



## **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 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



+ February 2, 2024 – The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you! Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast commemorates a milestone in the life of Jesus and the fulfillment of the hopes of two people, Simeon and Anna, who longed to see the Messiah. We know their hope and that of all Israel was fulfilled beyond their wildest dreams.

As I write to you today, I am aware of how we are reaching a milestone in our life together in the Archdiocese of Seattle. We have embarked on our own journey of hope and renewal as partners in the Gospel, centered on the same person of Jesus Christ.

After more than a year of careful planning and broad consultation, I am pleased to announce our final parish families today. You can see the final list on the Archdiocese of Seattle's website ([archseattle.org](http://archseattle.org)). These parish families will go into effect on July 1st under the leadership of a pastor and one or more parochial vicars. These pastors and parochial vicars will be announced this spring.

I am so grateful to the thousands of people who engaged in the consultation process by providing insights during the input phase, sharing new ideas and praying for this renewal effort. Together we are truly partners in the Gospel and this re-envisioning work could not be accomplished without you. Your input made a significant impact on how the parish families were configured. We took into consideration many factors including size, location, language needs, the presence of a school, key ministries and much more. We spent hours in deep discussions and prayer while listening to the Holy Spirit and discerning our path for the future.

The final step before promulgating these new parish families was to take the results of all the input once again to prayer. I made a retreat in early January keeping all of you in my heartfelt prayers, asking for the Lord's blessing and ongoing guidance in our efforts to carry out the mission of the Church more effectively today. I experienced a profound and sustained sense of consolation during this retreat, giving me the final confidence to make these decisions for implementation.

In baptism, the Risen Jesus shares his divine life with us, as well as a share in the responsibility for the mission of the Church – his mission. Because of the dignity of our baptism, all of us carry the responsibility to help others encounter Christ, to walk together on the journey of faith, to proclaim the Gospel and to glorify God by our lives. This mission is larger than any one of us – or any one parish. This mission of Jesus, our mission, we fulfill together as members of the living Body of Christ, the Church.

My hope is that parish families will benefit from the shared gifts of people, time, finances, talents and more so that we, as partners in the Gospel, can truly renew parish life. We need every member of the Church to share their God-given gifts to build up the Body of Christ. Imagine more young people on fire with the faith, more people encountering Christ in the sacraments, more robust outreach ministries serving the marginalized, and churches that are full every Sunday and Holy Days to give praise and thanks to God. This is all possible, and I believe Partners in the Gospel is the key to making it happen.

Thank you for making this journey with me. I know the road ahead will have its twists and turns, and may seem long and rugged at times, but the Lord will always be there as our companion and guide.

My friends, our future is filled with hope – the same hope that filled Simeon and Anna and the Holy Family that day in the temple. I pray the Holy Spirit continues to grace us with openness, strength, and courage to live into our future together. Please be assured of my continued prayers for you, and please pray for me and for our Catholic Church in Western Washington. As always, I remain,

In the Heart of Christ,

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL

### Weekly Readings

**February 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**February 12 Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

**February 13 Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

**February 14 Ash Wednesday**

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**February 15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

**February 16 Friday after Ash Wednesday**

Is 58:1-9a; 12:19; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

**February 17 Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

**February 18 First Sunday of Lent**

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday February 11

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 February 12

9:00 am - 10:30 am Darling Dusters  
 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  
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm **Mass** (live-streamed)

### Tuesday February 13

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  
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Girl Friends Lit & Latte' Meeting  
 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 February 14

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Campus Crew  
 9:00 am - 10:00 am **Mass** with Distribution of Ashes  
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm Food Pantry (drive by only)  
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Mass** with Distribution of Ashes  
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Mass** with Distribution of Ashes  
 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

### Thursday February 15

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  
 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting  
 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

### Friday February 16

6:30 am - 7:30 am Men's Prayer/Refl.(Doors open 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 February 17

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**



**St. Stephen's Food Pantry Needs Your Donations!** Please prayerfully consider providing the pantry with the following: Peanut butter, Canned fruit, Canned vegetables, Pasta sauce, Pasta or spaghetti, Chili, Dry rice (1lb. Bags), Dry beans (1lb. bags), Soups, Ramen noodles, Tuna or canned meat, Mac and cheese, Dry cereal, Oatmeal packets.



**Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14  
 with Masses at 9:00am, 5:00pm and 7:00pm**

**For excellent Lenten resources visit**

<https://archseattle.org/lent/>



### Adoration Invitation

At St. Stephens we enjoy Perpetual Adoration of Jesus in the chapel/church. That means Jesus is exposed in the Monstrance 24 hours 7 days (except during scheduled Masses).

At this time we find ourselves with **several open hours needing to be filled** by committed adorers. Is Jesus calling you to Come and Adore Him? Here are the hours in need of filling:



Sunday at 4:00pm  
 Wednesdays at 4:00am  
 Wednesdays at 5:00pm  
 Thursday at 12:00am  
 Thursdays at 10:00am  
 Fridays at 2:00am  
 Saturday at 4:00am

To sign up visit  
<https://ststephenslife.com/eucharistic-adoration> or contact coordinator  
 Bernie 206-427-6085 or Tina 206-715-8462.

Weekly Collections			
	Jan 16- Jan 22 2024	Jan 16- Jan 22 2024	FY To date July 1 2023-Jan 31 2024
Collections-actual	15,175	22,239	655,986
Collections-Budget	26,172	12,853	577,790
Variance	(10,997)	9,386	78,196
*EFT-Actual	8,502	12,192	283,997
*EFT-Budget	9,202	5,910	277,735
Variance	(700)	6,282	6,262
Total Collections	(11,697)	15,668	84,458
Variance			
Outreach Collections-Not Included above			
Outreach Assistance	470	325	21,647
Food Pantry	109	593	23,078

\*EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections)  
 New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2023

# 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 alternating Sundays.

**Eucharistic miracles Presentation: All teens and their parents** are welcome to join us for our next All Teen/All Parent dinner night this Sunday January 28 immediately following the 5:30pm mass. This evening will include a special lecture by Dr. Loni Nguyen on Eucharistic Miracles. (Please note that Dr. Nguyen will also be giving the same presentation to the whole parish on Monday, Jan. 29 after the 6:30 mass).



**Early-bird registration for the Steubenville NW Conference** in Spokane are open now through Feb 28. The theme of this 3-day event (July 12-14) is "Illuminate" and will feature exciting Catholic speakers, Adoration, Mass, and Confession. The discounted rate for the conference and lodging is \$375, and is only available if you register by Feb. 28. Contact Michael Joseph at [mjoseph@ststephenslife.com](mailto:mjoseph@ststephenslife.com) for information or visit the Conference's website at <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/nw/>. Register at <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1842/responses/new>.



**Summer Service Project** - SSTM will be taking a group of 8 high school students on the Agape Service Project this summer (June 30-July 4). This week long service trip will engage our youth in elements of Catholic Social Teaching and allow them to help serve the marginalized people of Whatcom County. Since there is limited space, please contact Michael Joseph directly if interested at [mjoseph@ststephenslife.com](mailto:mjoseph@ststephenslife.com).



**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).

## Attention Youth: The Living Stations are Coming!

Lent is just around the corner, and our annual tradition is set to return! Watch for details in the bulletin or weekly Update. Our first meeting will be Sunday, Feb 25 at 1:00 pm in the main church. For questions or to sign-up, contact Michael Joseph at [mjoseph@ststephenslife.com](mailto:mjoseph@ststephenslife.com)



ST ANTHONY SCHOOL

**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.



**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, February 18th from 1:00-2:30 pm. Our topic will be "Family and Friends Grieve, Too." For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at [srasmussen910@yahoo.com](mailto:srasmussen910@yahoo.com). *I am the Lord your God. I am holding your hand so don't be afraid. I am here to help you.* - Isaiah 41:13



