



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 24, 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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"What are you doing, untying the colt?" At the Procession with Palms – Gospel Mk 11:1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you,

'Why are you doing this?' Reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'"

So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them,

"What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

I have an icon in my office that is called The Extreme Humility. It is from Our Lord's Passion, where Christ is being mocked by the soldiers. He is wearing a scarlet robe and bearing a reed in his hand. It was in humility that the Son of God took on our humanity:



Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross. (Phil. 2:5-8)

We can learn from this that in humbly embracing our crosses, we can now ascend into the heavenly realm. Jesus descended so that we might ascend. He shares our cross that we might share His. By embracing our cross, we, in fact, embrace Him who is Perfect Love.

Holy Week gives us another opportunity to walk as Jesus walked along the same liturgical Via Dolorosa. The liturgy connects us immediately with the original mystery. We are in Jerusalem when we celebrate Mass. Simultaneously, Christ is in Renton, or Kent, or wherever we are, because He is in His Body, the Church.

We will have a chance to humble ourselves this week by gaining a plenary indulgence. There are several opportunities during Holy Week:

Holy Thursday. "A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who piously recite the verses of the Tantum ergo after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday during the solemn reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament."

Good Friday brings two opportunities. "A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who:

Devoutly assist at the adoration of the Cross in the solemn liturgical action of Good Friday; or:

Personally make the pious Way of the Cross, or devoutly unite themselves to the Way of the Cross while it is being led by the Supreme Pontiff and broadcast live on television or radio. Most every parish conducts Stations of the Cross for parishioners on Good Friday."

On Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil brings another opportunity. "A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, at the celebration of the Easter Vigil (or on the anniversary of their own Baptism), renew their baptismal vows in any legitimately approved formula."

In addition the above specific actions, in order to obtain a plenary indulgence, one must make a good confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the Pope's intentions to fulfill the plenary indulgence requirements within a week (either side of the action).

Consider joining yourself to the fullness of Christ through this year's Holy Week celebrations. We can come our resurrected through Jesus' humility.

Fr. Ed

Parish Calendar

Sunday March 24

8:30 am – 9:30 am
11:00 am -12:00 pm
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Mass (live-streamed)
Mass
Financial Peace University
Library Open
Mass
Apologetics Meeting

Monday March 25

9:00 am – 10:30 am
10:00 am – 11:45 am
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:30 pm – 7:15 pm

Darling Dusters
Food Pantry (drive by only)
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Mass (live-streamed)

Tuesday March 26

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:30 pm – 7:15 pm
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Stations of the Cross
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Mass (live-streamed)
RCIA

Wednesday March 27

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
6:30 pm – 7:15 pm
7:15 pm- 7:45 pm
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Campus Crew
Rosary Group
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Food Pantry (drive by only)
Evening Prayer
Mass (live-streamed)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
Sacred Story
Adoration & Reconciliation

Thursday March 28

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
10:00 pm. – 11:00 pm
11:00 pm – 12:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Knights of Columbus Meeting
Mass of the Lord's Supper (live-streamed)
Night Prayer (Formerly Known as Tenebrae)
Adoration

Friday March 29

6:30 am - 7:30 am
9:00 am - 10:00 am
10:00 am - 11:45 am
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Food Pantry (Drive by only)
Good Friday Service with Communion
Evening Prayer
Living Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 30

6:30 am - 7:30 am
7:30 am - 8:30 am
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Saturday Morning Holy Hour
Exodus 90
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Vigil Mass (live-streamed)



Easter - Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 PM
Holy Thursday Night Prayer (Tenebrae) 10:00 PM

Good Friday Service 3:00 PM
Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross 8:00

Holy Saturday Decorating for Easter 9:00 AM
Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 PM

Easter Day Masses 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Divine Mercy Novena Day 1

