



First Sunday of Lent February 25, 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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Words from Fr. Ed



Transfiguration

Gospel of Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,

"Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice,

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

The cross is never far from our lives as Christians. St. Paul said, "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." (1 Cor 2:2) Almost immediately after the Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor, Jesus begins to talk about His own death in the context of the resurrection. Some say that the apostles needed that heavenly vision in order to persevere through His Passion and Death.

We, too, need consolations and moments of inspiration to continue to carry the cross that Our Lord has given to us. It's important to cherish those consolations and what Jesus was trying to communicate to us during them. At Tabor, the voice of the Father quite clearly spoke an instruction that would be both at the core of the apostles' identity as beloved sons, and the method of their mission.

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." The Father speaks of Jesus in a relational way as Son. We, too, are sons and daughters by adoption into the family of God. By creation, we are dependent and connected to God as creator. By the Sacraments, we are voluntarily joined to the heart of the Creator, Who is also pursuing us in our sinfulness, giving us the path of recovery in Jesus the Way.

When we hear that Jesus is God's beloved Son, does that not stir something deep in our hearts, a longing for that intimacy and affirmation of relationship? We are born again in the font of baptism, born as beloved children who are called to grow supernaturally in the presence of a good and loving father. "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor." (Luke 2:52) What God desired for Jesus, He desires for us.

If we are well established in our identity as beloved children, then we are ready for the mission. Again, the two pillars of Christian life are identity and mission. The Mission is simple in this theophany, "Listen to Him." So simple, yet so difficult for us who tend to complicate things. We must keep coming back to the simple Gospel where we can hear the voice of Jesus. May He clear out the ears of our hearts. As the Rule of St. Benedict admonishes, "Listen, O my son, to the precepts of thy master, and incline the ear of thy heart..." (It goes on to say... "and cheerfully receive and faithfully execute the admonitions of thy loving Father, that by the toil of obedience thou mayest return to Him from whom by the sloth of disobedience thou hast gone away.")

This Lent is a perfect time to become more grounded in our identity as beloved children as our local church prepares for the uniting of parishes under new pastors. Your prayers for this process are greatly appreciated. I'm reminded of the beautiful little prayer of surrender:

"O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!"

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Weekly Readings

February 25 Second Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

February 26 Monday of the Second Week in Lent Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

February 27 Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

February 28 Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

February 29 Thursday of the Second Week of Lent Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

March 1 Friday of the Second Week of Lent Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

March 2 Saturday of the Second Week of Lent Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

March 3 Third Sunday of Lent Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Parish Calendar

Sunday February 25

8:30 am – 9:30 am 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Mass (live-streamed)
Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

11:00 am -12:00 pm Mass

12:00 pm -2:00 pm Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm **Mass**

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

Monday February 26

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 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Mass (live-streamed)

Parish Mission (live-streamed)

Tuesday February 27

9:00 am - 11:30 am
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Parish Mission (live-streamed)

Wednesday February 28

8:00 am - 12:00 pm
10:00 am - 10:45 am
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
4:00 pm - 5:45 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Evening Prayer

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

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Parish Mission w/ Reconciliation & Adoration

Thursday February 29

8:30 am - 9:30 am 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Evening Prayer

8:30 am - 9:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet Evening Prayer

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Encounter School of Ministry 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

Friday March 1

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

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

5:15 pm - 6:30 pm Fish Fry 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm Stations of the Cross

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Children's Holy Hour & Reconciliation

Saturday March 2

6:30 am - 7:30 am Saturday Holy Hour 7:30 am - 8:30 am Exodus 90

8:30 am – 9:15 am 9:15 am – 9:45 am 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Mass (live-streamed)
Blessing of Sacramentals
Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Vigil Mass**



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

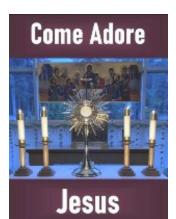
For excellent Lenten resources visit https://archseattle.org/lent/



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			
	Feb 6- Feb 12 2024	Jan 30- Feb 5 2024	FY To date July 1 2023-Jan 31 2024
Collections-actual Collections-Budge	12,572	26,065	655,986
t	14,118	17,356	577,790
Variance	(1,546)	8,709	78,196
*EFT-Actual	9,996	12,211	283,997
*EFT-Budget	8,945	10,091	277,735
Variance	1,051	2,120	6,262
Total Collections Variance	(495)	10,829	84,458
Outreach Collections-	Not Included above		
Outreach Assistance	285	1187	21,647
Food Pantry	1,081	750	23,078

^{*}EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections)

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.



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 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.



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.

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





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 or email Jean Dang at dang@sasr.org to set up a school tour or to learn more info.



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 contact Kim Anderson at kanderson@ststephenslife.com or Tom Jones at tjones@ststephenslife.com.



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.

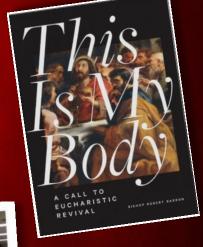
Parish Mission with Fr. Ed White February 26-28

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 adoration and healing prayer.





Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit Feb 24-25

Come downstairs after all weekend Masses for this traveling, museum-like exhibition featuring the Eucharistic Miracles as chronicled by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006).













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.

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.

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 3, 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 Vincent de Paul - February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent: Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your almsgiving to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

40 Days for Life February 14 - March 24 - Renton 40 Days for Life For more information go to St. Stephen Respect Life web-page: 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: <a href="https://spipistage.com/s

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 for details.



Seattle Men's Conference at St Stephen the Martyr April 20th

All Men are invited to this powerful day of fellowship, worship, and growth as we delve into what it means to live as authentic Catholic Christian men in today's world. Our theme this year, *Forged by Love*, will explore the power the Eucharist of to form our hearts and minds in Christ. Keynote speakers include Bishop Frank Schuster, Fr Paul Heric, Seattle Seahawk Abraham Lucas, Musician Daniel Obereutter and Deacon Jim Johnson! Come and connect with fellow men of faith, and equip yourself with practical tools and insights to navigate the challenges of modern life with courage and integrity. Whether you're a husband, father, single man, young adult, or seasoned veteran in your faith journey, there's a place for you at this exciting day!

Visit www.seattlemensconference.org.

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: oursulletin@gmail.com.

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Deacon	Dec.lke Tarabi		ike.tarabi@outlook.com
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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	

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

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

Associate, Anne Merklin, 253-480-7108 (ext. 126), AMerklin@ststephenslife.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, Peter Olson 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

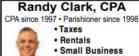
To add names to the box, please email ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940. To contact the Prayer Chain, please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

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

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