**Job Opening: Custodian Lead Position** Custodian Lead Position at St. Stephen the Martyr 5 days a week, 36 hours, afternoons to evening work hours. Position responsibilities include coordination of custodial schedules, managing and ordering supplies for Facilities, and Coordinating Set-ups & takedowns of tables and chairs for events and ministry needs. Also is responsible for monitoring other custodians, training new custodians, and coaching when processes change. The Lead Custodian works closely with the Facilities Manager. Flexibility regarding work hours is necessary for church holidays and events. Guest service is an essential part of this job. The lead custodian will work with fellow staff members and volunteers in a variety of ways and be responsible for maintaining safety policies to keep the staff and volunteers safe. Occasionally will be required to work on special projects such as floor stripping & waxing, basic repairs, and other projects as directed by the Facilities Manager. Basic computer skills are required. The starting wage based on experience is \$17.50 - \$18.00 per hour plus Benefits. For an application or questions, please



# Eucharistic Revival

## at St Stephen the Martyr



## Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit Feb. 24-25

The Eucharistic Miracles Display is a traveling museum-like exhibition featuring the Eucharistic Miracles as chronicled by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006). See the exhibit in our Church Social Hall following the weekend Masses.

## Parish Mission Feb. 26-28

Join Fr Ed in this Parish Mission based on Bishop Robert Barron's book, *This is My Body*. Mass begins each evening at 6:00 PM, followed by Fr Ed's teaching and reflection. Confessions will be available on Wednesday, Feb 28 along with the adoration. Free will offering will be accepted.

## Revival Nights

A prayerful time of reflection, worship and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. In the main Church Wednesdays: March 13, April 24, May 22, June 26

## Formation Nights

Explore the treasure of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Program includes quality video content, reflection and discussion. In the main Church Mondays: March 18, April 15, May 13, June 17



# 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 Now in Session!

**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 are Tuesdays, 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).



## Financial Peace University

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting today. Join my Financial Peace University class at St. Stephen the Martyr starting on Sunday, March 10, 2024, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit <https://www.fpu.com/AFD728> to sign up!



## St. Anthony School Seeking School Accounts Manager

**Position Opening:** St. Anthony School is seeking a cheerful and caring person to serve as School Accounts Manager. Job requirements include: Experience with online bookkeeping, basic background payroll processing, A/P, A/R, and the ability to handle financial information with confidentiality. Desired qualities include: Excellent interpersonal skills, the ability to handle multiple tasks with set deadlines, and a strong commitment to professional and Christian values. This is a full-time contracted position (\$25 - \$28/hour) with a comprehensive package of Archdiocesan benefits (see [sasr.org](https://sasr.org) for detailed job posting). To apply, email your resume to [cantu@sasr.org](mailto:cantu@sasr.org). Come join our mission of educating students to be "joyous, loving, and Christ-centered people capable of serving others and bettering the world!"



**40 Days for Life February 14 - March 24 - Renton 40 Days for Life** For more information go to St. Stephen Respect Life webpage: <https://ststephenslife.com/respect-life> for more information to sign in and up to stand vigil in the 40 Days for Life/Renton campaign. Scroll down to the Renton 40 Days for Life campaign flyer to find the URL or QR code for the campaign. Questions? contact Mary K at: [19jmj54@comcast.net](mailto:19jmj54@comcast.net)



**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).



YOUNG CATHOLIC  
PROFESSIONALS

**Young Catholic Professionals** YCP Seattle will host a Networking Happy Hour at Murphy's Pub, Seattle on Wednesday, February 21st at 7 pm. Members will receive one free drink ticket. Dress is business casual. Not a Member? Join today and receive all the Membership perks that YCP offers and more! Register at [ycpseattle.org](http://ycpseattle.org).



**Cruise with Fr. John!** Fr. John Madigan is traveling again. You may join him for a 7 day Inside Passage Alaska Cruise beginning 1 MAY 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.

**Girlfriends** Please join the Girlfriends at our upcoming events. All women (age 18+) are invited! **The Lit & Lattes** group is meeting on Tuesday, February 13th at 7 p.m. to discuss *Anything is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout. 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!



## 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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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 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, Suzie Stonecipher

*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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