

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 3, 2024

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM Sunday 8:30,11:00 AM and 5:30 PM

Reconciliation: Wednesday 7:15-8:30 PM, Friday: 5:00-6:00 PM & Saturday: 9:15-10:30 AM, or by Appointment (Call Main Office)

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - See pg 2

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Dear St. Anthony and St. Stephen the Martyr parishioners,

This past week we observed the great celebration of All Saints (Thursday evening vigil and Friday) as a Holy Day of Obligation. This great solemnity helps remind us of the witness of those mature disciples who approached their lives in faith, hope and love and conformed their lives more closely to the Risen Christ. We also ask for their intercession to help us continue in our faithful discipleship each day.

The following day as you know was All Souls and throughout the month of November, we pray in a special way for all our loved ones who have died. Although difficult at times, this is a beautiful part of our Catholic faith, believing that through the Risen Christ and in the Holy Spirit we are still connected with those who have gone before us that we can pray for them, so that by God's grace they are able to be at peace and pray for us. In the Eucharist we are always united both living and deceased as we recount in our eucharistic prayers at every mass.



In the upcoming weeks I invited Catholic Cemeteries to be around after the masses for any questions or if you want to explore some options for you and your family. This is all part of our faith, and I encourage you to see this as a sign of hope in the assurances of our faith in the Risen Christ. Please continue to pray for all those who grieve and support each other as we lift up our loved ones to the Lord in November. I do feel as the years pass, even closer to my family, friends, colleagues, and parishioners who have died, I appreciate them even more and know that we are one in the Risen Christ. May the Lord bless you and your family both living and deceased.

Your Servant in the Risen Christ.

Fr. Bryan Doleisi, pastor

Presented below are further reflections by :Fr Eugene Lobo S.J. Shimoga, India https://msjnov.wordpress.com/

The feast of All Saints is a holy day on which the church glorifies God for all his saints, known and unknown. It is celebrated on November first in the West, since Pope Gregory IV ordered its church-wide observance in the year 837. All Saints' Day has been observed by the Church as an occasion to celebrate in a special way all its saints, past and present, whatever their country of origin, their race, or their denomination, and whether they are known to us personally or not. On this day we remember the saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been specifically honored. This is the belief that all of God's people, on heaven, earth, and in the state of purification, are connected in a communion. We celebrate the lives of ordinary men and women of every time and place who lived in an extraordinary way in faithfulness to the message of the gospel. These men and women have been teachers and preachers; they are founders of religious orders and scholars. They are married persons, missionaries, and martyrs. They come from all walks of life and from various parts of the globe. They are ours and they belong to us.

The origin of this feast lies in the common commemorations of martyrs who died in groups or whose names were unknown, which were held on various days in different parts of the Church. However, over time these celebrations came to include not only the martyrs but all saints. The purpose of the feast is said to be twofold. As the prayer of the Mass states, "the merits of all the saints are venerated in common by this one celebration," because a very large number of martyrs and other saints could not be accorded the honor of a special festival since the days of the year would not suffice for all these individual celebrations. The second purpose was given by Pope Urban IV: Any negligence, omission, and irreverence committed in the celebration of the saints" feasts throughout the year is to be atoned for by the faithful, and thus due honor may still be offered to these saints. This celebration of the feast of all saints reminds us of the fact that they are present, interceding for us.

This feast originated as a feast of All Martyrs, sometime in the 4th century. At first it was celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. It came to be observed on May 13 when Pope St. Boniface IV in the 7th century restored and rebuilt for use as a Christian church an ancient Roman temple to "all gods", the Pantheon. The pope re-buried the bones of many martyrs there, and dedicated this Church to the Mother of God and all the Holy Martyrs on May 13, 610. About a hundred years later, Pope Gregory III consecrated a new chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to all saints not just to the martyrs on November the first. A century later Pope Gregory IV extended the celebration of All Saints to November first for the entire Church as a holy day of obligation. The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor, Leo VI, the Wise, as he was called who built a church and dedicated it to All Saints.

