

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025



St. Stephen the Martyr

St. Anthony

Pastor: Fr. Bryan Dolejsi

Parochial Vicars: Fr. Marlo F. Abad, Fr. Joseph Tapia-Beeman

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Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30, 11:00 AM and 7:00* PM

*Summer Mass Time

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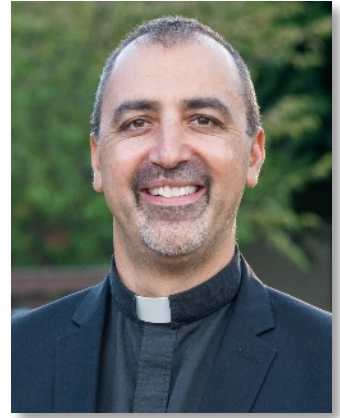
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7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM (English)

Noon, 1:30 PM (Spanish)

We Are Partners in the Gospel

Words from Fr. Bryan



Partners Updates

Thank you to all who completed a parish survey regarding our gifts and blessings at St. Anthony and St. Stephen the Martyr. I am working with our parish family advisory council and our parish family leadership team to provide a summary of results for both parishes that will be in the bulletin and consulted at masses in early to mid-September. We will also provide a summary of our demographic information so we will be ready to participate together in the next phase in October about “who we want to become”. There will be many in person listening sessions and I plan to attend all of them as the pastor. All are welcome and strongly encouraged to participate.

Our parish family has been working together throughout this past year, getting to know each other, sharing in joint staff retreats, a unified confirmation, sharing space for school events, and sharing some sacramental preparation programs already. The priests, deacons, and staff flow easily between our two wonderful parishes, and I encourage you to do the same as we form an even larger and stronger Catholic community together.

In hopes of encouraging this community please plan on attending our joint, parish family picnic on August 23rd at St. Stephen the Martyr from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Bishop Schuster is coming to join us as well! There will be plenty of on-site parking and grass for the kids to play. All are welcome, please register for our food count. Look forward to seeing you all there! May the Lord continue to bless all in our parish family!

Your Servant in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi, Pastor

Weekly Readings

August 17 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

August 18 Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

August 19 Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

August 20 Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

August 21 Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

August 22 Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

August 23 Saturday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2-5; Mt 23:1-12

August 24 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Parish Calendar

Sunday August 17th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am - 9:30 am **Mass** (Fr. Marlo)
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Marlo)
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Grief Support Meeting
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Marlo)
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Apologetics

Monday August 18th

9:00 am - 10:30 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 - 7:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Marlo)

Tuesday August 19th

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Dolejsi)

Wednesday August 20th

10:00 am - 10:45 am Rosary Group
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 4:00pm - 5:45 pm Food Pantry (drive by only)
 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 Adoration & Reconciliation (Fr. Marlo)

Thursday August 21st

8:30 pm - 12:00 pm Campus Crew
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Joseph)
 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Friday August 22nd

6:30 am - 7:30 am Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)
 10:00 am - 11:45 am Food Pantry
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Rosary Makers Group
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Dolejsi)
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Dolejsi)

Saturday August 23rd

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 (Fr. Marlo)
 3:00 am - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Vigil Mass** Fr. Joseph)

Food Pantry Needs - Thank you!

Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup,
 Jam, Pasta Sauce

The Gabriel Project Thank you for your continued support. We are in need of unscented wipes and size 3 to 6 diapers.



Annual Catholic Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has pledged to the Annual Catholic Appeal this year! To date we have surpassed our Goal by \$11,800. Everything above our goal will be given back to the parish. It's not too late to give and help support St. Stephens and be recognized as having contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. All additional pledges made will come back to the parish.

