

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1, 2024

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM Sunday 8:30,11:00 AM and **7:00* PM (*Time changes to 5:30 PM Sept. 8)** 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 Dear parishioners of St. Anthony and St. Stephen,

It is always a blessing to have everyone at our weekend liturgies and holy days of obligation such as the Assumption of Mary this past week. The weekend mass schedule remains the same.

Over the past two months I have engaged our priests, staff, and parishioners in a process of prayerful discernment regarding our very robust daily mass/confession schedule in our parish family. We are happy to provide the sacraments but need to make a few changes at each parish to make our efforts more sustainable including having no daily masses occur at the same time so the priests can help cover for one another on days off, retreats, illnesses, pilgrimages, other ministry in the archdiocese, vacation, etc. We have three generous priests trying to serve all needs. We also serve mass at 4 nursing homes, have regular weddings, quinceneras, baptisms, and funerals (our parish family had 80 funerals this past year).



We hope you will feel comfortable and at home in both parishes for daily mass, knowing there is morning mass at St. Anthony and evening masses at St. Stephen the Martyr throughout the week. Our neighboring parishes also have various daily masses if more convenient for your schedule including Holy Spirit in Kent, St. John in Covington, and St. Thomas in Tukwila as well as times for confession.

Daily mass is a laudable spiritual practice, but it is not a requirement of our faith. Thank you for your prayers, support and flexibility as we work towards a more sustainable schedule for all as a new parish family.

Your Servant in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bryan Dølejsi, Pastor

Weekday Mass & Confession Schedule BEGINS September 2, 2024

	St. Anthony	St. Stephen the Martyr
Monday	8:00 AM Mass	6:30 PM Mass
Tuesday	8:00 AM Mass	6:30 PM Mass
Wednesday	8:45 AM (School Mass) 5:30-6:30 PM Confessions (Adoration) 7:00 PM (Spanish Mass)	6:30 PM Mass 7:00-8:30 PM Confessions (Adoration)
Thursday	8:00 AM Mass 8:30-9:30 AM Confessions 5:00-6:00 PM Evening Prayer/Perpetual Help 6:00-7:00 PM Adoration/Rosary	6:30 PM Mass (chapel)
Friday	8:00 AM Mass (First Friday Anointing of Sick) 7:00 PM First Friday Mass/Adoration 7:30-8:30 PM First Friday Confessions	5:00-6:00 PM Confessions 6:30 PM Mass
Saturday	8:00 AM First Saturday Mass 3:00-4:30 PM Confessions	8:30 AM Mass 9:30-10:30 AM Confessions

Note: First Friday and First Saturday masses will be discerned with both parishes in Advent to try and see if we can have one joint parish family celebration at the Friday evening mass and Saturday morning mass.

Weekly Readings

September 1 22nd **Sunday in Ordinary Time** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 2 Monday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30

September 3 Memorial of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

September 4 Wednesday of the 22nd **Week in Ordinary Time** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

September 5 Thursday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

September 6 Friday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

September 7 Saturday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

September 8 23rd **Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Parish Calendar

Sunday September 1

8:30 am - 9:30 am **Mass** 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Mass**

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Mass** (live-streamed)

Time changes to 5:30 PM Sept 8

Monday September 2

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 September 3

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Evening Prayer Mass (live-streamed)

Wednesday September 4

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

Thursday September 5

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) - NOTE NEW TIME

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

Friday September 6

6:30 am - 7:30 am Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15) 10:00 am - 11:45 am Food Pantry (Drive by only)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Our Lady of Rosary Makers Meeting

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

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation - NEW TIME

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer

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

Saturday September 7

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

7:30 am - 8:30 am Exodus 90

8:30 am – 9:15 am 9:15 am -10:45 am 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm 3:00 am - 3:30 pm

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

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

Food Pantry Current Needs

Spaghetti Sauce Peanut Butter Dry beans in 1 lb bags



Annual Catholic Appeal

One Mission, One Family, Together in Christ



Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

Thank you to all who have participated! Over the last few months, we have received gifts of \$161,000 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 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

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? Please go to the Adoration sign up table in the narthex and find up-to-date information on what hours are available and/or need to be filled or visit https://ststephenslife.com/eucharistic-adoration or contact

coordinator Bernie 206-427-6085 or Tina 206-715-8462.

