



Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 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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From the commentary on the first letter of Peter by Saint Bede the Venerable, priest

A Chosen Race, a Royal Priesthood

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood. This praise was given long ago by Moses to the ancient people of God, and now the apostle Peter rightly gives it to the Gentiles, since they have come to believe in Christ who, as the cornerstone, has brought the nations together in the salvation that belonged to Israel.

Peter calls them a chosen race because of their faith, to distinguish them from those who by refusing to accept the living stone have themselves been rejected. They are a royal priesthood because they are united to the body of Christ, the supreme king and true priest. As sovereign he grants them his kingdom, and as high priest he washes away their sins by the offering of his blood. Peter says they are a royal priesthood; they must always remember to hope for an everlasting kingdom and to offer to God the sacrifice of a blameless life.

They are also called a consecrated nation, a people claimed by God as his own, in accordance with the apostle Paul's explanation of the prophet's teaching: My righteous man lives by faith; but if he draws back, I will take no pleasure in him. But we, he says, are not the sort of people who draw back and are lost; we are those who remain faithful until we are saved. In the Acts of the Apostles we read: The Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the Church of God which he bought with his own blood. Thus, through the blood of our Redeemer, we have become a people claimed by God as his own, as in ancient times the people of Israel were ransomed from Egypt by the blood of a lamb.

In the next verse, Peter also makes a veiled allusion to the ancient story, and explains that this story is to be spiritually fulfilled by the new people of God, so that, he says, they may declare his wonderful deeds. Those who were freed by Moses from slavery in Egypt sang a song of triumph to the Lord after they had crossed the Red Sea and Pharaoh's army had been overwhelmed; in the same way, now that our sins have been washed away in baptism, we too should express fitting gratitude for the gifts of heaven. The Egyptians who oppressed the people of God, and who can also stand for darkness or trials, are an apt symbol of the sins that once oppressed us but have now been destroyed in baptism.

The deliverance of the children of Israel and their journey to the long-promised land correspond with the mystery of our redemption: we are making our way towards the light of our heavenly home with the grace of Christ leading us and showing us the way. The light of his grace was also symbolised by the cloud and the pillar of fire, which protected the Israelites from darkness throughout their journey, and brought them by a wonderful path to their promised homeland.

Weekly Readings

April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

April 22 Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10

April 23 Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

April 24 Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

April 25 Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

April 26 Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

April 27 Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Parish Calendar

Sunday April 21

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
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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

Monday April 22

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

Darling Dusters
Food Pantry (drive by only)
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Mass (live-streamed)

Tuesday April 23

9:00 am - 11:30 am
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:30 pm - 7:15 pm
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Scripture Study
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Mass (live-streamed)
Scripture Study
RCIA

Wednesday April 24

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 April 25

8:30 am - 9:30 am
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Mass (live-streamed)
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Encounter School of Ministry
Pastoral Council Meeting
Knights of Columbus Meeting
Finance Council Meeting

Friday April 26

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

Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)
Mass (live-streamed)
Sacrament of reconciliation
Food Pantry (Drive by only)
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Lions Club Italian Dinner

Saturday April 27

6:30 am - 7:30 am
7:30 am - 8:30 am
8:30 am - 9:15 am
3:00 pm - 4:30 am
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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

New Pastor/Priests

Assigned to St

Stephens Last week Archbishop Etienne announced that, "after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Bryan Dolejsi as your new pastor and Father Marlo Abad, Father Sylvester Chanda

and Father Gilberto Mora Tapia as your new parochial vicars. Presently, Father Dolejsi is the pastor of Holy Family Parish in Kirkland. Father Abad is currently the priest administrator of St. Francis Parish on Friday Harbor, Eastsound Station on Orcas Island and Lopez Island Station. As you may know, Father Sylvester Chanda is the parochial vicar at St. Anthony Parish. Father Gilberto Mora Tapia is a parochial vicar at both St. Philomena Parish in Des Moines and St. Theresa Parish in Federal Way. In a similar way, he will rotate between this parish family and two other parish families in Kent and Tacoma, supporting Spanish-language sacramental ministry.

