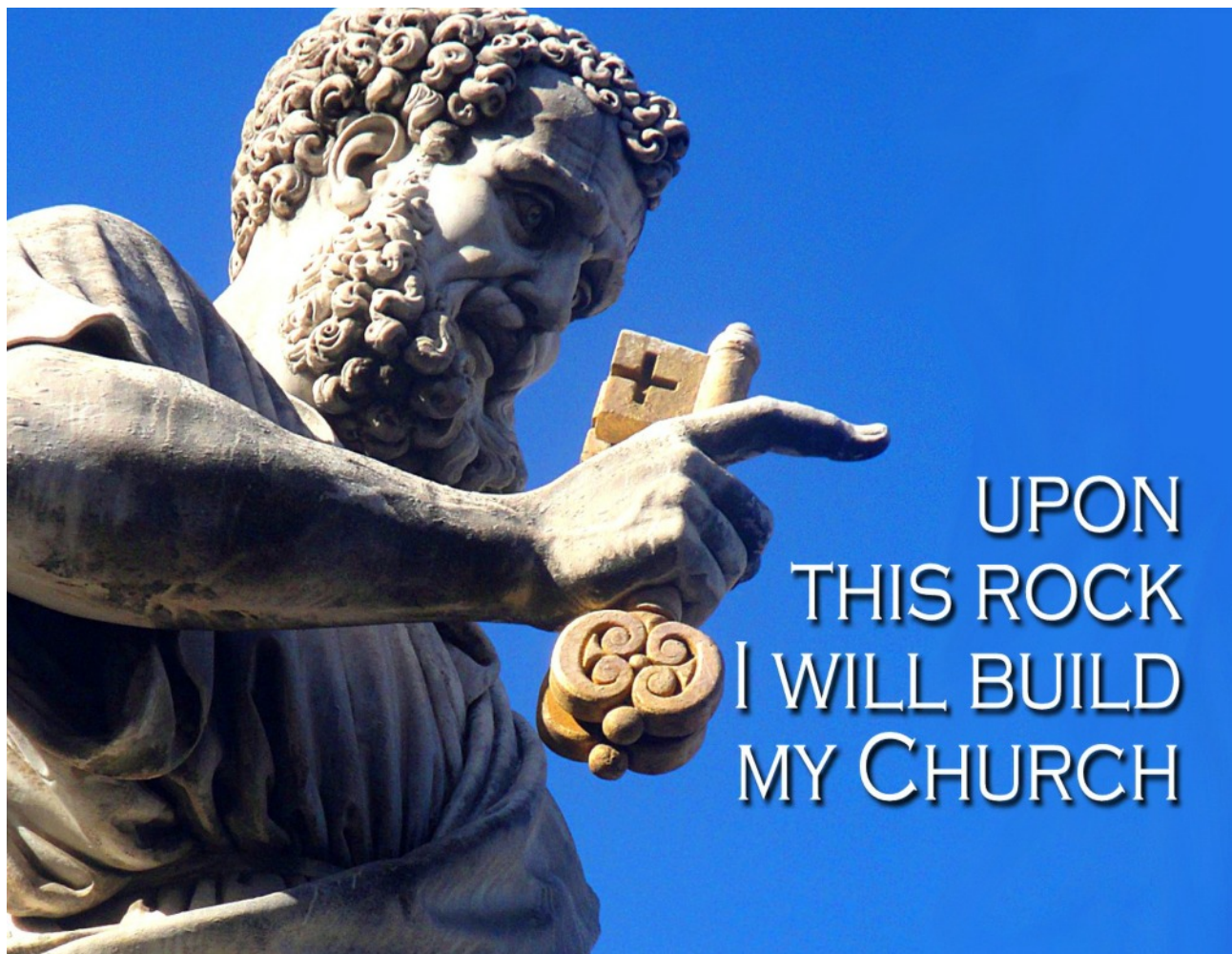




Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles June 29, 2025

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30, 11:00 AM and 5:30* PM (*Moves to 7:00 PM July 6)
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. Joseph



Greetings brothers and sisters!

