



# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 14, 2024

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM Sunday 8:30,11:00 AM and **7:00\* PM (\*Summer Mass Time)**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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Source: https://msjnov.wordpress.com/

The Gospel of today tells us of the mission and ministry of Jesus where the master accepts human helps to continue his work. For Jesus from the beginning it has been a shared ministry. He invites his own chosen men to work with him. Jesus had been quietly training his chosen Apostles for some time. They had heard his preaching they had seen the miracles worked by him. Their future work will be to bring his teaching and the story of his life and miracles to all people. They were not fully aware of the real Jesus whom they accepted as their master but they knew that he was planning something great. They were being prepared for the challenge he was placing before them. As the Gospel unfolds, that shared ministry grows until we see Jesus calling the twelve and giving them authority over unclean spirits as well as to preach repentance. People had been watching and admiring his work and they wanted his presence in other towns and villages to come to preach and also work miracles there. But as a human person Jesus was unable to reach out everywhere and he called the twelve apostles together and gave them a task to do his work and fulfil the special mission given to him by the Father. He instructed them to go out, two by two, and, heal people as they drive out "unclean" spirits. They were to do the task he himself was doing and continue doing his mission of healing. It was not just to conquer the evil spirits but more importantly to bring reconciliation and healing. They were to trust absolutely in God's providence. He would see to it that those to whom they preached would provide them with the necessities of life.

Jesus sends his disciples two by two on a temporary mission. Going two by two carries with it the authority of official witnesses. Only Mark mentions this detail in his Gospel while Matthew and Luke do not speak of it on this occasion. But in another passage Luke says: "After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two." This has a profound meaning that needs to be explained. Indeed, it amounts to saying that the disciple of the Lord is never alone: he is always accompanied by another disciple of the Lord, that is, a man or a woman not chosen by the disciple himself, but rather a person whom the Lord himself chose to be his companion and helper in the apostolate.

If Jesus takes care in choosing his disciples in order to ensure a good beginning to the mission he entrusts to them, he also watches over the mission itself to ensure that it proceeds well. Here we notice that the discipleship demands a lifestyle of radical simplicity while the other demands he makes of them are heavy. The instructions we find in the Gospel probably reflect the directives that were given to the Christian missionaries of Mark's time. The main point of the instructions was that the disciple must trust that God through the community will provide the essentials of food and housing. Clothing and accessories must be kept to an absolute minimum. Jesus tells them that if they are to help people recover their freedom, they too must be a free people. So he instructs them saying that as they go out to evangelize, they should not bring many things with them. No food, no backpack, no money, no extra clothes, no sandals or staff. This teaching does not seem to be very practical to our ears. He also tells them that when his disciples were on the mission of the kingdom.

Jesus strictly instructs his disciples to stay at the house they originally enter. They must not be preoccupied with finding better and more comfortable accommodations. This would violate the customs of hospitality as well give impression that the disciples were concerned primarily with themselves and their own comfort. Besides to leave the house that has welcomed them would be to insult their kind host. If they were rejected or if no one received them in that place, they were to depart immediately. He tells them to shake the dust off their feet at the door of the inhospitable householder or at the end of the village if the villagers refused to hear them and go to a more hospitable environment. Of course the gesture of shaking the dust from one's feet was, in effect, equal to cursing that place.

Thus the Gospel today is telling us that each Christian is called not only to be a disciple but also to be an apostle. A disciple is one who hears, who accepts and who carries out the teaching of Jesus in his/her life. A disciple follows Jesus, imitates Jesus, and becomes a second Christ. An apostle is not only a follower but also an evangelizer. He is to be sent on a mission with a message from a superior – an ambassador, an envoy. Every person who has been baptized has this mission and this calling, actively to share their faith with others. We work with the lord to help people find or recover their freedom. We help people to cure their sicknesses, physical, psychological and emotional. Secondly, Jesus is telling us to go through our lives with the maximum of freedom and the minimum of burdens. The apostles were told to go out bringing with them only the message they had received from Jesus and nothing else. They were not to carry with them any earthly material goods which would be an obstacle in their mission work.

We are aware that Christ the Son of God could have spread his Gospel of peace and love and the message of eternal salvation to the whole world without any human help. Yet he chose the weaker and more human way of evangelizing people by sending their own fellowmen who brought the Good News to them. This choice showed his divine love and understanding of weak human nature much better and more effectively than the use of any supernatural means which he could have employed. Today we realize that we all have been sent by God and the church to spread and defend the faith before our family, our friends and our co-workers, we can expect that our Christian obligation will not be easy. We have to be prepared to be rejected by many or even our own communities because we represent Jesus on earth.

