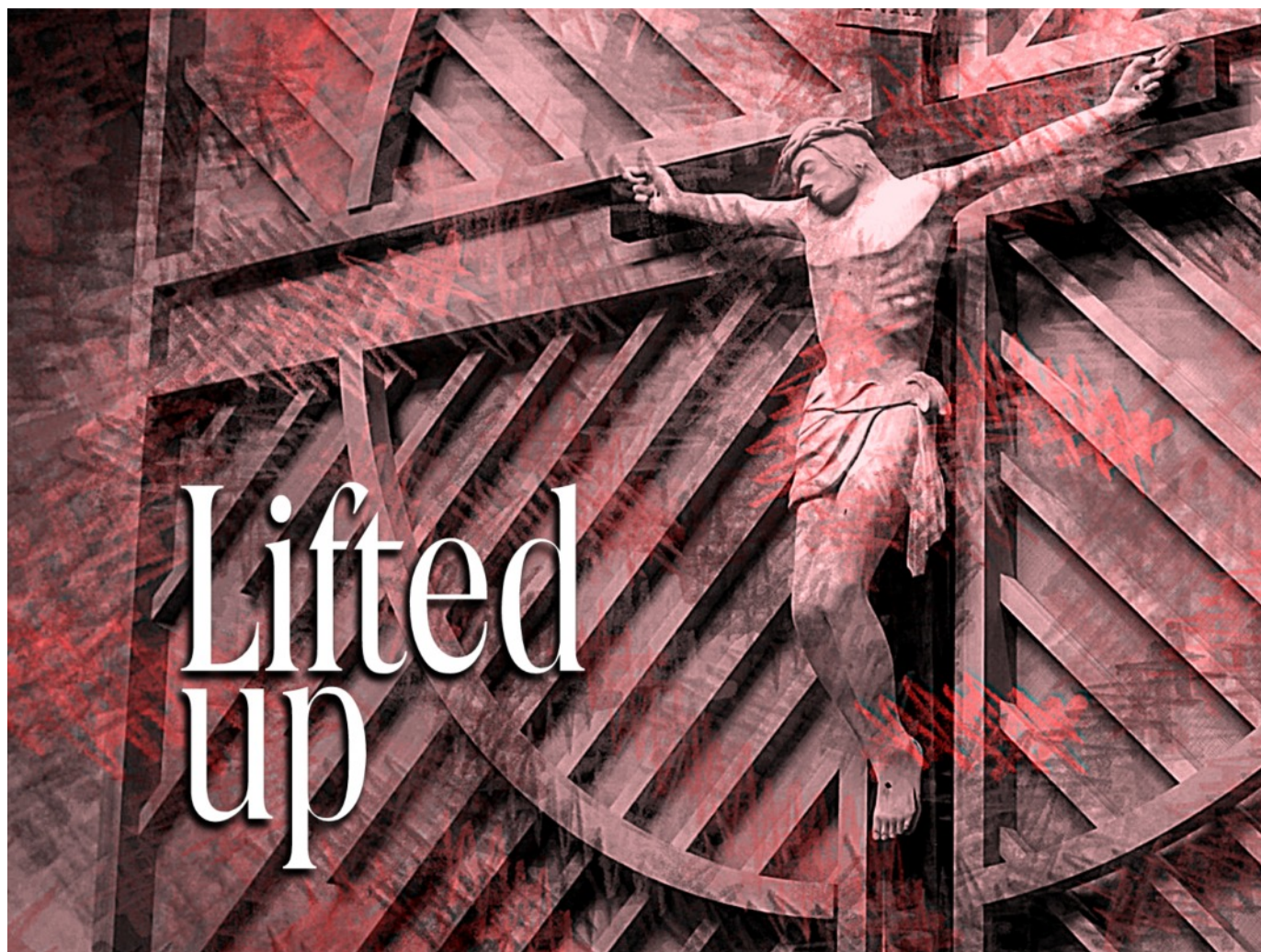


Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 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

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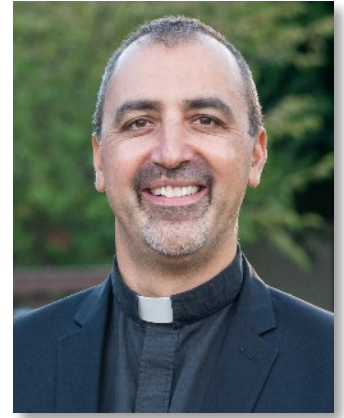
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7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM (English)

Noon, 1:30 PM (Spanish)

We Are Partners in the Gospel

Words from Fr. Bryan



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

We had a wonderful Parish family staff retreat (30 staff members total), and parish family picnic. Thank you to all who helped to make these successful, joyful and prayerful gatherings.

