

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 11, 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

Parish Office (253) 631-1940 Faith Formation (253) 631-6175 13055 SE 192nd Street Renton, WA 98058 www.ststephenslife.com Listing of Parish Staff on the back inside page Growing up as a kid around the Seattle area I always thought, once Seafair happens (Blue Angels, Hydroplanes, parade, etc), school is just around the corner...

I am excited about our next steps together. Including our upcoming school year! Our wonderful St. Anthony Catholic School still has some enrollment spots available in particular, pre-K, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades. Contact the school office if interested in exploring a great Catholic education!

Along with school, our parish family is starting to come together more and more each day. In August I will be doing some brainstorming on the daily mass schedules with those who attend after July consultation with staff and priests. Our parish family liaison, Annie Bailey, will come to meet with both staffs this month as we plan for our joint parish staff retreat the end of August. Our Outreach ministries of both parishes are meeting next week to discuss how we can best take care of the poor and needy. Our Faith formation personnel are going to meet from both parishes to learn about our offerings at both parishes for all ages. I am excited to meet both pastoral councils together in a few weeks as we get to know one another and then over time form a parish family advisory team. This week our parish family leadership team will have our first meeting consisting of our

I feel blessed to serve as pastor here and collaborate with so many positive and faith filled people here in our parish family and to utilize all our gifts together for the building of the kingdom here. As well as being pastor of our parish family I was recently appointed as Dean of the South King Deanery by Archbishop along with my other roles as priest moderator in Bellevue and role on the Priest Personnel Board and Steering Committee for Partners in the Gospel for the Archdiocese. With all these roles I am very happy to have my brother priests assisting me!

parish administrators, a pastoral liaison from both parishes (Dulce and Anne), and our school principal.

On the weekends, we will continue to hear from the Gospel of John chapter 6, the Bread of Life discourse. In all things let us remain focused around the Risen Christ in the Eucharist as we discern and work together in our new parish family. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Your Servant in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi D.Min, Pastor

Weekly Readings

August 11 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

August 12 Monday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

August 13 Tuesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

August 14 Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20

August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

August 16 Friday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

August 17 Saturday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

August 18 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Parish Calendar

Sunday August 11

8:30 am - 9:30 am

Mass (live-streamed) Mass

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Mass (Time change for summer)

Monday August 12

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

Tuesday August 13

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet **Evening Prayer** 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Mass (live-streamed) 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday August 14

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

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

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

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

Thursday August 15

8:30 am - 9:15 am Mass (live-streamed) 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm **Evening Prayer**

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Respect Life Ministry Meeting 7:15 pm - 7:30 pm Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

Friday August 16

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 Prayer**

Saturday August 17

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 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass



Holy Day of Obligation - The Assumption of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**

We will have three Holy Day Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Vigil Mass will be at 6:30pm on Wednesday August 14. On Thursday, August 15, Mass times will be 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

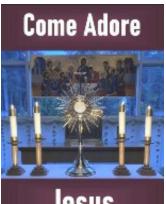


Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

Thank you to all who have participated! Over the last few months, we have received gifts of \$143,000 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 vet contributed, there is still time. You can donate using the QR code, fill out a pew envelope, or go online to archseattle.org/GiveACA.





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						
		July 22 - July 28, 2024		July 15 - July 21, 2024		FY To date July 1 2024-July 31, 2024
Collections-actual		14,056		18,555		69,574
Collections-Budget		14,809		15,397		82,497
Variance		(753)		3,158		(12,923)
*EFT-Actual		7,130		7,480		36,000
*EFT-Budget		8,982		8,529		44,777
Variance		(1,852)		(1,049)		(8,777)
Total Collections Variance		(2,605)		2,109		(21,700)

Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	165	515	1873
Food Pantry	385	374	2940

New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2024

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.



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.



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.

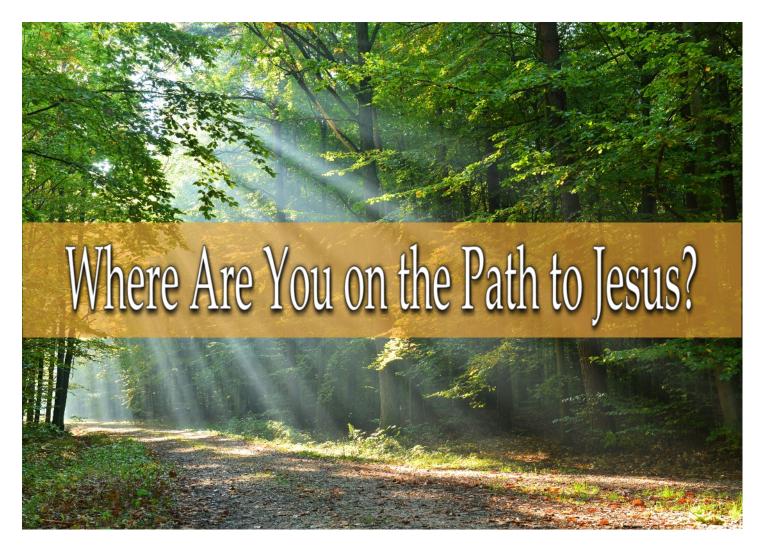


Wax for Candle Ministry Got old wax or candles you don't need? Donate it to our Candle Making Ministry. Anything wax, no matter the color, is welcome. Your donations support making 51% bees wax candles for the church and chapel altars, as well as colored three inch pillar candles blessed and given away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