Weekly Readings

November 3 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

November 4 Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde, 2-3; Lk 14:12-14

November 5 Tuesday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24

November 6 Wednesday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

November 7 Thursday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

November 8 Friday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time Phil 3:17—4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

November 9 Feast: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

November 10 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

Parish Calendar

Sunday November 3

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Apologetics Meeting

Monday November 4

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

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Family Meetings

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass**

Tuesday November 5

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

Wednesday November 6

10:00 am 10:45 am
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
4:00 pm - 5:45 pm
F:20 pm - 6:00 pm

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass**

7:15 pm - 8:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation

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

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

Thursday November 7

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Encounter School of Ministry Class

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass**

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Friday November 8

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 Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Encounter School Transformation Night

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass**

Saturday November 9

7:30 am - 8:30 am Exodus 90 Meeting

8:30 am - 9:00 am **Mass**

9:15 am -10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass Pastor Installation Mass

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Pastor Installation Reception



Food Pantry Needs -

1 lb. Bags of beans (i.e. black, chili, pinto, navy & red beans)



Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

Thank you to all who have participated! Over the last few months, we have received gifts of \$177,000 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.



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.



Watch Bishop Robert Barron insightful sermon on the power of Eucharistic Adoration at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3s npp3VrYvE (Youtube search: Bishop Barron Eucharistic Adoration)

Weekly Collections	Oct. 14, - Oct. 20, 2024	Oct. 7-Oct. 13, 2024	FY To date July 1 2024-September 30, 2024
Collections-actual	14,340	14,377	220,398
Collections-Budget	18,527	13,722	232,213
Variance	(4,187)	655	(11,815)
*EFT-Actual	11,398	7,577	111,905
*EFT-Budget	9,258	12,606	120,616
Variance	2,140	(5,029)	(8,711)
Total Collections Variance	(2,047)	(4,374)	(20,526)

Outreach Collections					
Outreach Assistance		306		465	7510
Food Pantry		1072		611	9219
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New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2024

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





Edge and LifeTeen:

Regular programing is back in full swing! This weekend Edge (grades 6-8) will explore *Unfolded: Crumpled* (The Problem of Evil) and Lifeteen (grades 9-12) will have *Good Genes* (Incorruptible Saints). Questions? Contact Michael Joseph 253-480-7110, 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.

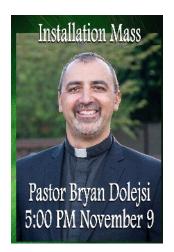


St. Stephen's & St. Anthony's Presider Schedules





Monthly Presider Schedules Available
Online To access the monthly presider
schedules for Masses at both St Stephen the
Martyr and St Anthony use QR code or visit
https://ststephenslife.com/liturgy-prayerschedule



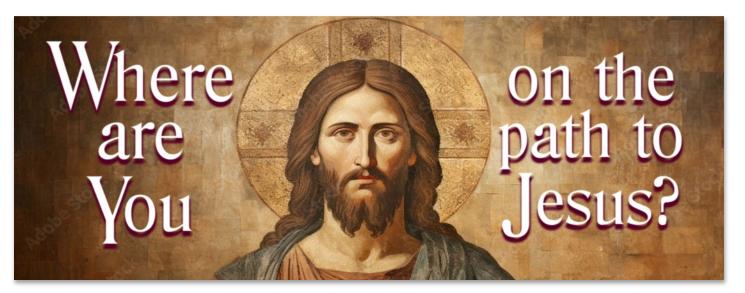
Pastor Installation Mass and Reception November 9th at 5:00 PM Celebrate Mass and Then Be a Part of the Potluck Reception!