One day, as usually, an orphan, a little girl, stood at the street corner begging for food, money or whatever she could get. Now, this girl was wearing very tattered clothes, was dirty and quite disheveled. A well-to-do you man passed that corner without giving the girl a second look. But, when he returned to his expensive home, his happy and comfortable family, and his well-laden dinner table, his thoughts returned to the young orphan. He became very angry with God for allowing such conditions to exist. He reproached God, saying, How can you let this happen Why don t you do something to help this girl. Then he heard God in the depths of his being responding by saying "Yes friend I did something. I created you."

Fr Eugene Lobo S.J. Shimoga, India

Fr. Eugene is a member of the Jesuit Province of Karnataka. He was the former Principal of St. Joseph's College, Bangalore and St. Aloysius College, Mangalore. For the last few years he worked at Vatican Radio. He is currently working as the Secretary, Regional Commission for Education. Karnataka at Bangalore and residing at Ashirvad. 30. St mark's Road Cross. Bangalore 560001.

#### **Parish Calendar**

Sunday July 14

8:30 am - 9:30 am

11:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Mass (live-streamed)
Mass
Grief Support Ministry Meeting
Mass (Time change for summer)
Apologetics Meeting

Monday July 15

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 July 16** 

 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 Divine Mercy Chaplet

 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
 Evening Prayer

 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm
 Mass (live-streamed)

Wednesday July 17

 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Campus Crew

 10:00 am 10:45 am
 Rosary Group

 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 Divine Mercy Chaplet

 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm
 Food Pantry (drive by only)

 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
 Evening Prayer

 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm
 Mass (live-streamed)

 7:15 pm- 7:45 pm
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Young Adult Group

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Adoration & Reconciliation

**Thursday July 18** 

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

Mass (live-streamed)

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Evening Prayer

Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:15 pm - 7:30 pm Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

Friday July 19

6:30 am - 7:30 am
8:30 am - 9:30 am
9:00 am - 10:00 am

Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)

Mass (live-streamed)

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 Prayer

Saturday July 20

6:30 am - 7:30 am Saturday Morning Holy Hour

7:30 am - 8:30 am Exodus 90

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

Mass (live-streamed) Divine Mercy Chaplet Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

## St. Stephen's Welcomes





#### **Annual Catholic Appeal 2024**

Thank you to all who have participated! Over the last few months, we have received gifts of \$128,573 towards our goal of \$184,300. Through the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, your generous gifts support the needs of our faith family with the centralized services supporting our parish staff, formation, outreach ministries, and support for Deacons and Seminarians. Your gift makes an impact. If the parish does not meet our goal, we are

billed to make up the difference, which can affect our ability to fund our programs and ministries. For those of you who have not yet contributed, there is still time. You can donate using the QR code, fill out a pew envelope, or go online to archseattle.org/GiveACA.



# Come Adore

Jesus

#### 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         | June 18-<br>June 23,<br>2024 | June 11-<br>June 17,<br>2024 | FY To date July 1,2023 -<br>May. 31, 2024 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Collections-actual         | 10,680                       | 13,401                       | 1,065,358                                 |
| Collections-Budget         | 18,301                       | 11,600                       | 930,084                                   |
| Variance                   | (7,621)                      | 1,801                        | 135,274                                   |
| *EFT-Actual                | 6,949                        | 6,597                        | 453,388                                   |
| *EFT-Budget                | 8,933                        | 9,120                        | 440,614                                   |
| Variance                   | (1,984)                      | (2,523)                      | 12,774                                    |
| Total Collections Variance | (9,605)                      | (722)                        | 148,048                                   |

| Outreach Collections |     |     |       |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Outreach Assistance  | 40  | 235 | 35497 |
| Food Pantry          | 126 | 860 | 52856 |

New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2023

\*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



**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.



**SAVE THE DATE: This Year Bible Camp will be July 22-26!** Our theme will be: **Scuba** – taking kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God! We'll have a great week of Bible Stories, Songs, Games, and Inspiration! We are planning for 9:00 am – Noon, Monday through Friday. We will have limited space this year so register quickly! **See the flyer on the next page!!!** 



**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 <a href="www.sasr.org">www.sasr.org</a> or email Jean Dang at <a href="mailto:dang@sasr.org">dang@sasr.org</a> to set up a school tour or to learn more info.