It is a joy to greet you this day! Who would have guessed that a newly ordained priest would be assigned to both of his home parishes? I am proud to have ties to both St. Anthony and St. Stephen the Martyr. I was baptized at St. Anthony and attended St. Anthony school from kindergarten through 8th grade. St. Stephen has been my home parish for many years. After graduating St. Anthony School, I attended Kennedy Catholic High School and entered the seminary after that. I spent four years at Bishop White Seminary in Spokane and received my college degree from Gonzaga University while in college seminary formation. After that, I attended Mundelein Seminary in the Archdiocese of Chicago for four years to receive my theology degree, while taking 15 months for a parish internship back in our Archdiocese in the middle of my time at Mundelein.

Shortly after the Archbishop called me in early April with the news of my first priest assignment, I noticed a love for both parishes beginning to grow stronger. I am elated that I get to serve as priest at both St. Anthony and St. Stephen – two places which provided so much for me while I was growing up.

I look forward to getting to many more of you! Please pray for me, that I may be a good and holy priest all the days of my life.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Tapia-Beeman,

Incoming Parochial Vicar

Weekly Readings

June 29 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

June 30 Monday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22

July 1 Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27

July 2 Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

July 3 Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

July 4 Friday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

July 5 Saturday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

July 6 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Parish Calendar

Sunday June 29th

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

Mass (Fr. Marlo)
Mass Fr. Chanda
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Mass (Fr. Hayatsu)
Apologetics

Monday June 30th

9:00 am - 10:30 am
10 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
Divine Mercy Chaplet
St. Vincent de Paul Family Meetings
Evening Prayer
Mass (Fr. Marlo)

Tuesday July 1st

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Mass (Fr. Hayatsu)

Wednesday July 2nd

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

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

Thursday July 3rd

8:30 pm - 12:00 pm
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Campus Crew
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Mass (Fr. Joseph)
Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Friday July 4th

Church Offices Closed for Independence Day

6:30 am - 7:30 am Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)
9:00 am - 10:00 am **Mass** (Fr. Marlo)
10:00 am - 11:45 am Food Pantry CLOSED
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Our Lady Rosary Makers
3:00 pm- 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
7:00 pm - 11:45 pm First Friday Adoration in Church

Saturday July 5th

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. Joseph)
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Joseph)
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Vigil Mass (Fr. Joseph)

Food Pantry Needs - Thank you!

Cold Cereal, Dry Beans, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce

Important Note: Please do not donate expired or opened food to the pantry. We cannot give it away per Washington State Health Codes

For Gabriel/Prepares:

We are completely out of diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6. Thank you for your generosity, our moms appreciate it!

Thank You for Your Generous Annual Catholic Appeal Support!

Thank you to all who have responded to the needs of our regional Church by supporting the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal! Our journey as Catholics is not undertaken alone. We are all a part of this one body of Christ and your generosity speaks to the impact that our community can have. Whether it is supporting parish staff through centralized services, supporting seminarian formation and education, or uplifting youth and young adult programs and events, your generosity matters. **We have received \$150,689 towards our goal of \$186,400 from 250 families.** For those of you who have not yet contributed, there is still time! You can fill out a pew envelope or use the QR code to visit 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.



Weekly Collections			
	June 9- June 15, 2025	June 2 - June 8, 2025	FY To date July 1 2024-May 31, 2025
Collections-actual	14,424	23,114	968,944
Collections-Budget	13,898	14,642	1,106,264
Variance	526	8,472	(137,320)
*EFT-Actual	8,231	9,819	435,426
*EFT-Budget	6,947	9,393	472,311
Variance	1,284	426	(36,885)
Total Collections Variance	1,810	8,898	(174,205)

Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	400	1,417	30,265
Food Pantry	1,322	1,366	60,560

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 Preparation Classes - Parents and Godparents must take a Baptism preparation class before scheduling the child's Baptism. Please see our website for detailed information and requirements for Baptism preparation, including dates for our upcoming Baptism prep classes. Call or email Ellen Hecht with any questions at ehocht@ststephenslife.com or 206-480-7106. You can also scan the QR code here to RSVP to an upcoming class!