Weekly Collections			
	August 5- August 11, 2024	July 29 - August 4, 2024	FY To date July 1 2024-July 31, 2024
Collections-actual	14,117	18,942	69,574
Collections-Budget	23,053	14,248	82,497
Variance	(8,936)	4,694	(12,923)
*EFT-Actual	7,484	10,650	36,000
*EFT-Budget	11,451	6,171	44,777
Variance	(3,967)	4,479	(8,777)
Total Collections Variance	(12,903)	9,173	(21,700)

Outreach Collections					
Outreach Assistance		951		996	1873
Food Pantry		615		2000	2940

New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2024

*EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections)

Faith Formation Programs

Faith Formation Registration Is Now Open!

This is for children and teens through 12th Grade, as well as Adult Scripture Study. Check out your areas right away, as things are happening fast! If you have questions, we're happy to help. We will also be in the Narthex after all the Masses on September 7 and 8. Join us, build community, and grow in our Lord!

Children/Family Classes and Activities: Wednesday Nights (some Friday night activities)

For Registration Please Visit

https://ststephenslife.com/fall-2024-registration-children-and-teens



(respectively) are starting up again! The people have spoken, and so we will be running **both programs side-by-side every Sunday from 3-5pm**. All teens are invited to our joint **Kickoff Night on Sunday Sept. 8 at 3pm in the Social Hall!** Please RSVP to the invite that Michael has sent out to let us know you're coming! Start the school year off right celebrating with the Lord and your friends! (Note: The event will lead into 5:30pm mass).

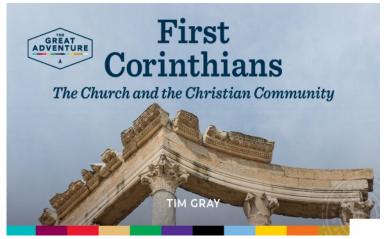
Teen Sacramental Prep is now open for registration! Confirmation classes are open for any teen 7th grade and over, classes will take place Monday evenings from 6-7:30pm in the Social Hall. Middle and high schoolers will meet separately twice a month. The first middle school session (7-8th grades) will begin on Monday Sept 16. The first high school (9-12th grades) session will begin on Monday Sept 23. If your teen needs to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register here or contact Michael Joseph (mjoseph@ststephenslife.com) for more info!





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.





Adult Bible Study: First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community

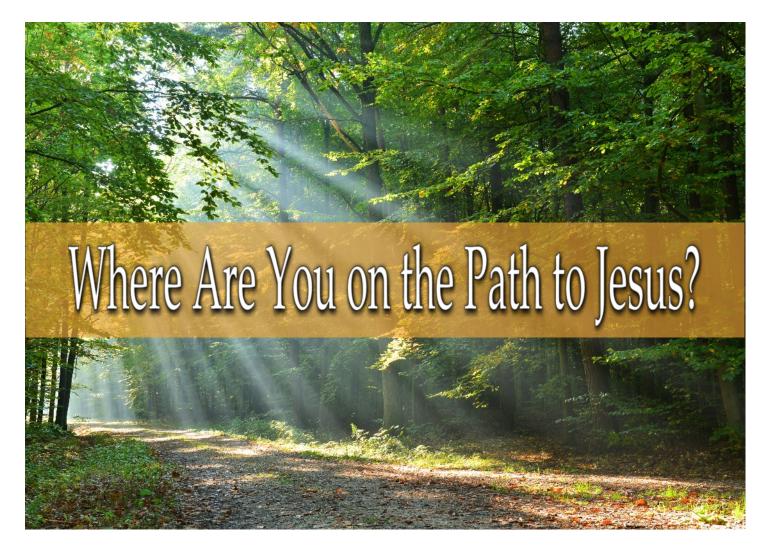
The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. In *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community*, an eleven-part Bible study, learn how St. Paul addressed these struggles by introducing the Corinthians to God's greatest gift—the Eucharist. We will begin the Bible study *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community* on **September 10.** Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively small group discussion and fellowship.