As we continue to find ways to work together in our partners in the Gospel process, please see the time frame in the below graphic. Listening sessions at both parishes are planned for early and mid-October. Parishioners are welcome to attend at either location and participate in our discernment and our celebration of our Catholic faith together.



May God continue to Bless and protect us all,

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi
Fr. Bryan Dolejsi, Pastor

Weekly Readings

September 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

September 15 Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

September 16 Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

September 17 Wednesday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

September 18 Thursday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

September 19 Friday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

September 20 Mem. St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

September 21 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Parish Calendar

Sunday September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 am - 9:45 am **Mass** (Fr. Joseph)
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Joseph)
 12:45 pm - 2:45 pm New Parishioner Welcome Event in Parish Hall
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm Middle School Youth Group (Edge) Kick-off
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm **Mass** (Fr. Joseph)
 6:35 pm - 8:00 pm Senior High Youth Group (LifeTeen) Kick-off
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Apologetics

Monday September 15

9:00 am - 10:30 am Darling Dusters
 10:00 am - 11:45 am Food Pantry (Drive-Thru only)
 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. Marlo)

Tuesday September 16

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 September 17

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-Thru 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 September 18

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 September 19

6:30 am - 7:30 am Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)
 10:00 am - 11:45 am Food Pantry (Drive- Thru Only)
 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. Hayatsu)
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Hayatsu)
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm 40 Days for Life Kick-Off

Saturday September 20

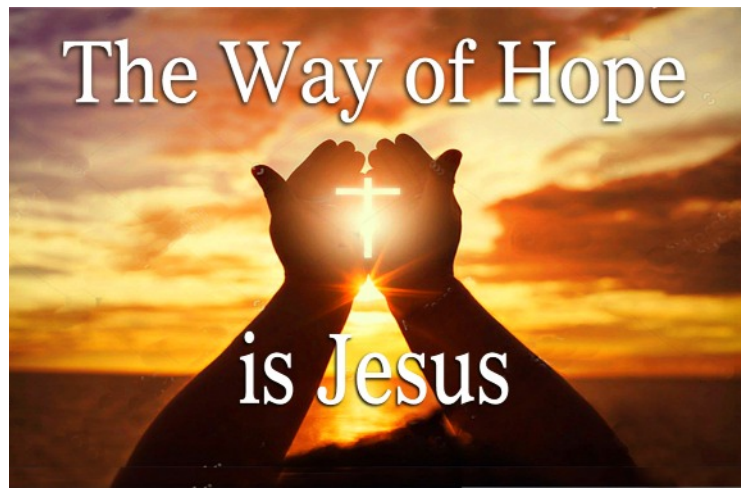
7:30 am - 8:30 am Exodus 90
 8:30 am - 9:00 am **Mass** (Fr. Joseph)
 9:15 am - 10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Joseph)
 3:00 am - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Vigil Mass** (Fr. Dolejsi)

Food Pantry Needs - Thank you!

Spaghetti Sauce, Healthy Cold Cereal, Soup
 Top Ramen
 Fred Meyer Gift Cards (for the Outreach Program)

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**Are you or Someone You Know
 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.

Adoration Invitation - At St. Stephens we enjoy Perpetual Adoration of Jesus in the chapel/church. Jesus is exposed in the Monstrance 24 - 7 (except during scheduled Masses). We often have open hours needing to be filled by committed adorers. Is Jesus calling you to Come and Adore Him? Visit Adoration sign up table in the narthex to find up-to-date information on available hours and/or need to be filled. See <https://ststephenslife.com/eucharistic-adoration> or contact Bernie 206-427-6085 or Tina 206-715-8462.



Weekly Collections				
	Aug. 11 -Aug. 17, 2025	#	Aug. 4 - Aug. 10, 2025	FY To date July 1 2025-July 31, 2025
Collections-actual	30,673		16,060	66,511
Collections-Budget	18,493		15,140	70,906
Variance	12,180		920	(4,395)
*EFT-Actual	9,843		10,354	34,418
*EFT-Budget	6,574		808	34,650
Variance	3,269		9,546	(232)
Total Collections Variance	15,449		10,466	(4,627)
Outreach Collections				
Outreach Assistance	444		665	2,855
Food Pantry	934		1,063	4,356

New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2025

*EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections)

Editor's note: Current budget numbers not available a press time.

