



Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 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

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,
and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither;

people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Gospel of John 15:1-8





Here is the gist of our part in this great reconciliation of humanity to the Father of all. We must do what we can to remain in Jesus. What does this look like? We should begin with what we are most capable of. Jesus said, regarding the Holy Eucharist, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide [remain] in me, and I in them." (John 6:56) During this Year of Eucharistic Revival, it's a good time to refocus on this principal truth of Catholic Christian life. It's also valuable during this time of Partners in the Gospel transitions of priest and parish structures.

As announced while I was in Vietnam, I'm being transferred to the North Olympic parish made up of 4 'parishes': Forks, Port Angeles, Sequim, and Port Townsend, plus one mission, Clallam Bay. I'll be serving as Vicar under Fr. Jacob Maurer who will be pastor. People ask lots of questions about the process, but I think the best focus is on Jesus. As I have said, "Cling to Jesus." I don't think the question of what parish we were in will be high on the list of questions that God may ask us when we die. It will be more like our Gospel, "Did you remain in My Son?"

I also saw a beautiful convergence when I spoke earlier with St. Stephens/St. Anthony's new pastor, Fr. Bryan Dolejsi. My bottom-line discernment was to serve the Archbishop's greatest need. In speaking with Fr. Bryan about his discernment, he spoke the same words. This is the priesthood, and you are receiving a great priest. If we remain in Jesus, we remain together. I pray for this gift for all of us.

When we eat Jesus' flesh and drink His Blood we consume our own conversion. St. Augustine calls us to "become what you receive." May Jesus accomplish this soon and very soon.

Weekly Readings

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

April 29 Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

April 30 Tuesday of Fifth Week of EasterActs 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

May 1 Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

May 2 Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

May 3 Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

May 4 Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Parish Calendar

Sunday April 28

8:30 am - 9:30 am Mass (live-streamed) 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Mass

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Financial Peace University

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Apologetics Meeting**

Monday April 29

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 April 30

9:00 am - 11:30 am Scripture Study 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Praver 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Terrific Tuesday Dinner 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 May 1

Campus Crew 8:00 am - 12:00 pm 10:00 am 10:45 am Rosary Group Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm Food Pantry (drive by only) 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Praver

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 Adoration & Reconciliation

Thursday May 2

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

Friday May 3

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 - 11:45 am Food Pantry (Drive by only) 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Praver 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Children's Holy Hour

Saturday May 4

6:30 am - 7:30 am Saturday Morning Holy Hour 7:30 am - 8:30 am Exodus 90 8:30 am - 9:15 am Mass (live-streamed) 3:00 pm - 4:30 amSacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

New Pastor/Priests Assigned to St **Stephens**

Archbishop Etienne has announced that, "after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Bryan Doleisi 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/eucharisticadoration or contact coordinator Bernie 206-427-6085 or Tina 206-715-8462.

	April 9-April 15, 2024	April 1-April 8, 2024	FY To date July 1 2023-Mar 31 2024
Collections-actual	51,859	22,658	865,887
Collections-Budget	20,944	29,560	749,851
Variance	30,915	(6,902)	116,036
*EFT-Actual	9,990	17,521	366,493
*EFT-Budget	7,836	9,493	364,627
Variance	2,154	8,028	1,866
Total Collections Variance	33,069	1,126	117,902
Outreach Collections-Not Included	above		
Outreach Assistance	260	2895	31,054
Food Pantry	375	3133	44,599

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!



Women's Retreat Saturday, June 8, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Topic: Experience Radiant Joy! We invite you for a day of Refreshment and Renewal as we reflect and rejoice:

- As Women who know Jesus in the Scriptures.
- As Women who know the Holy Spirit who helps us discern our path in life and find fullness of JOY in Christ.
- As Women who live in the JOY of the Eucharist at Mass and in Adoration.

Our featured speaker, Sister Mary Eucharista SMMC, has been a Spiritual Life and Retreat program manager at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Spokane since 2008. She also giving Retreats, Days of Prayer, and Talks at the Center and around the United States on Women, Families and Faith.

All are encouraged to attend 8:30 am Mass in the Church. Check-in will take place

at 9:15 in the Social Hall. Registration Fee: \$40 - Includes light breakfast, lunch, snacks and materials. Remember, space is limited - *Register early!*

Questions / information contact: Tina, at sstm.womensretreat@gmail.com or 206-715-8462.

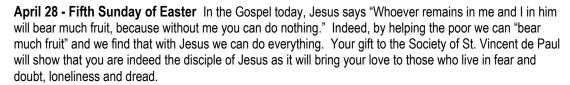
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Respect Life - When recalling our sins, we may feel discouraged or fearful of approaching God; however, we can cling to the truth that Christ's Passion on the Cross did not end in death, but in the joy of the Resurrection. The miracle of Easter gives 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



Breakfast This Morning! The Knights of Columbus are going to be serving French Toast and Monte Cristo sandwiches, with coffee, orange juice and apple juice after each Sunday morning Mass April 28th. Proceeds will go toward our Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program. Join us for an enjoyable hot breakfast or brunch after Mass.



Seven Sisters Ministry - We are welcoming beautiful sisters of Christ!

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ. Do you have one hour a week to pray for our Priest, Parochial Vicars and Deacons? As we have new incoming clergy here at St. Stephens, we are in need of more sisters to pray for them. I will be resigning as Anchoress for what is currently Father Ed's group and we will need a new Anchoress to step in once we transition in July to pray for Father Bryan Dolejsi. This group is already formed and only needs an Anchoress to forward emails and handle any questions from her sisters. Each sister commits to pray only one hour a week for a Priest, Vicar or a Deacon. You choose your own day and your own specific hour. You are only committing to one day of the week. As always, we desire to have more groups for our clergy as the need at SSTM is plentiful and our Fathers and Deacons are in much need of prayers. To learn more about this Ministry, visit: https://sevensistersapostolate.org/ We thank you for your discerning hearts and call to serve or potentially serve in this beautiful and quiet ministry.

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





el Fr. Martin

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.

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 a	ssistant, Betty Mencke 253-480-7103 (100)
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Deacon	Dec. Sonny Ungco		sonny.ungco@gmail.com
Deacon	Dec.lke Tarabi		ike.tarabi@outlook.com
Director of Parish Operations	Tom Jones	253-480-7114 (103)	tjones@ststephenslife.com
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Facilities & Parish Life Coordinator	Kim Anderson	253-480-7120 (129)	KAnderson@ststephenslife.com
Director of Faith Formation	Shannon Battles	253-480-7112 (114)	SBattles@ststephenslife.com
Youth Ministry	Michael Joseph	253-480-7110 (113)	mjoseph@ststephenslife.com
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Faith Formation Support Coordinator	Maria Trejo	253-631-6175 (115)	MTrejo@ststephenslife.com
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 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.

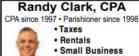
To add names to the box, please email ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940. To contact the Prayer Chain, please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

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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