



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 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 St. Anthony and St. Stephen the Martyr parishioners,

As we go through this cold spell know that we partner with the City of Renton and REACH (ecumenical group) to provide a nightly extreme weather shelter in the St. Anthony parish hall that has been very well utilized by our neighbors in need over the past few weeks. Thank you to all our staff and volunteers for making this happen as well as our partnership with St. Vincent DePaul at both parishes and the St. Stephen the Martyr food bank.

Many parishioners have expressed concerns regarding immigration status over the past few weeks to me as well. Catholic social teachings holds the balance between a country's rights to regulate their borders and the basic respect of all human life and people's rights to migrate for better quality of life for them and their families. My staff and I attended Archdiocesan trainings over the past week and if any circumstances arise on either campus, please direct concerns or issues towards priests and staff. Please keep all in prayers, our leaders, our parishioners, law enforcement, and indeed all people. This is a complex issue, and I have found the following resources to be very balanced if helpful: www.usccb.org Statements on Migration and Immigration www.archseattle.org Immigration and Refugee Ministry www.cliniclegal.org The Catholic Legal Immigration Network

Lastly, on a very different note, the St. Anthony school auction is coming up on March 1st with a Mardi Gras theme! Buy your tickets today at www.sasr.org or contact the school office. Our school has almost 400 students and it is a great blessing for our community and the Renton area, come show your support!

God Bless everyone,

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi, pastor

Weekly Readings

February 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

February 17 Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1,8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

February 18 Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

February 19 Wednesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

February 20 Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-23, 29; Mk 8:27-33

February 21 Friday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34—9:1

February 22 Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Parish Calendar

Sunday February 16

8:30 am - 9:30
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Mass (Fr. MacDonald)
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Grief Support Ministry Meeting
Mass (Fr. Chanda)
Apologetics Meeting

Monday February 17

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

*Church Campus Closed for President's Day
Except for Mass and Adoration*
Mass (Fr. Hayatsu)

Tuesday February 18

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 February 19

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

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

Thursday February 20

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

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

Friday February 21

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

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)

Saturday February 22

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

Exodus 90
Mass (Fr. MacDonald)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Vigil Mass (Fr. Chanda)



Food Pantry Needs - Thank you!

Spaghetti Sauce,
Oatmeal Packets
White Rice
Size 4, 5, and 6 Diapers and fragrance-free wipes for the Gabriel Project.



Watch the New Video 'The Archdiocese of Seattle: A BRIEF HISTORY'

Watch and share this inspirational new video, created especially for the Archdiocese of Seattle's 175th anniversary, which covers the history of the archdiocese from its founding in 1850 to present day. This beautiful and impactful video covers the milestones, visionary leadership, change and resilience that are part of our archdiocese's great legacy of faith. As we journey together through Partners in the Gospel, watching and sharing this video is a great way to reflect upon how change has been central to our archdiocese and gives us hope for the future. Go to <https://vimeo.com/1050898649>

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 27, - Feb 2, 2025	Jan 20, - Jan 26, 2025	FY To date July 1 2024-January 31, 2025
Collections-actual	17,030	14,898	600,645
Collections-Budget	27,033	15,738	681,252
Variance	(10,003)	(840)	(80,607)
*EFT-Actual	9,658	6,714	274,383
*EFT-Budget	12,860	8,954	300,994
Variance	(3,202)	(2,240)	(26,611)
Total Collections Variance	(13,205)	(3,080)	(107,218)

Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	928	178	17,947
Food Pantry	1,985	51	30,991

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!



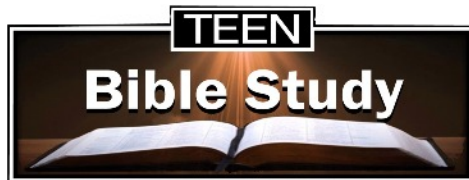
Children/Family Classes and Activities: Wednesday Nights (some Friday night activities)

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. The Conference is available to high schoolers, including teens entering high school this coming fall and seniors who will graduate this year. 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:



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!



The **Gabriel-PREPARES** team at St. Stephen needs two very important gifts: 1. larger size Diapers and Pullups and 2. Your volunteer time. Leave diapers, pull-ups and wipes by the Food Pantry baskets in the Narthex. Our team of 8 currently assists & mentors 10 families with a total of 38 children, including several newborns and two pregnant Moms. We are in need of more trained and CCS approved volunteers, including couples as we receive new requests weekly. Our next monthly meetings will be 26 FEB and 26 MAR, Wednesday 7:15pm to 8:45pm in the Outreach dining room by the side door. Contact RobertaJorgensen@comcast.net or Kathleen Tansey at 253-653-6074. To learn more, go to www.preparesforlife.org.



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



February 16: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe. Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.



Girlfriends - Please join the Girlfriends Lit and Latte Group. All women (age 18+) are invited! New members are welcome! The Lit & Lattes group is meeting on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving We will be meeting in Classroom #130 and have a Zoom option. Please RSVP to Vicki Kennerud at vkennnerud@comcast.net or to request Zoom link

FAITH

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Fundraising Dinner



Saturday, March 1st
Following 5 PM Mass - Social Hall

Supports: Knights of Columbus Global Wheelchair Mission, Coats for Kids, and The Sound Generation Meals on Wheels. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Cost: \$25 Each for Adults (Cash or Credit). Children 12 and under are free!