Eucharistic Presence and Human Life

This summer we enter our third year of the National Eucharistic Revival and joyfully anticipate the profound celebration of Christ's presence among us at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Part of the impetus for the revival was a recent study that revealed many Catholics do not believe, or at least do not understand, that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, though in a hidden way. Similarly, many in our culture do not acknowledge the dignity of human life when it is hidden in the womb. Both of these instances call for us to help others recognize these sacred gifts that are hidden. We need to help them to understand that just because something may not be apparent to our eyes does not mean that it is not there or that it is not important. The Eucharist and the Gospel of life go hand in hand because they have the same source—Jesus himself, who is the Bread of Life. Christ gave his very flesh to give us the gift of eternal life and invites us to the most profound experience of this gift in our celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. Lord Jesus, by the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen



Are You or Someone You Know Interested in Becoming a Catholic Christian? Join Us for Inquiry Sessions Starting Tuesday, September 24th

How to Begin Your Catholic Faith Journey:

Inquiry Sessions are the first step in RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). These Sessions are for:

- ♦ Seekers and Inquirers who want to learn about the Catholic Faith, Traditions and Sacraments.
- ♦ Adults in other Faith Traditions who are interested in learning about the Catholic Church.
- ♦ Baptized Adult Catholics who have not received ALL their Sacraments.

Inquiry Sessions Are Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm in Room 124 (Classroom Wing)

If you have Questions, please contact, Anne Merklin, AMerklin@ststephenslife.com or 253-480-7108 (direct line)



















August 11 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In this Gospel the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of the cross is: self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak, confident in the power of God. Thank you for your continued financial and spiritual support for our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

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 Meeting on Sunday, **August 18th at 1:00pm**. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. Our topic will be "Guilt — If Only....". For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at srasmussen910@yahoo.com. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes...for the old order has passed away." Revelation 21, 4

Thank you to St. Stephens staff who helped with the Breath of Aire event. It took many phone calls, texts and emails over a few months to organize and your help is very appreciated by TTM volunteers. To all who came to the *Breath of Aire* concert in June, thank you very much, we hope you enjoyed the evening. Thank you to all who donated a total of \$13,400.00 at this benefit concert for Terrific Tuesday Meals. We are on our way to another 65,000 meals!!!

Our Food Pantry is in Need of the Following:

1 lb bags of white rice

1 lb bags of beans (i.e. chili, pinto, kidney, navy or red beans)

Prepares and Gabriel Project still need sizes 4, 5 and 6 diapers. They also need unscented diaper wipes. The folks at the Food Pantry, Gabriel Project and Prepares thank you for your support. We couldn't do it without you!

Day of Recollection at St Teresa of Calcutta in Woodinville Please join us on Saturday August 17, 2024. Hosted by Our Lady Mystical Rose Community, St Teresa of Calcutta parish, 17856 Northeast Woodinville Duvall road. Kindly reply by July 31st. Call or text 206-718-9496 or mariepitmanocds@gmail.com. The first conference: How Teresa's Little Way Is the Way of the Gospel. Second conference: How We Can Share Teresa's Message with Others. Lunch is brown bag; salads, beverages and desserts provided. Confession available from the priest assigned to the parish. Sharing roses of gratitude.

Exodus 90 Observes Saint Michael's Lent

To all men at St Stephen the Martyr parish: Exodus 90 is reviving the Lost Tradition of Saint Michael's Lent. Beginning on August 15th we began a 40-day program to take up the spiritual disciplines of prayer, asceticism and fraternity. Join over 100,000 men all over the world, right here at St. Stephen's. Our Exodus 90 fraternity meets every Saturday morning, starting with Holy Hour and Adoration in the chapel at 6:30am, followed by our weekly meeting right after in the downstairs parish hall. We usually wrap up just in time for 8:30am mass. Please come join us! Contact Rob Pacleb at rpacleb2000@hotmail.com or 206-226-7442 for more information.

Mass on the Grass - Saturday, August 24

Our annual Mass on the Grass will take place on the parish front lawn August 24th at 5:00 PM. This year we are inviting parishioners from our partner parish St. Anthony's to join us! As usual all are encouraged to bring their own picnic dinner and most importantly, their own chair!!! We do not have enough folding chairs, so PLEASE bring your own!

If you have muscles and are willing to use them, our "Brute Squad" is looking for volunteers to set up the stage and move "sacred furniture" at 9:30 AM Saturday morning. Questions? Contact Bill Swedberg at bswedberg@ststephenslife.com

Weekend Livestream Schedule Change - Our Sunday Mass livestream will feature different liturgies for the upcoming weeks:

- On Sunday, August 11th we will broadcast the 7:00 PM Mass.
- On Saturday, August 17th we will broadcast the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass.
- On Sunday, September 1st we will broadcast the 7:00 PM Mass.

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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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.

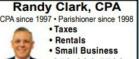
To add names to the box, please email ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940. To contact the Prayer Chain, please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

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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