Will you still love Me, Will you still need me, when I'm 64? If you are over 64 and remember this, come gather with St. Stephen Seniors, Widows & Widowers, Knights, Filipino-Americans, Women's Guild & Others!! St. Stephen Senior Picnic BBQ will be July 21th 2024, Sunday at 1PM at Tansey-Gardner Home. PS: First time after 5 Years. Wear your RED, WHITE, & BLUE and Come! Burgers, Hot Dogs, Buns, Condiments, Dessert Provided Please, tell us what you will bring by Wed. July 19th: 1. A Salad or A Side 2. Beverage 6 pack or Bag of Snacks/Chips Contact Kathleen 253-653-6074 (cell) or psj1350@comcast.net and & Leah Rae 425-271-8182 or catchball@comcast.net



#### Send Fr Ed a Farewell/Thank You Message Online!

Want to say a few words of encouragement and gratitude to our outgoing pastor? To post those nice words to Fr Ed online visit *Kudoboard* at https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/Wb9CZN30



**Spiritual Adoption -** Please continue to remember to pray everyday for the baby you have spiritually adopted. A message from your baby: I'm 6 months old now. I just opened my eyes. Before today they were sealed shut for protection. I wonder what you look like. I can hear sounds too! It's great having someone praying for me.



**Wax for Candle Ministry** Got old wax or candles you don't need? Donate it to our Candle Making Ministry. Anything wax, no matter the color, is welcome. Your donations support making 51% bees wax candles for the church and chapel altars, as well as colored three inch pillar candles blessed and given away every first Saturday. Place your donations in the blue tote next to food donation baskets in the narthex. Questions? Contact Bernie 206-427-6085.



Kids will dive into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God! We'll have a great week of Bible Stories, Songs, Games, and Inspiration! Visit https://ststephenslife.com/vbc-registration

9:00 am - Noon, Monday through Friday

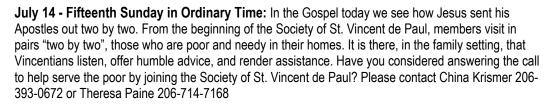
We have limited space this year so register right away!

Adults and Teens – Join us for this awesome week! We have many volunteer spots available, but those will fill quickly. Contact Shannon at Sbattles@st.stephenslife.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!

**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, July 21st from 1:00-2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. Our topic will be "Unfinished Business / Looking at Your Expectations". For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at <a href="mailto:srasmussen910@yahoo.com">srasmussen910@yahoo.com</a>. Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. Psalm 31, 25



#### **Witness to Love Marriage Movement**

"Share your witness- become a mentor couple! St. Stephen's invites you to share your marriage witness with our Parish's engaged couples. Witness to Love is not just another marriage prep program. It is a renewal movement centered around fostering community involvement that bears fruit for the entire parish community. It is a unique virtue-based system that:

- 1. Prepares couples for a sacramental marriage, AND...
- 2. Fosters their transition into a welcoming community of faith before and after they are married.

A mentor couple is not expected to be a Theologian, Counselor, or Spiritual Director to the engaged couples they accompany. You are simply to provide authentic witness to the vocation of marriage. Imperfections are to be expected! To learn more about **Witness to Love**, visit their site: About Us | Catholic Marriage Catechumenate | Witness to Love

There will be a Mentor Couple "Come and See" information night on July 29, 6:00-7:00pm in St. Stephen the Martyr Classroom Wing. To RSVP visit https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1365/responses/new





#### **Encounter School Summer Intensive August 2-3**

Experience the first four quarters of the encounter School of ministry in just 2 days! Drawing from the richness of our Catholic heritage, we seek to teach, equip and activate disciples to demonstrate the love of God through the power of the holy spirit in their sphere of influence. Number one identity and transformation number two hearing God's voice and the prophetic gifts of the holy Spirit number three power and healing number four inner healing and freedom encounterschool.org/Seattle

#### **Parish Information**

New to St. Stephen's? Welcome! Learn more about our vibrant community by visiting our web site at <a href="www.ststephenslife.com">www.ststephenslife.com</a>. 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: <a href="mailto:ourbulletin@gmail.com">ourbulletin@gmail.com</a>.

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

| Pastor                                | Fr. Bryan Dolejsi       |                    | frbryan@ststephenslife.com      |
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| Parochial Vicar                       | Fr. Sylvester Chanda    |                    |                                 |
| Parochial Vicar                       | Fr. Gilberto Mora Tapia |                    |                                 |
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| 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, Buddy Day, Jeff Tobin

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, Charito Rubis Galindo 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.

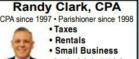
To add names to the box, please email ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940. To contact the Prayer Chain, please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

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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