



First Sunday of Advent December 1, 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,

As we enter the Advent season let us use this time as a time of spiritual enrichment and deepening our hopeful waiting for the Risen Christ. There are many upcoming celebrations you are welcome to participate in such as the Holy Day of obligation for Immaculate

Conception which is moved to December 9th this year. Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. Simbang Abi celebrations on Dec. 21st at St. Stephen the Martyr 5pm mass and Dec. 22nd at St. Anthony 5pm mass. There are also many reconciliation services around the deanery and our multiple regular confession times in our own parish family. We have an opportunity to contribute to those in need during our annual Catholic Community Services collection and our Advent giving trees.



There will be Advent daily meditations booklets offered at both parishes, and I will be offering retreat talks during Lent. We looked into buying some books for spiritual enrichment during Advent but given the size of our parish family we could not find a book distributor who could handle the 4,000 copy request in the time frame allotted and in an affordable manner. Below please find some book recommendations I have found helpful both personally and pastorally.

- 1. I Loved Jesus in the Night: Teresa of Calcutta a secret revealed by Fr. Paul Murray
- 2. Behold: A guided Advent journal for Prayer by Sr. Miriam James Heidland
- 3. Searching for and Maintaining Peace by Fr. Jacques Phillippe
- 4. Jesus I Trust in you by Sr. Faustina Maria Pia
- 5. Five Loaves and Two Fish by Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan
- 6. Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self by Joyce Rupp
- 7. Behold the Beauty of the Lord: praying with icons by Henri Nouwen
- 8. Into Your Hands, Father: Abandoning ourselves to God by Wilfrid Stinissen
- 9. The Impact of God: Soundings from St. John of the Cross by Iain Matthew

May the Lord bless you and your family this Advent Season, Your Servant in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bryan Dőlejsi, Pastor

Weekly Readings

December 1, First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

December 2, Monday of the First Week of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

December 3, Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

December 4, Wednesday of the First Week of Advent Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

December 5, Thursday of the First Week of Advent Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

December 6, Friday of the First Week of Advent Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

December 8, Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

December 8, Second Sunday of AdventBar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Parish Calendar

Sunday December 1

8:30 am - 9:30 Mass (Fr. Chanda, Music: Ninia) 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Mass (Fr. Marlo, Music: Grace) 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Mass (Fr. Dolejsi, Music: Lifeteen) 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**Apologetics Meeting**

Monday December 2

8:30 am - 9:345 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. Dolejsi)

Tuesday December 3

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** Mass (Fr. Chanda) 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Scripture Study 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **OCIA Class**

Wednesday December 4

10:00 am 10:45 am Rosary Group 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm **Divine Mercy Chaplet** Food Pantry (drive by only) 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm **Evening Prayer**

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Mass (Fr. Marlo)

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

7:15 pm - 8:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Young Adult Group Meeting

Thursday December 5

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 - 8:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

Friday December 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

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

8:00 pm - 9:00 pmChildren's Holy Hour & Reconciliation

Saturday December 7

7:30 am - 8:30 am Exodus 90 8:30 am - 9:00 am Mass (Fr. Marlo)

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. Chanda)



Food Pantry Needs -

Spaghetti Sauce Oatmeal Packets Top Ramen Noodles

Thank you for your continued support.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION!

St. Stephen the Martyr has met our goal of \$184.000 for the Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign. Parishioners have pledged/given \$184,200 from 383 families!

There is still time to contribute for those families who have not yet pledged/given to the ACA this year. All gifts received

now will be returned to the parish to help support our ministries and outreach. Through the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish has been answering the call to support our local Catholic community. Your generous gifts support the needs of our faith family and help cultivate the future of our Church.



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/ eucharisticadoration 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)

	Nov 11, - Nov 17, 2024	Nov. 4, - Nov 10, 2024	FY To date July 1 2024 - Oct 31, 2024
Collections-actual	29,042	19,482	277,560
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Variance	11,007	(4,612)	(42,411
*EFT-Actual	7,052	10,181	151,706
*EFT-Budget	9,727	9,059	167,511
Variance	(2,675)	1,122	(15,805
Total Collections Variance	8,332	(3,490)	(58,216
Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	608	460	9566
Food Pantry	2697	851	12354

Faith Formation Programs

Faith Formation Registration

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. 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.



