



## **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2024**

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM Sunday  
8:30, 11:00 AM and 5:30 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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Listing of Parish Staff on the back inside page



## ***Come, and you will see.***

Trust Jesus. He not only speaks the truth, He IS the Truth. When Jesus says, "Come..." we ought to pay attention. It is an open invitation to all of us to come to Him, to follow Him, to rest in Him. In this case Jesus is inviting Andrew and the "other disciple" to come and see where He lives. This is a moment of departure from our comfort zone and all the coping mechanisms that we may have constructed to justify our actions.

Last week we saw the magi leave their homes in hope of finding the new king of Israel. They left their comfort zones and ventured into the Divine zone of discovery. They came and found where Jesus was living with Mary His mother. They found Him in His poverty and vulnerability. They found Him in simplicity and innocence. They found Him in the obscurity and humility of Bethlehem.

This week we see disciples of John the Baptist being redirected to Jesus the Lamb of God. They had followed John out into the wilderness and the periphery of Jewish civilization to receive a baptism of repentance. Now they are moving from the Purgative Stage of the spiritual life into the Illuminative Stage. (As I said in my homilies this weekend there are three classic stages from Purgative to Illuminative to the Unitive.) In this Illuminative Stage they are going to be able to sit with Jesus and learn from Him, to become enlightened by His truth.

In the Unitive Stage, we decide to stay with Jesus, to abide with Him and become united with Him. Love begets love. Love invites the other to relationship. Eternal love invites eternal relationship. Jesus invites us all to that eternal relationship of heaven already begun on earth. As He says, when we eat His body and drink His blood, we have eternal life within us. We are already abiding in Him and more importantly, He is abiding in us.

As we enter into this new year, are we committed to abiding with Jesus? Are we willing to come and see where He lives? It will change us. It will liberate us. It will fulfill us. May Jesus give us the grace to follow Him. Here I want to insert St Charles de Foucauld's prayer of abandonment as an act of trust in God's will:

*Father,  
I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will.  
Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all.  
Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures -  
I wish no more than this, O Lord.  
Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,  
for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve,  
and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father.*

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

*John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."  
The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?"*

*They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."  
So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" - which is translated Peter.*

*Fr. Ed*

## **Weekly Readings**

### **January 14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

### **January 15 Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time**

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

### **January 16 Tuesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time**

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

### **January 17 Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot**

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

### **January 18 Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time**

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

### **January 19 Friday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time**

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

### **January 20 Saturday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time**

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

### **January 21 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday January 14

8:30 am - 9:30 am **Mass** (live-streamed)  
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Mass**  
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm **Mass**  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Apologetics Meeting

### Monday January 15

(Church Offices Closed)  
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer  
 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm **Mass** (live-streamed)

### Tuesday January 16

9:00 am - 11:30 am Scripture Study  
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer  
 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 January 17

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Campus Crew  
 10:00 am - 10:45 am Rosary Group  
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm Food Pantry (drive by only)  
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer  
 6:30 pm - 7:15 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 Young Adult Group  
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Adoration & Reconciliation

### Thursday January 18

8:30 am - 9:30 am **Mass** (live-streamed)  
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer  
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Encounter School of Ministry  
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting  
 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

### Friday January 19

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 am - 11:45 am Food Pantry (Drive by only)  
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer

### Saturday January 20

7:30 am - 8:30 am Exodus 90  
 8:30 am - 9:15 am **Mass** (live-streamed)  
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Vigil Mass**

### A Special Note for Confession:

**Wednesday, January 17th, at 7:15pm**, we will have a Vietnamese priest here for confessions in addition to our English confessions.



## Stewardship of Treasure

Our Parish Stewardship of Treasure Renewal is continuing, and we are grateful to those over 310 families that have returned their pledge card or completed an online pledge form. Your gifts support our many ministries and helps our parish continue its mission to build up the Body of Christ. We still

can reach our goal of 500 pledges returned. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card or pledged online, please turn in your card this weekend or you can pledge online at:

<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1192/responses/new>

Thank you.



## Come Adore



## Jesus

### Adoration Invitation

You are invited to adore Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament. Jesus is now exposed 24 hours 7 days a week, except for regularly scheduled Masses. If you have not visited Jesus in the chapel or signed up for an hour to adore Him, you are missing out on heavenly experiences. Adoration is life changing, it increases priestly vocations and it attracts

many new parish members and visitors. All are welcome. To sign up visit <https://ststephenslife.com/eucharistic-adoration> or stop by the narthex Adoration table. All hours are available for more adorers. Questions? Contact coordinator Bernie 206-427-6085 or Tina 206-715-8462.

