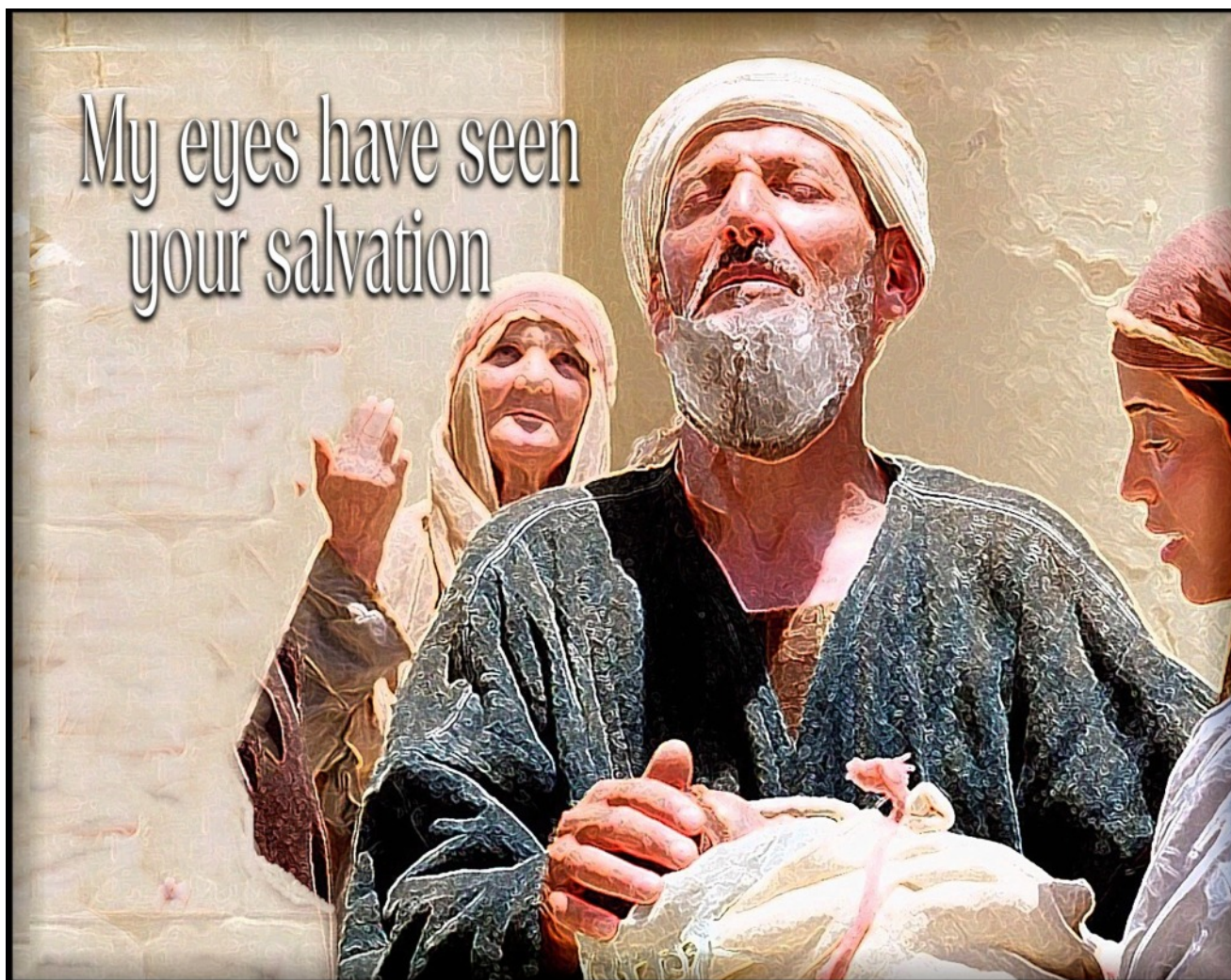


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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025

