



Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 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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Listing of Parish Staff on the back inside page

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

Thank you to all those who attended and help carry out our pastor installation mass for our parish family on November 9th. It was a wonderfully full, joyful and multicultural celebration for all. Our parishes are vibrant, faithful, generous and welcoming. I feel so blessed to work with all of you here. Thank you again for your faithfulness and flexibility.

As we move towards the end of November, we have many celebrations to participate in. The readings over the next few weeks will increasingly focus on the second coming of Jesus as we move towards the end of our liturgical year and our celebration of Christ the King on November 24. We are reminded that the Risen Christ already reigns in heaven and whether we can see it in this world or not, when Jesus comes again God's kingdom will be all in all.

Civily we celebrate Thanksgiving on November 28. There will be morning masses at both of our churches and our outreach ministry is putting on a thanksgiving meal at St. Stephen the Martyr from 1-3pm. All are welcome to donate, volunteer or attend. Let us be people filled with gratitude and thanksgiving for all of God's blessings in our lives.

Then starting December 1st, we enter the wonderful time of Advent, our four-week preparation for Christmas when we journey with Mary in hopeful waiting. We will have various celebrations throughout the season including Our Lady of Guadalupe, Simbang Abi, and our school Advent program just to name a few. I encourage you to attend all! May God continue to bless you, your family and our communities.

Your Servant in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi, Pastor



Weekly Readings

November 17 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

November 18 Monday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

November 19 Tuesday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Lk 19:1-10

November 20 Wednesday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

November 21 Memorial: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

November 22 Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

November 23 Saturday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

November 24 The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93: 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Parish Calendar

Sunday November 17

8:30 am - 9:30 **Mass** (Fr. Chanda, Music: Nina)
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Chanda, Music: Grace)
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Grief Support Ministry Meeting
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm **Mass** (Fr. Marlo, Music: Annie)
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Apologetics Meeting

Monday November 18

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
 6:00 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** (Fr. Marlo)

Tuesday November 19

9:15 am - 11:30 am Scripture Study
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Chanda)
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Scripture Study
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm OCIA Class

Wednesday November 20

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 - 7:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Marlo)
 7:15 pm - 7:45 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Young Adult Group Meeting

Thursday November 21

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Campus Crew
 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 Class
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Chanda)
 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

Friday November 22

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
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Marlo)

Saturday November 23

7:30 am - 8:30 am Exodus 90
 8:30 am - 9:00 am **Mass** (Fr. Chanda)
 9:15 am - 10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
 3:00 am - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Vigil Mass** (Fr. Dolejsi)



Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who have participated, over the last few months, **we have received 379 gifts of \$182,942 towards our goal of \$184,300.**

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.

You can donate clicking the image, 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=3snpp3VrYvE> (Youtube search: Bishop Barron Eucharistic Adoration)

Weekly Collections	Oct. 28, - Nov 3, 2024	Oct. 21, - Oct. 27, 2024	FY To date July 1 2024-October 31, 2024
Collections-actual	28,918	12,399	277,560
Collections-Budget	24,690	18,601	319,971
Variance	4,228	(6,202)	(42,411)
*EFT-Actual	11,347	7,032	151,706
*EFT-Budget	8,966	9,124	167,511
Variance	2,381	(2,092)	(15,805)
Total Collections Variance	6,609	(8,294)	(58,216)
Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	2721	175	9566
Food Pantry	3867	83	12354

New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2024

*EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections)



Food Pantry Needs -

Rice (1 lb. bag)
 Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Baby Wipes

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>



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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.

WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE
OUR TREASURE WITH OTHERS.

Stewardship of Treasure Kick-Off - As we begin our yearly focus on the stewardship of treasure, we invite you to reflect on how God has blessed you over this past year. Fr. Bryan is asking you to reflect on God's abundant blessings and consider investing a portion of those blessings back into our parish. Your gifts help us further our mission of helping one another encounter Jesus Christ. Go online to

<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/4047/responses/new>

or use the pledge cards in the pews and at the Stewardship table in the Narthex. Even if you give regularly, please fill out a pledge card to let us know what you estimate your giving this coming year beginning 1/1/2025. Prayerfully consider taking a step up in your giving for the new year. Pledges help us plan our budgets and programming for the year. It is very important and helps us estimate our income for the year..



Annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner Nov 28th 1:00-3:00 PM

It's our first combined parish Thanksgiving!!! Come join us for fun, fellowship, and a great meal in the Parish Social Hall. Included below are links for Volunteer sign-ups, Donations, and RSVP. Use the QR code or the links below:

Food Donations

<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/3971/responses/new>

Volunteers

<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/3972/responses/new>

RSVP

<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/3970/responses/new>





**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)



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us that the custom of burying the bodies of the dead should be observed, even for those who choose cremation. Please stop by our table to ask questions and gather Information. (206) 366-8834
parish@MyCatholicCemetery.org

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November 17-Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, the future holds no fear for us. Thank you for your financial gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and living them out.



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!



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. It is National Catholic Register's new (hot off the press, 2024) Catholic College guide. Having thoroughly read it, each school and seminary listed is Pro-Life, teaches in communion with the Church, and all have reputations for being very generous with their financial aid, especially need-based scholarships. For more information, visit <https://legatus.org/legatus-scholarship-benefit>



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!



The Kennedy Catholic High School Parent Club Arts & Crafts Fair

December 7, 2024, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Kennedy Catholic High School 140 S. 140th St. Burien, WA

We are one of the largest Arts & Craft Fairs left in the area with space for 140 vendors. Proceeds support the KCHS Parent Club which exists to serve the students, teachers, staff, and parents/guardians of the KCHS Lancer family.

The Kennedy Catholic High School Parent Club is a volunteer group that supports and serves students, teachers, staff and parents of the Lancer Family. Our mission is to support the spiritual formation of Kennedy Catholic High School students, to promote the visibility and communication of our school's achievements, to assist in community building and fundraising by sponsoring school events and to create a resource for Lancer parents to volunteer and share their gifts and talents.

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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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 & Patrick 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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