Job Opening: Pastoral Assistant Youth Ministry Saint Stephen the Martyr, in Renton Washington, has an immediate opening for a full-time Pastoral Assistant for Youth Ministry. The youth minister leads the junior and high school parish ministry. We seek a person with a passion for leading youth and their families by accompanying them on a journey to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and full participation in the Church. For more information go to : <https://www.ststephenslife.com/job-openings>



June 29: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles - In today's Gospel, Peter recognizes Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. On this rock of faith, says Christ, He will build his Church. In the month of June, you recognized Jesus in his poor. Your gifts of faith enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help families, providing food and gifts to pay utility and rent bills.



Got Old Wax Candles? We are continuing our wax recycling program. Recycled candle wax will be turned into new candles to be blessed and given away for a donation. The donated funds will buy wax (51% beeswax) to make candles for the altars in the church and chapel. So drop off your wax contributions in the big blue tote next to the food bank baskets (also used for old cell phones and inkjet cartridges) in the narthex. You can also give your old wax candles directly to me, Bernie Wittgens (206-427-6085). Thank you.



Medical Closet Did you know that St Stephen's has medical supplies and equipment available to borrow? Walkers, crutches, and other mobility devices may be borrowed to aid you on your journey to recovery. The medical closet is located in the Annex Building. Before making donations or borrowing an item, please call for an appointment: Outreach 253-480-7109 or Mary Marler 206-910-8025.



VOCATIO Thanks - THANK YOU to all who supported the VOCATIO group through donations towards pumpkins in the fall and coffee and donuts throughout the years. We were able to help support Fr. Joseph during his years in seminary and for receptions for his deaconate and priestly ordinations. Your generosity is a blessing. God bless you all! Continue to keep him in your prayers to be a faithful and holy priest.+



Musicians Wanted We are looking to build our pool of contemporary musicians for the Sunday night Mass and are looking for vocalists and instrumentalists that have some experience with this style. If you are interested in auditioning for the group, contact Patty Swedberg at pattyswedberg@gmail.com or 206-779-7727 for more information.



Peter's Pence Collection This weekend we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Francis. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



Sunday Night Summer Mass Time Moves to 7:00 PM July 6!

VBC 2025



July 21-25



www.ststephenslife.com/vbc-registration

Register Now for Vacation Bible Camp!

Kids: Our theme this year is "TRUE NORTH - Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!" We'll have a great week of Bible Stories, Prayer, Songs, Games and Inspiration! Dates: July 21-25, 2025. Hours: 9am - noon, Monday through Friday. Cost: K-4th Grade (Camper) = \$35. 5th-6th Grade (God Squad) = \$35. Teen (7th-12th) or Adult Volunteer = \$15. Everyone needs to Register- Children, Teens, Adults! Camp is at the parish.

We start/end in the Social Hall. During the day we'll move around the campus, both inside and outdoors.

For general questions, contact Maria Trejo at mtrejo@ststephenslife.com or (253) 631-6175. For questions about volunteering, also contact Maria Trejo or Shannon Battles at sbattles@ststephenslife.com or call (253) 480-7112.



What are Our Gifts? - Parish Family Survey

As we move forward with Partners in the Gospel, we are entering into phase one, gathering input about our gifts and blessings from all our parishioners at St. Anthony and St. Stephen the Martyr. This phase involves a survey each member of your household is welcome to fill out. **This survey is available from mid-May until the end of June.** We look forward to hearing from you and for your faithful participation in the life of the church and our local parishes. Paper version will be available at Church this weekend. For the online version of the survey go to <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/4998/responses/new>.



Volunteer Secretary Position Open - SVDP - St. Vincent DePaul is seeking a secretary. At most, they might spend 3 - 2 hours every other week. For information, contact China at chinasvdp@gmail.com
Responsibilities Include:

- Taking down the minutes and sending them out to the members.
- Sending out weekly emails (I have a canned email, so all she/he has to do is change the names and date) to the members.
- Keeping track of our food bank keys (easy as we only have five and will change hands if the member is gone for more than a week).
- Handing the member binder to new members. (also, easy as we now have a space at the food bank where she can keep all our binders for new members).



Welcome!