- 1. Bring your favorite food to share as in appetizers casseroles salads side dishes desserts etc.
- 2. Food drop off available before mass in the social Hall kitchen between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.
- 3. Please use disposable containers or clearly Mark your dishes with your name. Bring your own serving utensil clearly marked with your name.
- 4. Be sure to take your dishes home with you after the event.
- 5. Volunteers are needed to help set out food and clean up after the event. Please contact Kim Anderso at KAnderson@ststephenslife.com



URGENT: Sister's Seeking Home Rental

The Sisters of Mary of Kakamega need a house to rent! They need to vacate their current home by mid-November. A 3-4-bedroom house between St. Stephen's and St. Anthony is perfect. Sr. Sabina, Sr. Baptista, and Sr. Beatrice are a great asset to our parishes. If you are a realtor who can help or know of a house, please contact Tom Jones at tjones@ststephenslife.com or call the office. Thank you



Are You or Someone You Know Interested in Becoming a Catholic Christian?

Join Us for Inquiry Sessions on Tuesday Evenings

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, 7:00-9:00PM in the Social Hall.

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























November 3-Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened. During the month of September with your financial assistance, we assisted 6 families with rent in the amount of \$2,370.86, 2 families with utility assistance in the amount of \$350 and brought food to 5 families in need. Thank You!

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!

St. Stephen Housing Association Exciting Announcement: We're Joining Forces! We're thrilled to share that St. Stephen Housing Association and Way Back Inn and are officially merging at the end of November 2024! Together, we will form a stronger, united organization dedicated to expanding our impact and providing even more housing and support services to families in need. Learn more about this merger at the Hope for Housing Fundraiser November 2nd in the SSTM Social Hall. And stay tuned for more updates as we embark on this exciting journey! Thank you for your continued support—our work is only possible because of YOU!

Terrific Tuesday Meals will once again be serving dinner in the hall on Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM on 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.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE CORNER – What is Legatus? It is an international organization of Catholic business leaders and executives, who have committed to study, live and spread the Catholic faith. They are currently offering a variety of grants to those who apply to a select group of Pro-Life colleges. For more information, visit https://legatus.org/legatus-scholarship-benefit

Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story in Theaters November 12 Only

This film is the story of a young woman whose cause for canonization is in the early stages. Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story (1hr 35mins) A documentary about Servant of God Michelle Duppong whose life bore witness to heroic Christian suffering and passion to be transformed by the love of Christ. More information at https://focus.org/michelleduppong/

SSTM Trained Prayer Ministers bring breakthrough healing, wisdom, and encouragement to all those in need through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus. You are invited to receive prayer for any of the following: physical healing, business, and financial issues, family situations, encouragement through a prophetic word, and a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They can pray with you every third Sunday after the 11 am Mass. The next session will be on **October 20th**, highlighting healing wounded memories and ear problems. "Beloved, I pray you may prosper, and be in good health, even as your soul prospers." 3 John 1:2

Grief Support - 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, November 17th at 1:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. Our topic will be "Pathways Through The Holiday Season." For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at srasmussen910@yahoo.com. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." Mt. 5, 4

Oktoberfest 2024 was a SUCCESS! Thank you so much to all the volunteers who worked so hard to help set up and clean the social hall, bake desserts and prepare the food! You are all amazing! Thank you also to all our parishioners and friends who came out to support our cause. With your generosity, we raised over \$11,500.00 and will be making donations to the Knights of Columbus for the Seminarian program, Uganda, Vietnam and Honduras. God Bless you all!

Annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner - Save the Date: November 28th

1:00 to 3:00 pm! It's our first combined parish Thanksgiving!!! Come join us for fun, fellowship, and a great meal in the Parish Social Hall. We will have signups for Volunteers, Donations, and RSVP Soon!!

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.

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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, Estella Staeheli', Frank Ratajczyk

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, Mike Romero 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.

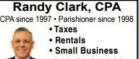
To add names to the box, please email ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940. To contact the Prayer Chain, please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

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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