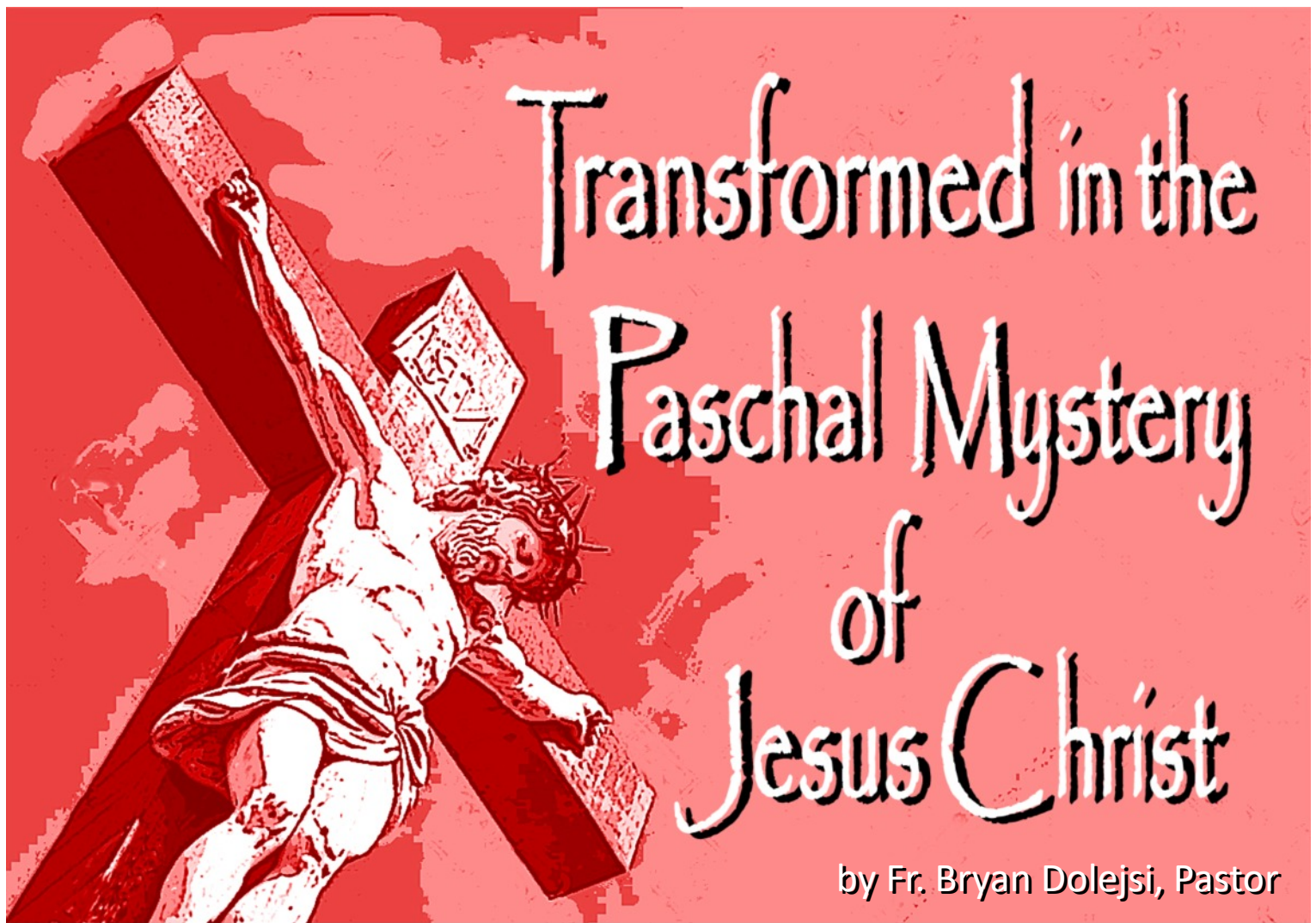
Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets online now!

(<https://ticketstripe.com/events/1890106766748631>)



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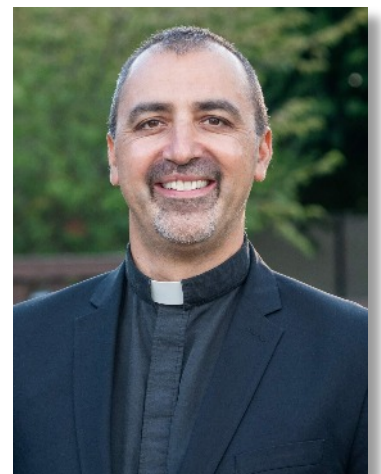
Come for this Lenten retreat talk presented by our Pastor, Fr. Bryan Dolejsi on March 1 at St. Anthony and again (the same talk) on March 12 at St. Stephens. Each will immediately follow Mass.

Each of us is baptized into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This talk draws upon our rich spiritual tradition of Scripture, saints and modern day examples to lay out a plan to use the disciplines of Lent to help transform us more and more into a disciple of the Risen Christ.

St. Anthony - March 1, from 8:45 am to 10:15 am.

St. Stephen the Martyr - March 12 from 7:15-9:00 pm

(this talk will be live-streamed at <https://ststephenslife.com/holy-mass-live-stream>).



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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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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