Are you new to our parish (in the last 6 months or so)? Please join us for a Welcome Event on June 29 after the 11:00 Mass in the Social Hall. We will introduce you to key staff, get you connected, and answer any questions. We hope to see you! For more information, contact bnieva@ststephenslife.com



Young Adults The Young Adult group at St. Stephen's is an active and fun group. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. We often meet at the fire pit and roast s'mores during the summer. If you are home from college for the summer, want to connect with other young Catholics, or deepen your faith...join us. For more information: <https://ststephenslife.com/young-adult-ministry>



Spiritual Adoption Please continue to pray for the baby that you have adopted. Here is a message from your baby. *Hi! I'm three months old now. I'm about 3 inches long and weigh 1 ounce. That's not much but I'm fully formed and I can even suck my thumb! Keep praying for me.*



St. Anthony School Seeking a Classroom Instructional Aide

St. Anthony School is seeking a flexible and mission-focused Instructional Aide to float between grades Pre-K to 4th grade depending on the need. The primary function is to assist classroom teachers to provide a safe, supportive, effective, and well-managed learning environment for all students. Some essential duties include working with students in small groups, assisting with student assessments, and more. This role is a non-benefitted, part-time position of 25-28 hours/week at \$21.74/hour. To Apply: Submit a resume/cover letter to Vice Principal Daniel P. Mullen at mullen@sasr.org and apply online at mycatholicsschool.org/careers-employment. Come join our mission!



Washington Bishops Ask Federal Court to Block Law That Breaks Seal of Confession

SEATTLE — The Roman Catholic bishops of Washington state asked a federal court late Thursday to block a new state law that forces priests to break the sacred seal of confession or face jail time before the law takes effect on July 27. This legal action follows a lawsuit the bishops filed May 29 against the state of Washington. They say the new law — which requires clergy to report abuse if shared within the sacred confines of the confessional — violates religious freedom protections in the U.S. Constitution. The lawsuit also notes that the clergy-penitent privilege is singled out in the law, but protections remain for lawyers and their clients. The Catholic Church already requires priests to report abuse and neglect to law enforcement and other state authorities — with the only exception for information learned during the sacrament of confession.... For the full article visit <https://nwcatholic.org/news/northwest-catholic/washington-bishops-ask-federal-court-to-block-law-that-breaks-seal-of-confession>



Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes - NEW DATE 2- 12 NOV and NEW LOWER PRICE ! - \$4999.00 Join Fr. Mark Kiszelewski, pastor of St. Cecilia and Kathleen Tansey, experienced group travel advisor from St. Stephen on a 11 day Pilgrimage with Avila, Loyola, Barcelona. To learn more contact Kathleen at 253-653-6074 or Kathleen@travelcenter4u.com We have room for 7 more pilgrims.

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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Youth Ministry	Michael Joseph	253-480-7110 (113)	mjoseph@ststephenslife.com
Young Adult Ministry/Talents Ministry	Beth Nieva	253-480-7105 (123)	bnieva@ststephenslife.com
Evangelization & Communications	Bill Swedberg	253-480-7107 (121)	bswedberg@ststephenslife.com
Marriage and Infant Baptism	Ellen Hecht	206-480-7106	ehecht@ststephenslife.com
Faith Formation Support Coordinator	Maria Trejo	253-631-6175 (115)	MTrejo@ststephenslife.com
St Stephen Housing Association		253-638-9798	office@ststephenhousing.org
SVDP Help-Line		206-767-6449	

Marriage: Marriage: Couples preparing for marriage must contact us at least 9 months before their wedding date. Some preparation and parish registration are required before a date can be set. See contact information above to reach the staff person for marriage.

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).

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) For adults desiring to become Catholic, including those needing baptism. Contact Anne Merklin 253-480-7108 (ext. 126), AMerklin@ststephenslife.com.

Praying For Sick

Mary Ann Belcourt, Sharon Ross, Erlinda David, Canlas Ingraham, Angel M. Piol, Estrellita & Patrick Staeheli,
Frank Ratajczyk, Cindy 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 Laurie Manning at 253-631-1940.

Recent Deaths

Jeff Tobin, Eleanor Bertagni
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 Laurie Manning, 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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