Good Friday, March 29 @4:30 PM in chapel

Divine Mercy Novena Day 2

Holy Saturday, March 30 @3 PM in chapel

Divine Mercy Novena Day 3

Easter Sunday, March 31 @1 PM in church

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 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:

Tuesday at 3am
Thursday at 12am
Thursday at 1am

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

Weekly Collections				
	Mar 5-Mar 11, 2024	Feb 27- Mar 4, 2024	FY To date July 1 2023-Feb 29 2024	
Collections-actual	13,833	28,179	731,968	
Collections-Budget	25,154	18,208	577,790	
Variance	(11,321)	9,971	154,178	
*EFT-Actual	13,672	8,862	324,945	
*EFT-Budget	5,037	10,868	277,735	
Variance	8,635	(2,006)	47,210	
Total Collections			201,388	
Variance	(2,686)	7,965		
Outreach Collections-Not Included above				
Outreach Assistance	2,585	1073	23,875	
Food Pantry	745	2936	28,811	

*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.



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.



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.

Living Stations of the Cross Good Friday, 8:00 PM

Come for this moving experience of the Lord's passion. Music, prayer, and theatrical arts make this a meaningful time for all ages.





Seattle Catholic
Men's Conference
April 20, 2024

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St Stephen the Martyr Church
Renton, WA



www.seattlemensconference.org/

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Bishop Frank Schuster
Archdiocese of Seattle



Fr. Paul Heric
Chaplain WSU



Dn. Jim Johnson
Our Lady Star of the Sea



Daniel Oberreuter
Musician/Speaker



Abraham Lucas
Seattle Seahawk

Returning Catholics



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



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.

March 24 - Palm Sunday: Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. During Lent, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor. Thank you for helping to keep the lights on, water running and a roof over our neighbor's heads.

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 Beth Nieva at bnieva@ststephenslife.com.

Respect Life - A thank you to all for standing witness during these 40 Days for Life in Renton. We have heard that there were babies saved and mothers supported through your witness and prayer. Now that the campaign has ended, I am asking that we continue to pray and stand witness when possible at the Cedar River Clinic in Renton. Even though the formal 40 Days for Life effort is over, let us continue to be there for the moms and their babies! Please let me know when you will be standing vigil so that new people inquiring won't stand alone.

Weekly Readings

March 24 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47

March 25 Monday of Holy Week Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

March 26 Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

March 27 Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

March 28 Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Ex

12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

March 29 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

March 30 Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil Gn 1:1—2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22; Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8-11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

March 31 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or I Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

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 of the Eucharist to form our hearts and minds in Christ. Keynote speakers include Bishop Frank Schuster, Fr Paul Heric, Seattle Seahawk Abraham Lucas, Musician Daniel Oberreuter 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!



Seattle Men's Conference

April 20th 2024

Forged by Love



Bishop Frank
Schuster
Auxiliary Bishop of
Seattle



Fr. Paul Heric
Chaplain WSU



Abraham Lucas
Seattle Seahawk



Daniel Oberreuter
Musician/Speaker



Dec. Jim Johnson
Our Lady Star of
the Sea

Hosted by St Stephen the Martyr Church, Renton, WA

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Parish Information

New to St. Stephen's? Welcome! Learn more about our vibrant community by visiting our web site at www.ststephenslife.com. Registration forms are online or may be obtained from the ushers and put in the collection basket or mailed in. **Bulletin Notices:** The **content deadline is 12:00 PM on the Friday** a week before the weekend you wish it to appear (8 days in advance). Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email notices to: ourbulletin@gmail.com.

Main Office Phone: TEL 253-631-1940 / FAX 425-255-2943 Ten digit phone numbers listed below are direct lines.

Pastor	Fr. Edward G. White	For Fr. Ed contact his assistant, Betty Mencke 253-480-7103 (100)
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Deacon	Dec. Ike Tarabi	ike.tarabi@outlook.com
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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 Associate, Anne Merklin, 253-480-7108 (ext. 126), 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

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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