Weekly Collections	Dec 29 - Dec 31 2023	Dec 19 - Dec 28 2023 *	FY To date July 1 2023-Dec 31 2023
Collections-actual	26,701	85,814	577,761
Collections-Budget	30,704	39,259	513,915
Variance	(4,003)	46,555	63,846
*EFT-Actual	210	12,317	233,970
*EFT-Budget	3,074	10,844	233,148
Variance	(2,864)	1,473	822
Total Collections	(6,867)	48,028	64,668
Variance			
*Christmas Masses Collection- \$ 31,789			

# Faith Formation Programs

**Children and Families (K-5th Grade)** This year, we provide onsite classes, family learning & activities, family Mass, and at-home learning. On-site classes are once/month on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm. We're also adding community nights for families (all parish) on Friday nights!

If you're interested in **First Sacraments (Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist)**, follow the link to our web-page. The program will be the same as above, plus more! There are prerequisites for First Sacraments and you will use a different registration form. (Our website will guide you.) To learn more and register, visit: <https://ststephenslife.com/elementary-programs>

**Teens (6th-8th Grade)** Teens sign up for **EDGE** (6th-8th) or **LIFE TEEN** (9th-12th). **Both programs** will be on Sundays, trading off every other week. We have a lot of fun things planned, and we're ready to help you know our Lord, walking out your faith in you heart and with your friends! Once a month, we'll host an awesome night for – and with – your parents. (Last year, these nights were so good!) If you're interested in **Confirmation**, request it on your registration when you sign up for EDGE or Life Teen. Go to our web-pages: For **EDGE** visit <https://ststephenslife.com/edge>. For **LIFE TEEN** visit <https://ststephenslife.com/life-nights>.



**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 (253) 480-7106 or emailing Ellen Golden at [egolden@ststephenslife.com](mailto:egolden@ststephenslife.com).



**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 have spots available in all grades for this upcoming school year, 2024-2025. 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.



## Terrific Tuesday Meals

Our next dinner at St. Stephens is Tuesday January 30, 2024. These free dinners are open to all, and always the last Tuesday of the month.



## 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, January 21st from 1:00-2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. The topic will be: "Life on Hold/Returning to Normal". For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at [srasmussen910@yahoo.com](mailto:srasmussen910@yahoo.com). *The Lord heals the brokenhearted, binds up their wounds.* Ps. 147, 2-3

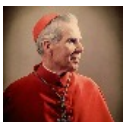


## Join the National Eucharistic Revival

The United States' Conference of Catholic bishops has laid down a three year National Eucharistic Revival that began last year 2022 and will go through 2024. We are all invited to participate in this effort to renew the whole church beginning with YOU! How to join: Begin by prayer. To start the 9 day Novena go to <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/get-involved>. For resources visit <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/learn-resources> Spread the word about the Revival to all your family and friends! If you would like to help with the Eucharistic Revival in our parish, please contact Niña de Jesus at [ndejesus@ststephenslife.com](mailto:ndejesus@ststephenslife.com).



**January 7 - Epiphany of the Lord:** Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please consider donating to St. Vincent de Paul so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.



**Faith Insights from Bishop Fulton Sheen - Purpose for Living:** George Bernard Shaw once said, "It is a pity that youth has been wasted on the young." The contrary is true. It is no secret that all that the Good Lord knew that it was better to put the illusions of life at the beginning in order that as we grow closer to eternity, we might be better see the purpose of living.

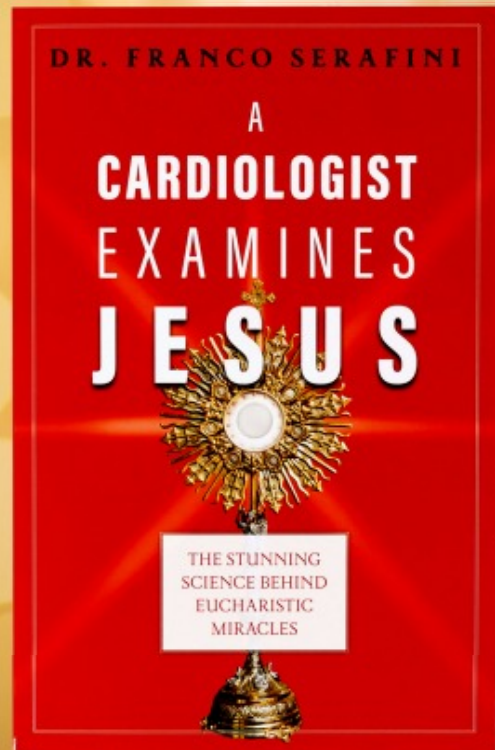


**Wax for Candle Ministry** Got old wax or candles you don't need? Donate it to our Candle Making Ministry. Anything wax, no matter the color, is welcome. Your donations support making 51% bees wax candles for the church and chapel altars, as well as colored three inch pillar candles blessed and given away every first Saturday. Place your donations in the blue tote next to food donation baskets in the narthex. Questions? Contact Bernie 206-427-6085.