We have two Bible study sessions. One session meets Tuesday morning in the Social Hall from 9:20-11:30 and the other meets

Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 in Room 128/129. We'd love to see you at one of them! **Register online or with us by September 3.** The cost of the book is \$30.00. Add Internet access for \$7. To register, go to https://ststephenslife.com/bible-study. For more information or help with registration contact: Karen Buchert at kasbuchert@comcast.net or the Faith Formation office at mtrejo@ststephenslife.com or 253-631-6175.



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.



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 OCIA (Order 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 the Social Hall

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













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Adoption



September 1 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: The gospel today hits home closer than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the spirit of the law. Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self - giving for the sake of others. As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.

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, September 15th at 1:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. Our topic will be "Stages and Tasks of Successful Grieving" and "The Anger Within". For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at srasmussen910@yahoo.com. "God, the Father of compassion encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may encourage those who are in affliction." 2 Corinthians 1: 2, 3

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

On Sunday, September 1st we will broadcast the 7:00 PM Mass.

Blessed Virgin Mary Lady of La Vang Mass celebration on Sept 7th, 2024

We would like to invite everyone to join the Blessed Lady of La Vang festivities in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mother. Outdoor Rosary & Procession around St. Stephen the Martyr church starting at 4:00 PM Holy Mass inside the church at 5:00 PM, followed by a Reception in the Social Hall featuring a Children's dance performance and Food

We would also like to invite all children to join the procession flower dance for our Blessed Virgin Mother. This is for children from 5 years old and up (both Boys and Girls) who are interested in joining this wonderful event. For more information, please contact Quyen Ho at (206) 858-3870 or email: Quyenho6and4@gmail.com or AnhThu Sequina at thu_le@hotmail.com. The first dance practice will be Friday, August 23rd from 6-8 PM in the St. Stephen's social hall.

Food will be provided by the Vietnamese community. Please feel free to bring your favorite desserts and fruits to share with others. Please contact Monica Schwarz at monicas001@yahoo.com or Lana Pham at TimLanaPham@gmail.com and let them know what you will be bringing.

Spiritual Adoption - Thank you for praying for me. I am seven months old now. I am growing every day. I am between 14 and 17 inches long and weigh about 4 1/2 pounds. I move around a lot but it's getting crowded in here! Sometimes I even get hiccups!

Terrific Tuesday Meals will once again be serving dinner in the hall on the last Tuesday evening at 6:00pm on Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. All are welcome.

Terrific Tuesday Meals is also in need of meal prep help from 2:00-4:00. Please contact Chari at terrifictuesdaymeals@gmail.com to get information and sign up to help. Food handlers permits are needed but very easy to obtain online.

St. Stephen Housing Association Wine Tasting - St. Stephen Housing Association is gearing up for its November 2nd Wine Tasting and Auction Fundraiser "HOPE FOR HOUSING". We are looking for auction items, such as tickets to events, rounds of golf, and restaurant and spa gift certificates, or brand new items you've never used, just to name a few. Or if you love to make gift baskets and would like to make one for the auction, we would be thrilled! Do you have a skill you would be willing to donate that could be auctioned off? If you have something to donate that could be used in our auction to raise money for families experiencing homelessness, we would love to talk to you! Please contact us at 253-638-9798 or SSHAfundraiser@gmail.com. Thank you!

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, Jeff Tobin, Estrellita Staehli

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, Buddy Day, 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.

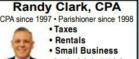
To add names to the box, please email ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940. To contact the Prayer Chain, please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

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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