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

Words from Fr. Bryan



Dear Parishioners of St. Anthony and St. Stephen the Martyr,

After a few months of discernment, meetings, and recommendations; I am pleased to announce our new Parish Family Advisory Council Members:

Angie Benedetti (St. Anthony)

Efrain Velasco (St. Anthony)

Joanna Torres (St. Anthony)

Manuel Ramos (St. Anthony)

Eddy Rodriguez (St. Anthony)

Kimberly Searing (St. Anthony)

Remy Dubreus (St. Stephen)

Dung Ho (St. Stephen)

Dan Jackson (St. Stephen)

China Krismer (St. Stephen)

Ruben Ladlad (St. Stephen)

Michael Lombardi (St. Stephen)

This group will work closely with me over the next three years to work on our One Parish Plan. We will provide more information in the upcoming months including seeking your input through listening sessions and surveys.

Along with this Advisory Council from both our parishes I also meet each month with our Parish Family Leadership Team consisting of Tom Jones (St. Stephen Administrator), Christine Tapecc (St. Anthony Administrator), Elizabeth Bozzo (St. Anthony Principal), Anne Merklin (St. Stephen pastoral ministries) and Dulce Casanova (St. Anthony pastoral and Hispanic ministries).

As you see, I am the pastor but one who is all called to collaborate with the entire body of Christ to help us discern God's will together and spread the joy of the Gospel. Please keep these two important groups in your prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we desire to follow, serve, and proclaim the Risen Christ.

Your Servant in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi, pastor

Weekly Readings

February 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

February 3 Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

February 4 Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

February 5 Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

February 6 Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

February 7 Friday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29

February 8 Saturday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

February 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

Parish Calendar

Sunday February 2

8:30 am - 9:30
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Mass (Fr. Marlo)
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Apologetics Meeting

Monday February 3

8:30 am - 9:45 am
10:00 am - 11:45 am
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Darling Dusters
Food Pantry (drive by only)
Divine Mercy Chaplet
St. Vincent de Paul Family Meetings
Evening Prayer
Mass (Fr. Dolejsi)

Tuesday February 4

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 - 9:30 pm

Scripture Study
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Mass (Fr. Chanda)
Scripture Study
OCIA Class

Wednesday February 5

10:00 am 10:45 am
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
4:00 pm - 5:45 pm
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
7:15 pm - 7:45 pm
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Rosary Group
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Food Pantry (drive by only)
Mass (Fr. Hayatsu)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
Adoration & Reconciliation
Young Adult Group Meeting

Thursday February 6

8:00 am - 12:00 pm
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:00 pm - 8:15 pm
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Campus Crew
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Safe Environment Class
Encounter School of Ministry Class
Mass (Fr. Chanda)
Knights of Columbus Meeting
Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion
Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday February

6:30 am - 7:30 am
10:00 am - 11:45 am
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)
Food Pantry (Drive by only)
Our Lady of Rosary Makers Meeting
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Evening Prayer
Mass (Fr. Hayatsu)
Children's Holy Hour & Reconciliation

Saturday February 8

7:30 am - 8:30 am
8:30 am - 9:00 am
9:15 am - 10:45 am
9:30 am - 10:30 am
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
3:00 am - 3:30 pm
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Exodus 90
Mass (Fr. Chanda)
Blessing of Sacramentals
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Respect Life Ministry Training
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Vigil Mass (Fr. Chanda)



Food Pantry Needs - Thank you!

White Rice, Canned Soup
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Size 5 and 6 diapers as well as wipes



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/eucharistic-adoration> or contact coordinator Bernie 206-427-6085 or Tina 206-715-8462.