**MONDAY 29 JANUARY 7:30 PM**  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**MIRACLES**  
*Presentation by*

**Dr. Loni Nguyen, MD, MPH**  
BASED ON THE BOOK



**"It will leave your mind blown  
and your heart smitten  
like never before!"**

**"Everyone must see this!"**



**"It will reawaken the  
conviction of the Real  
Presence in any Catholic"**

**"Literally life changing!"**



# Returning Catholics

## Are You or Someone You Know Thinking of Returning to the Catholic Church?

While people become separated from active Catholic life for all kinds of reasons, Christ extends His invitation of love for all to return home. Our parish community welcomes anyone looking to rediscover their Catholic Faith. It is our hope and prayer that you'll feel welcome to join us for a time of rediscovery. To get started contact Bill Swedberg at 253-480-7107 (121)

[bswedberg@ststephenslife.com](mailto:bswedberg@ststephenslife.com)



## Adult Confirmation Classes Start Soon!

**Have You Completed ALL Your Sacraments? Receive the GIFT that Keeps on Giving – CONFIRMATION!**

The Sacrament of Confirmation, once received, will GIFT you with many Blessings the Rest of Your Life! Adult Confirmation Sessions Begin January 23, 7:00-9:00 pm in Room 124! To learn more about Adult Confirmation (adults 19+ yrs.) contact Anne Merklin at 253-480-7108 (ext. 126) [AMerklin@ststephenslife.com](mailto:AMerklin@ststephenslife.com).



**Position Opening: St. Anthony School** is seeking a cheerful and caring person to work within a highly dedicated administrative team as School Accounts Manager. Come join our nearly 100-year old mission of educating students to be "joyous, loving, and Christ-centered people capable of serving others and bettering the world!" Job requirements include: Experience with online bookkeeping, customer relations, purchasing and vendor relations, general office computer applications (Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, and Access), basic background payroll processing, A/P, A/R, and the ability to handle financial information with a very high level of confidentiality. Personal qualifications required include: Excellent interpersonal skills, the ability to handle multiple tasks with set deadlines, and a strong commitment to professional and Christian values. Benefits/Hours: The position is a full-time contracted position with a comprehensive package of Archdiocesan benefits offered, including two medical plan options, dental, vision, life, accidental death and disability, long term disability, pension, 403(b), HSA, FSA, and generous sick leave, vacation, and holidays. Work hours are primarily from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. However, on occasion, evening and weekend work may be required. Salary Range: \$25 - \$28/hour. Any offered salary is determined based on internal equity, internal salary ranges, market data, applicant's skills and prior relevant experience, degrees, and certifications. To Apply: Please submit a cover letter and resume to Deacon Michael Cantu, Principal, at [cantu@sasr.org](mailto:cantu@sasr.org). E-mail submission is preferred but letters and resumes may be submitted via regular mail to: 336 Shattuck Ave. South, Renton, WA 98057.



**To all men at St. Stephen the Martyr – Exodus 90** is a fraternity of men here in the parish, journeying together to become better men for God and for our families. We strive to grow spiritually in Christ through prayer, asceticism and fraternity. We began our 2024 Exodus 90 journey on January 1, 2024 but there is still time to be a part! Join us as we meet every Saturday morning to observe a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration. Ultimately our goal is to grow in our relationship with Jesus, but to also spend more quality time with our families as we develop discipline to achieve true freedom in Christ in our lives. We follow the Exodus 90 program as detailed here on this website - <https://exodus90.com>. For more information, reach out to Rob Pacleb at [rpacleb2000@hotmail.com](mailto:rpacleb2000@hotmail.com).



**Cruise with Fr. John!** Fr. John Madigan is traveling again. You may join him for a 7 day Inside Passage Alaska Cruise beginning 1MAY or the 4 Day Pacific Northwest Explorer. Just take the bus or train to Vancouver to board Holland America's ms Zaandam. Catholic Women and friends are invited to Celebrate a "Century+ of HERstory" while at sea between Astoria & Seattle from 27APR to 1MAY. A special half day "Mary & Martha" tour is planned for Seattle. Contact Kathleen Tansey at 253-653-6074 or [Kathleen@travelcenter4u.com](mailto:Kathleen@travelcenter4u.com) for details.

## 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).

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**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 civilly divorced). For compassionate and confidential answers to your questions, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Anne Merklin, 253-480-7108 (ext. 126), [AMerklin@ststephenslife.com](mailto:AMerklin@ststephenslife.com).

**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](mailto:sstmassociate@gmail.com)

### Praying For Sick

Erlinda David, Canlas Ingraham, Angel M. Piol

*Please note we are revising the list of those who are ill and in need of prayers. Names will be posted for 3 weeks unless we receive further notification.*

*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

Conrado Redila

*Names will be posted for 3 months.*

### Serving in the Military

Captain Philip Clay, LT Luke Carpenter (deployed), 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:projectrachel@ccsww.org) Visit us at [www.ccsww.org/projectrachel](http://www.ccsww.org/projectrachel) or [www.facebook.com/projectrachelww](https://www.facebook.com/projectrachelww) Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. **You are loved with an everlasting love!**



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