

Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 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



2024 APPEAL FOR THE POOR

For over 105 years, Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services have served the most vulnerable individuals, families, and communities in western Washington. Thanks to your generous support, we continue to bring hope to over 100,000 people in need each year.

OUR IMPACT



Served 109,109 of the most vulnerable people in our region thanks to the dedication of 4,070 staff members and 2,816 volunteers.



Twelve Regional Family Centers offered **43,260** people access to diverse programs, including outreach and walk-in services; transitional and permanent housing; medical, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment; and case management and volunteer services.



Our Long Term Care System provided **5,784** individuals with **2,045,392** hours of home care, including help with walking or mobility, bathing, foot care, transferring, chores, meal preparation, and nurse-delegated care.



Transportation, senior nutrition, and home care programs helped **22,312** individuals maintain their independence.



Catholic Housing Services provided **3,016** units of permanent affordable housing for individuals, families, veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities.



40 shelters and repurposed motels offered **306,986** emergency bed nights for single adults and families experiencing homelessness.



Family Behavioral Health System provided **255,827** hours of in-home behavioral health services to **18,449** children, youth, and family members.



An additional 19,763 individuals accessed mental health services, and 3,280 individuals received addiction recovery counseling from regional CCS providers.

5 Ways to Share THE LIGHT OF HOPE

- Volunteer: Serve meals, help seniors, tutor youth, and more at ccsww.org/volunteer
- Advocate: Be a champion for those in need!
 Contact you local
 Network Builder at
 ccsww.org/advocacy
- 3 Donate: Visit ccsww.org/donatenow to make a gift of cash or stock or leave a legacy gift through your estate.
- 4 Stay Informed: Sign up for monthly CCS/CHS updates at ccsww.org/join-us
- Follow on Socials:
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Give online at ccsww.org/donate

Parish Calendar

Sunday December 8

8:30 am - 9:30 Mass (Fr. Dolejsi, Music: Nina)
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Mass (Fr. Dolejsi, Music: LIFETEEN)
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6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Apologetics Meeting

Monday December 9 Holy Day of Obligation for Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am - 10:00 am Mass (Fr. Marlo)
10:00 am - 11:45 am Food Pantry (drive

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

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Marlo)

Tuesday December 10

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
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Scripture Study
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer

Mass (Fr. Chanda)
Scripture Study
OCIA Class

Wednesday December 11

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

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
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
7:00 pm - 7830 pm

Thursday December 12

8:00 am - 12:00 pm
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Campus Crew
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer

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

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

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm Respect Life Ministry Meeting Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

Friday December 13

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 (Fr. MacDonald)

Saturday December 14

7:30 am - 8:30 am 8:30 am - 9:00 am 9:15 am - 10:30 am

Exodus 90

Mass (Fr. Chanda)
Sacrament of Reco

9:15 am - 10:30 am 3:00 am - 3:30 pm 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Divine Mercy Chaplet Vigil Mass (Fr. Marlo)



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=3snpp3VrYvE (Youtube search: Bishop

Barron Eucharistic Adoration)

Weekly Collections			
	May 7-May 13, 2024	April 30-May 6, 2024	FY To date July 1 2023-Apr. 30, 2024
Collections-actual	15,494	43,708	967,954
Collections-Budget	15,374	18,457	871,345
Variance	120	25,251	96,609
*EFT-Actual	8,189	14,104	413,648
*EFT-Budget	8,165	12,872	398,434
Variance	24	1,232	15,214
Total Collections Variance	144	26,483	111,823

Outreach Collections	900 m	210		27 28	
Outreach Assistance	84		1021		35497
Food Pantry	545		845		52856

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



Weekly Readings

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

December 9 Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38

December 10 Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

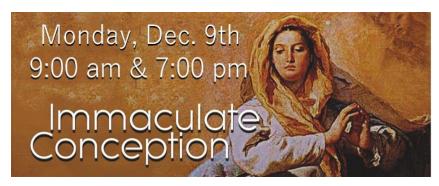
December 11 Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

December 13 Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 48:17-19: Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

December 14 Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest/Doctor of the Church Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

December 15 Third Sunday of AdventZep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



Immaculate Conception Monday, Dec. 9
Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. This is a holy day of obligation.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations

Dec. 12 at St. Stephen the Martyr: 6:30pm Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe (English)

St Stephen's parishioners are welcome and invited to attend these activities at St. Anthony Parish:

Morning: (Spanish)

5:00 – 6:00 AM Serenade to Our Lady:

5:00am Rosary:

6:00 – 7:00 AM Breakfast served in the parish hall

Evening:

5:00pm Procession 5:30pm Rosary:

6:00pm Representation of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the church: 7:00 pm Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe (bilingual) followed by procession to the

parish hall for festivities and dinner.



Simbang Gabi - Saturday, Dec. 21 at St Stephen the Martyr - All are Welcome
Simbang Gabi or Night Mass is a novena of nine Masses to honor the Blessed Virgin
Mary as she prayerfully and joyfully anticipated the birth of our Lord, Jesus. It is a
Filipino advent tradition that originated in Mexico in 1587 by Father Ray Diego de Soria.
The Spanish missionaries brought Simbang Gabi to the Philippines and it became a
unique custom for families to attend Masses at dawn before going to work. Parol
(brightly lit star shaped lanterns) were used as decorations to symbolize the bright star
that led the Three Kings to Bethlehem on their way to pay homage to Baby Jesus.

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 8 - Second Sunday of Advent: In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas. (206-767-6449)

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://www.ncregister.com/section/college-guide

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 December 15, with a focus on healing leg and hip pain, migraines, toe pain, brain tumors, loneliness, and grief.

"Beloved, I pray you may prosper, and be in good health, even as your soul prospers." 3 John 1:2

Weekend Livestream Schedule

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

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

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, December 15th at 1:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. Our topic will be "Depression / Getting the Help You Need." For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at srasmussen910@yahoo.com. "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." Psalm 34, 19

Spiritual Adoption - A note from your baby:

It's my birthday! Thank you so much for all your prayers. Because you prayed for me, I got the best of all gifts-LIFE! Thank you so much for participating in the spiritual adoption program. If you would like to give a gift in memory of the baby, you spiritually adopted, you can take a tag off the giving tree. Save your card that has the spiritual adoption prayer because we will have a special place for you to place it at Christmas.



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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Choir Director	Nina DeJesus	253-236-2882 (137)	ndejesus@ststephenslife.com
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.

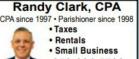
To add names to the box, please email ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940. To contact the Prayer Chain, please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

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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