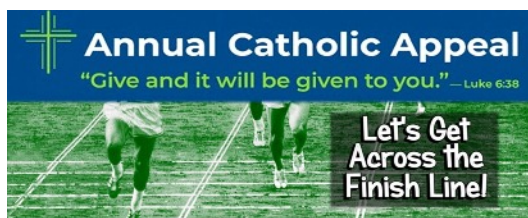
- This report provides a snapshot of the archdiocese today and outlines data and trends – as well as forecasts for demographic changes over the next decade. It also outlines the urgent need for change and why we must re-envision parish life.
- The Current Reality report is available online at the Archdiocese 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>



**Respect Life** - In Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and returned the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives at both the state and federal level. Despite this monumental legal victory, abortion policy is far from settled. Sadly, over the past year, several states have used this opportunity to not only keep abortion legal, but also to pursue even more extreme pro-abortion policies. Currently, abortion is legal in more states than not. Our dedicated efforts are desperately needed in the months and years to come to protect pre-born children and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that we are "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world" (Mt. 5:13-14). As Catholics, we have a duty to pursue the common good and to work for the protection of the most vulnerable. Our faith,

formed by the teachings of the Church, should guide our engagement in civic life. Each of us is called to live out our faith publicly, witnessing to the Gospel. We cannot hide our faith under the "bushel basket." Rather, our "light must shine before others" (Mt. 5:15-16). Inspired by the Gospel, we must do what we can to end violence in the womb, to ensure that pre-born children are fully protected by our laws, and to support mothers and fathers in welcoming and nurturing their children. May we all faithfully embrace our shared Christian responsibility and be strengthened by God's grace when we encounter resistance or persecution. Together, may we help build a culture of life and civilization of love in our nation.



## St Stephen's Nears ACA Goal

Please support the Annual Catholic Appeal. Can you give \$1 a day? If you have already turned in your pledge-Thank you! We are almost there. consider making your gift online at [www.archseattle.org/GiveACA](http://www.archseattle.org/GiveACA)

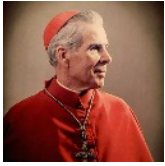
**Adult Sacraments July 16** This Sunday, July 16th at the 11:00 AM Mass we welcome 7 new people into the Catholic Church and an additional 3 will complete their Sacraments of Initiation. There will be a reserved seating section for their families and the



Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation will add about 30 minutes to Mass. All are encouraged to come and support our new brothers and sisters in Christ!



**July 16: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** - In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold." Thank you for your financial support for St. Vincent de Paul, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.



**Faith Insights from Bishop Fulton Sheen** - Divine Life: The sun which warms the planet can under other conditions also wither it. The rain which nourishes the flower can under other certain conditions rot it. The same sun shines upon mud that shines upon wax. It hardens the mud, but softens the wax. The difference is not in the sun, but in that upon which it shines. The Divine Life, which shines upon a soul that loves Him, softens it into everlasting life; that same Divine life, which shines upon the slothful soul, neglectful of God, hardens it into everlasting death.



**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](mailto: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).



**ST ANTHONY SCHOOL**

**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 spots 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](http://www.sasr.org) or email Jean Dang at [dang@sasr.org](mailto: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](mailto:cantu@sasr.org).

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

Join us at camp Solanus 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 of 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-linas8j3>

## Parish Information

New to St. Stephen's? Welcome! Learn more about our vibrant community by visiting our web site at [www.ststephenslife.com](http://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](mailto: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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Deacon	Dec. Sonny Ungco	<a href="mailto:sonny.ungco@gmail.com">sonny.ungco@gmail.com</a>
Deacon	Dec. Ike Tarabi	<a href="mailto:ike.tarabi@outlook.com">ike.tarabi@outlook.com</a>
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Baptism & Marriage	Anne Merklin	253-480-7108 (126) <a href="mailto:AMerklin@ststephenslife.com">AMerklin@ststephenslife.com</a>
Little Saints Preschool	Shannon Battles	253-480-7112 (114) <a href="mailto:ssm.littlesaints@gmail.com">ssm.littlesaints@gmail.com</a>
Faith Formation Support Coordinator	Maria Trejo	253-631-6175 (115) <a href="mailto:MTrejo@ststephenslife.com">MTrejo@ststephenslife.com</a>
Choir Director	Nina DeJesus	253-236-2882 (137) <a href="mailto:ndejesus@ststephenslife.com">ndejesus@ststephenslife.com</a>
St Stephen Housing Association		253-480-7122 <a href="mailto:office@ststephenhousing.org">office@ststephenhousing.org</a>
SVDP Help-Line		206-767-6449
Lead Custodian	Luke Sanchez	<a href="mailto:Lsanchez@ststephenslife.com">Lsanchez@ststephenslife.com</a>

**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.

**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](mailto: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. [ssmassociate@gmail.com](mailto:ssmassociate@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

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