You can pledge by completing a pew pledge card, scanning this QR Code, or visiting:
<https://archseattle.org/give-serve/giving-opportunities/annual-catholic-appeal/aca-2025/>



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			
	July 28- August 3, 2025	July 21- July 27, 2025	FY To date July 1 2025-July 31, 2025
Collections-actual	17,428	13,217	66,511
Collections-Budget	20,314	14,333	70,906
Variance	(2,886)	(1,116)	(4,395)
*EFT-Actual	8,685	4,864	34,418
*EFT-Budget	11,592	7,088	34,650
Variance	(2,907)	(2,224)	(232)
Total Collections Variance	(5,793)	(3,340)	(4,627)
Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	395	360	2,855
Food Pantry	810	246	4,356

New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2025

*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!



August 17: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - In today's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished! Your gift to the Society to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth on fire with the of God's love.



Safe Environment Training - Our next class date at St Stephen the Martyr will be **Tuesday, August 19th, 6:00 PM**. To register click the image above to visit www.virtusonline.org. Required for all adults working with children and vulnerable adults. Great information for all. For more information contact Beth Nieva 253-480-7105, bnieva@ststephenslife.com



Screen Operators

This important ministry helps people to participate in the liturgy prayerfully and with ease. Screen Operators serve once a month. The current openings are on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM, the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 8:30 AM, and the 4th Sunday of the month at 5:30 and 7:00 PM. For more information contact Janet at jstewart@ststephenslife.com.



The Renton Day of Service is an annual event where community members can volunteer to improve their local area. The event will be held on Saturday, September 6th, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Volunteers can participate in various projects, including storm drain marking and park beautification at Thomas Teasdale Park. Lunch will be provided at noon. <https://www.rentonwa.gov/Activities-Events/Get-Involved>

For information about helping **install Red Cross Smoke Detectors**, please contact Beth Nieva bnieva@ststephenslife.com

Attention Knitters and Crocheters: St. Stephen's will be hosting a Knit-In for the Renton Day of Service. We will be making lap blankets, scarves, etc, for our neighbors in need. For more information, contact Beth Nieva at bnieva@ststephenslife.com



Music Ministry Open Call - Join a Choir at St. Stephen's!

Everything we do at St. Stephen's flows from - and points back to - the Sunday Experience of celebrating Mass. Music is a powerful part of that encounter with God, and we invite **you** to help lead our community in joyful praise! We are looking for **volunteer choir members, cantors, pianists, and (occasionally) instrumentalists** to join one of our groups:

SATURDAY 5:00 PM CHOIR (Rehearsal before Mass)

SUNDAY 8:30 AM SATB CHOIR (Rehearsal 7:20 PM Tuesday)

SUNDAY 11 AM CHOIR (Independent learning plus Rehearsal 10 AM Sunday)

SUNDAY 5:30 / 7 PM CONTEMPORARY BAND (Rehearsal before Mass)



Whether you're a seasoned musician or new to singing at Mass, we'll help you find your place. We especially invite those with experience, but we encourage everyone to join!

Fill out an interest form at our website: www.ststephenslife.com/music

Contact Janet Stewart at JStewart@ststephenslife.com or stop by the piano after Mass.

The Way of Hope



is Jesus

Are you Considering Becoming a Catholic?
Do You Know Someone Who Might Be Interested
in Becoming a Catholic Christian?

Join Us for Inquiry Sessions
Starting Tuesday, September 23rd

How to Begin Your Catholic Journey of Hope:

- Come to our Inquiry Sessions to learn about the Catholic Faith.
- Those in other Faith Traditions are encouraged to come to learn about the Catholic Church.
- Adult Catholics who have not received all their Sacraments should come to Inquiry Sessions.

Inquiry Sessions Are Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM the Social Hall

If you have Questions, please contact, Anne Merklin,
AMerklin@ststephenslife.com or 253-480-7108, Ext. 126.

Parish Family PICNIC

Join St Anthony and St Stephen for a parish family picnic!
Food, drinks, and desserts will be provided. Please bring your own camping chairs and or picnic blanket for seating.