Thank you to Darlene

Simpson, Outreach Minister at St. Stephen the Martyr! For nearly 20 years she has faithfully lived the Gospel through caring for those most in need in our parish and in the local community. Darlene is retiring at the end of January. **If you would like to**

thank Darlene for her many years of faithful ministry, visit <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/czaEQNNj>

Weekly Collections			
	Jan 13, - Jan 19, 2025	Jan 6, - Jan 12, 2025	FY To date July 1 2024-December 31, 2024
Collections-actual	18,054	13,473	533,378
Collections-Budget	23,065	13,930	600,060
Variance	(5,011)	(457)	(66,682)
*EFT-Actual	8,201	8,041	235,908
*EFT-Budget	12,840	6,483	248,334
Variance	(4,639)	1,558	(12,426)
Total Collections Variance	(9,650)	1,101	(79,108)

Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	611	461	16,192
Food Pantry	199	341	28,715

New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2024

*EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections)

Faith Formation Programs

Faith Formation 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!

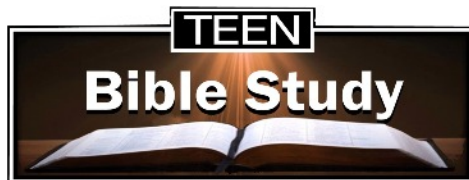
Children/Family Classes and Activities: Wednesday Nights (some Friday night activities)

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.

Youth Conference Registration Open - Registration for the Steubenville NW Conference (July 11-13) in Spokane is now open! This three-day summer event is a great opportunity for teens to connect with other faithful youths from around the region. It will take place at the Davenport Grand Hotel in downtown Spokane (where we have stayed in years passed). The total cost of the event is \$375 (inclusive of ticket, lodging, and transportation). A \$200 down-payment is required upon completing the registration form. (Scholarships are also available, just ask me for more details). To register, please fill out the following form: <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1842/responses/new>



Teen Bible Study

Our new Teen Bible Study in the youth office, which happen every Tuesday night from 6:00-7:00pm. Drop in anytime to join the fun!



Exodus 90 for Men Exodus 90 is a fraternity of men here in the parish, journeying together to become better men for God and for our families. We strive to grow spiritually in Christ through prayer, asceticism and fraternity. We began our 2025 Exodus 90 journey on January 18, 2025, meeting regularly on Saturday mornings and observing a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration. Ultimately our goal is to grow in our relationship with Jesus, but to also spend more quality time with our families as we develop discipline to achieve true freedom in Christ in our lives. We follow the Exodus 90 program as detailed here on this website - <https://exodus90.com>. **There is still time to join us on our journey.** For more information, reach out to Rob Paceb at rpacleb2000@hotmail.com.



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 Virtual Grief Support Group on Sunday, February 16th from 1:00-2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. Our topic will be "Family and Friends Grieve, Too." For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at srasmussen910@yahoo.com. "I am the Lord your God. I am holding your hand so don't be afraid. I am here to help you." Isaiah 41:13



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

Respect Life. Prayer Guide

Pray: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflect: The Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization overturned Roe v. Wade, ending the nearly fifty-year reign of nationwide abortion on demand. Dobbs returned the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives at the federal and state levels. Since the Dobbs decision, many states have enacted strong legal protections for preborn children. Tragically, other states have drastically expanded abortion. In the most recent election, ten states featured ballot initiatives that would enshrine abortion in state constitutions, with seven of them voting in favor of abortion and overriding pro-life safeguards in the process. ...

For the complete article visit <https://www.respectlife.org/prayer-guides>



Vietnam Mission



The leper community want to send a great heartfelt thanks to our parish for help to bring the clean water to their family.



Adult Confirmation

Are you a Baptized Catholic Who Has Never
Received Confirmation?



Wouldn't it be a great blessing to receive the GIFTS of the
Holy Spirit through Confirmation?

Adult Confirmation Sessions
Tuesday Evenings 7:00-9:00 PM in the Social Hall

- To learn more about our Adult Confirmation Program (adults over the age of 19 years) OR if you are interested in Becoming a Catholic; call or email Anne Merklin, 253-480-7108, or at AMerklin@ststephenslife.com.

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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Faith Formation Support Coordinator	Maria Trejo	253-631-6175 (115)	MTrejo@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, Delia Dela Cruz Piol
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), 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

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