These men are wonderful priests who will diligently and faithfully serve you and your parish family. Be assured that they will receive all the necessary support and assistance from the Archdiocese of Seattle to ensure quality pastoral care for your parish family."



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 3:00 am

Thursday at 12:00 am

Thursday at 1:00 am

To sign up visit

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

Weekly Collections			
	April 1-April 8, 2024	Mar 26-Mar 31, 2024	FY To date July 1 2023-Mar 31 2024
Collections-actual	22,658	46,222	865,887
Collections-Budget	29,560	31,929	749,851
Variance	(6,902)	14,293	116,036
*EFT-Actual	17,521	5,650	366,493
*EFT-Budget	9,493	13,512	364,627
Variance	8,028	(7,862)	1,866
Total Collections	1,126	6,431	117,902
Variance			
Outreach Collections-Not Included above			
Outreach Assistance	2,895	125	31,054
Food Pantry	3,133	2198	44,599

Note: Variance between weeks due to Easter falling on different days.

*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

Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry! We are appreciative of your donations and with your continued support, we will keep striving to meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable in our community. Please check the list in the Narthex for the pantry's most needed items currently.

The Gabriel Project is in need of diapers and wipes for their young Moms. They especially need sizes 4, 5, and 6 as well as unscented wipes. You may leave them at the Food Pantry Baskets in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support for our Moms who chose life!

PARISH MISSION CONCERT & TALK

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DANIEL
OBERREUTER

7:00-9:00 PM

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 21

In coordination with the Hallow App, Daniel Oberreuter, lead singer of the Catholic band "The Thirsting" will be offering an 2-hour long parish mission at St. Stephen the Martyr Parish on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 7:00pm (following the 5:30pm Mass). Come hear his personal testimony and a powerful message on the Rosary, Eucharist, and Confession.



April 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter: Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families in need with utility and rent bills. Thank You!

GRIEF MINISTRY



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, April 21st from 1:00-2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. Our topic will be "The Meaning of Healing / The Paradox of Acceptance". For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at srasmussen910@yahoo.com. "And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing." Luke 9:2

Respect Life - When recalling our sins, we may feel discouraged or fearful of approaching God; however, we can cling to the truth that Christ's Passion on the Cross did not end in death, but in the joy of the Resurrection. The miracle of Easter gives us the courage to face our sins, confess our mistakes, and then humbly receive God's forgiveness and accept the joy that comes with new life in Christ. In his infinite love for us, God desires nothing more than to wash away our sins and offer us his mercy. He has a prepared place in his merciful heart for each of us, and no sin is bigger than his power to forgive. (USCCB)



The Archdiocese of Seattle joyfully announces the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Joseph Tapia- Beeman!

Thanks be to God! Save the date for the Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate of Joseph- Tapia Beeman at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, Renton WA on May 18 at 10:00am. Ordination to the diaconate marks the last stage in seminary formation before ordination to the priesthood. All are welcome!

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." -John 15:13

Masaka Visitors! - We are so blessed to have 3 priests, for whom our parish supported through seminary, to visit us over the next couple of months. Most of you know **Fr. Gerald** from his several previous visits. He will be with us during the month of May. **Fr. Emmanuel** was with us briefly last summer. He will be with us during the month of June. Fr. Emmanuel has requested that people interested in spending time with him to please contact Diane Cooper at iamdcooper@gmail.com **Fr. Martin** will just be with us for a week during the end of June through the beginning of July. Again, please contact Diane Cooper to be placed on his schedule. Please give them our wonderful warm St. Stephen's welcome.



Fr. Gerald



Fr. Emmanuel



Fr. Martin

Save the Date: June 8th Women's Retreat

Come Experience Radiant Joy! Mark your calendar and consider joining us for the St. Stephen the Martyr Women's Retreat on June 8th!



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.

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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.

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, PFC 2 Anthony Vogeler, Poland.

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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