SATURDAY
23
AUGUST

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR CHURCH

11 AM - 2 PM

13055 SE 192ND ST, RENTON, WA 98058

**RSVP NEEDED
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THE QR CODE**



GRIEF MINISTRY

Grief Support - 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, August 17th at 1:00pm**. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. Our topic will be "Guilt—If Only....". For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at srasmussen910@yahoo.com. *He will wipe every tear from their eyes...for the old order has passed away.* - Revelation 21, 4



Mattress Donation Needed - St. Stephen Housing is in desperate need of twin, full and queen size mattresses (no box springs or frames needed). They should be new or gently used, with some life left in them! Please email us at office@ststephenhousing.org or call 253-638-9798 if you have a mattress to donate. We will come to you and pick up. Thank you!

Saint Michael's Lent

from Exodus



Exodus 90 Observes Saint Michael's Lent - To all men at St Stephen the Martyr parish: Exodus 90 is reviving the Lost Tradition of Saint Michael's Lent. Beginning on August 15th we began a 40-day program to take up the spiritual disciplines of prayer, asceticism and fraternity. Join over 100,000 men all over the world, right here at St. Stephen's. Our Exodus 90 fraternity meets every Saturday morning, starting with Holy Hour and Adoration in the chapel at 6:30am, followed by our weekly meeting right after in the downstairs parish hall. We usually wrap up just in time for 8:30am mass. Please come join us! Contact Rob Pacleb at 206-226-7442 or rpacleb2000@hotmail.com for more information.

Nativity Pilgrimage

Where Faith Meets Adventure



Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes - NEW DATE 2- 12 NOV and NEW LOWER PRICE ! - \$4999.00 Join Fr. Mark Kiszewski, 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.



Respect Life - Monthly Prayer Guide - Pray Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven:.... For the full reflection visit <https://www.respectlife.org/prayer-guides>

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.

Pastor	Fr. Bryan Dolejsi		frbryan@ststephenslife.com
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Marlo F. Abad		frmarlo@ststephenslife.com
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Joseph Tapia-Beeman		frjoseph@st-anthony.cc
Deacon	Dec. Carl Chilo		sstmdaoncarlchilo@gmail.com
Deacon	Dec. Sonny Ungco		DeaconSonny.Ungco@gmail.com
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Pastoral Associate	Anne Merklin	253-480-7108 (126)	AMerklin@ststephenslife.com
Pastoral Assistant for Outreach	Lisa Grigaliunas	253-480-7109	lgrigaliunas@ststephenslife.com
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Liturgical Musician	Tim Gately		tgately@ststephenslife.com
Pastoral Care	Marijean Heutmaker	253-480-7116 (106)	Mheutmaker@ststephenslife.com
Administrative Assistant	Laurie Manning	253-480-7103 (100)	Lmanning@ststephenslife.com
Bookkeeper	Debbie Blakely	253-480-7113 (101)	DBlakely@ststephenslife.com
Facilities & Parish Life Coordinator	Kim Anderson	253-480-7120 (129)	KAnderson@ststephenslife.com
Director of Faith Formation	Shannon Battles	253-480-7112 (114)	SBattles@ststephenslife.com
Youth Ministry	<i>(See Shannon Battles above)</i>		
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, Al Lagmay, Erlinda David, Canlas Ingraham, Angel M. Piol, Estrellita & Patrick Staeheli,
Frank Ratajczyk, Cindy Lagmay, Rene Abella

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

Amadeo Barahona, Delia Dela Cruz Piol, Joseph H. Martirez, Sharon Ross, Jeff Tobin, Eleanor Bertagni, Jobel Dela Cruz Reyes
Names will be posted for 3 months.

Serving in the Military

Captain Philip Clay, LT Luke Carpenter (deployed), Zenaida Roth, Joey Buslon Poland,
Sergeant 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 - Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: Project Rachel, Peace Starts Here.

If you are suffering from the experience of an abortion, you do not need to walk alone. Project Rachel offers a compassionate and confidential environment for those who suffer the effects of an abortion. October 10-12, 2025- English; October 31-November 2, 2025- Spanish; March 6-8, 2026- English For more information about the Project Rachel ministry or our healing retreats, please call Frances at (206) 920-6413 (English) or Alejandra at (206) 450-7814 (Spanish).

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