Pilgrimage to Fatima! - Join Fr. Mark Kiszelewski, pastor of St. Cecilia and Kathleen Tansey, experienced group travel advisor from St. Stephen on a 13 day Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Avila, Loyola, Barcelona and more in October 2025. To learn more go to: travel.nativitypilgrimage. com/kiszelewski or contact Kathleen at 253-653-6074 or Kathleen@travelcenter4u.com



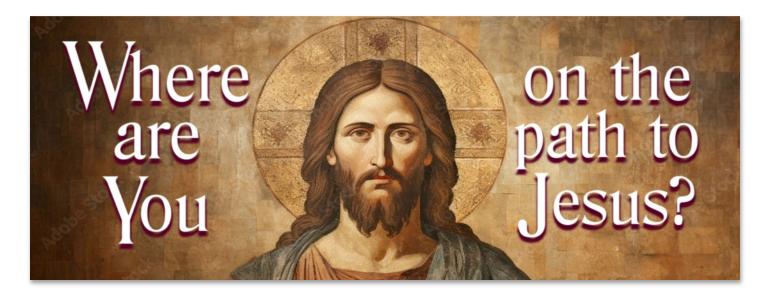
A Note from the Sisters: The Sisters have found a house to live in and appreciate ALL those who came out to help us to look for the house and VERY BIG THANK YOU to the TEAM that HELPED US TO MOVE. God bless them. We are VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE HELP WE HAVE RECEIVED. Thank you again and GOD BLESS you. - Sr. Sabina and Sr. Beatrice for ALL SMK.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE. WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE OUR TREASURE WITH OTHERS.

We are very grateful to the many parishioners who have returned a Stewardship of Treasure pledge to the parish. Your generosity directly supports the mission and the ministries of St. Stephen the Martyr. As people that are entrusted with so much, let us acknowledge with gratitude all we have been given. We thank you for your good stewardship and for your incredible support of our parish and our family of faith. If you haven't taken the opportunity yet to let us know what your 2025 giving pledge will be, please fill out and return a pledge card available in the pews and in the Narthex, or you can pledge online here:

https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/4047/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)



Giving Tuesday is 12/03/24. Encourage your Family and Friends to: Give Back through #iGiveCatholic!

The mission of #iGIVECATHOLIC is to unite Catholic communities and donors throughout the country to express their generosity in support of the organizations that have helped to shape our lives of faith: our parishes, schools, and ministries. Since 2015, #iGiveCatholic has inspired faithful stewards to "Give Back and Give Catholic" on Giving Tuesday -- a global day of generosity and kindness -- which is December 3rd this year. #iGiveCatholic accepts online donations from November 18 during our Advanced

Giving Phase through 11:59 PM on December 3, Giving Tuesday. Give directly to St. Stephens outreach ministries here: https://seattle.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-stephen-the-martyr-parish-renton

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

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Monthly Presider Schedules Available Online

To access the monthly presider schedules for Masses at both St Stephen the Martyr and St Anthony visit https://ststephenslife.com/liturgy-prayer-schedule. These schedules are downloadable PDFs presented in calendar form including both Sunday and daily liturgies.

















December 1 - First Sunday of Advent: As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your gifts to St. Vincent de Paul help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas. In the month of October we were able to assist 5 families with rental assistance in the amount of \$1,885.47. We assisted 3 families with utility bills in the amount of \$547.57 and we brought 5 families food who were in desperate need. Thank you for your continued support.

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!

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 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.

Weekend Livestream Schedule

Our Sunday Mass livestream will feature different liturgies for the upcoming weeks.

On Sunday, December 1, we will broadcast the 5:30 PM Mass

On Sunday, December 8, we will broadcast the 8:30 AM Mass

On Sunday, December 15, we will broadcast the 8:30 AM Mass

On Sunday, December 22, we will broadcast the 8:30 AM Mass

On Sunday, December 29, we will broadcast the 8:30 AM Mass

A Special Thank You

A HUGE thank you to everyone who made Fr Bryan's Installation beautiful. Whether you brought yummy food or graciously served you are appreciated. It was amazing to see our new parish family work together! The video of the Installation Mass can be found here.

Invitation From the Archbishop

The Archdiocese of Seattle cordially invites you to Mass with Archbishop Etienne at the 30th annual celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas on Sunday December 7th, 2024, at 12:10 PM and the 29th annual celebration of Simbang Gabi commissioning Mass on Saturday, December 14th, 2024 at 11:00 AM at St James Cathedral, 804 9th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104.

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 & Patrick Staeheli, Frank Ratajczyk, Cincy Lagmay

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, Specialist, Anthony Vogeler, Fort Carson, Colorado.

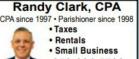
To add names to the box, please email ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940. To contact the Prayer Chain, please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

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

Email projectrachel@ccsww.org Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. You are loved with an everlasting love!









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