Faith Formation Programs

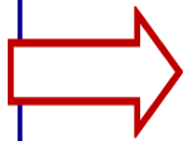
Faith Formation This is for children and teens through 12th Grade, as well as Adult Scripture Study. Check out your areas right away, as things are happening fast! If you have questions, we're happy to help. Join us, build community, and grow in our Lord!

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!



Fall Kick-off Sunday Sept. 14

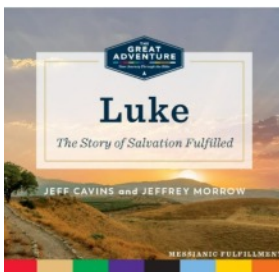
Be Here for the Start of a Great Year! Our Youth program will look a little different this year: Monthly meetings will welcome *Middle Schoolers* (grades 6-8) before Mass and *Senior Highers* (grades 9-12) will meet right after. Meetings will be filled with fun, friends and a thought-filled message. Go to <https://www.ststephenslife.com/youth-ministry> to learn more!

Middle School 3:45-5:15 PM

Senior High 6:35-8:00 PM



Safe Environment Training - Our next class date at St Stephen the Martyr will be **Sunday, October 5, 12:45 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 An additional class date is Saturday, November 15, 9:00 am



Fall 2025 Adult Bible Study – Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled The Study begins and meets on Tuesdays from September 23 to November 18, 2025. We offer two sessions. One session meets Tuesday morning at the church from 9:20-11:30 am and one session meets Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:00 pm. We'd love to see you at one of them! **Register between August 12 to September 8, 2025, online or with us.** The cost is \$30.00 – Workbook and \$5.00 – Online Access. To access the online registration, go to <https://ststephenslife.com/bible-study>. For more information or help with registration contact: Karen Buchert at kasbuchert@comcast.net or the Faith Formation office at mtrejo@ststephenslife.com or [253-631-6175, ext. 115](tel:253-631-6175).



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, September 21st at 1:00 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. Our topic will be "Stages and Tasks of Successful Grieving" and "The Anger Within". For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at srasmussen910@yahoo.com.



Filipino Mass and Novena at St Anthony Parish - All are invited for The first Filipino Mass on **Friday, September 19. Novena to St Lorenzo Ruiz in the Church at 5:00 PM. Mass will be at 6:00 PM**. Our celebrant will be Fr Marlo Abad. At this Mass we will take up a special collection to support our Simban gabi celebration. Other dates and times for the Novena to St Lorenzo Ruiz: St Anthony Church Parish Ministry Center: Fr Lane Room: 9/20, 9/21 9/22, 9/24, 9/26, 9/27; Lorenzo Rose Room 9/23 9/27. We invite everyone to come dressed in traditional cultural attire as we celebrate together. All are welcome for a reception at the parish Hall following Mass.

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day Celebration at St Stephen the Martyr September 27. Novena at 8:00 AM Mass at 8:30 AM Light snacks will be served after Mass in the social hall.



BIG THINGS...

**Youth Group Kick-off
Sunday, September 14**

Middle School: 3:45-5:15 pm

Mass 5:30 pm

Senior High : 6:35-8:00 pm



St. Stephen Housing Association is in need of the following items to furnish housing units for families with children experiencing homelessness. We are looking for new or VERY gently used items:

- twin comforters
- twin mattress protectors
- bath towel sets
- twin sheets
- standard bed pillows
- bath mats/rugs

Please call 253-638-9798 or email office@ststephenhousing.org to arrange delivery or pick up. Thanks you!



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 6:30 AM, followed by our weekly meeting right after in the downstairs parish hall. We usually wrap up just in time for 8:30 AM mass. Please come join us! Contact Rob Pacleb at 206-226-7442 or rpacleb2000@hotmail.com for more information.



Spiritual Adoption - Please remember to pray for each day for your baby that you have spiritually adopted. Here is a message from your baby: *I am five months old now. I'm 12 inches long and I weigh about 1 pound. I'm really getting big and mommy can now feel me kick and move around! Hey! Someday, maybe I'll play soccer! Keep praying for me.*



The Knights of Columbus - Attention men: the Saint Stephen's Knights of Columbus are inviting all men age of 18 and older to join the Knights. Come experience the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity! Visit <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/index.asp?CNO=13374>



Blood Drive - Knights of Columbus #13374 Fall Blood Drive Saturday, **October 4th from 9:00 to 3:00**. Schedule your blood donation today. For more information contact Randy at randysrnsky@yahoo.com https://donate.bloodworksnw.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/97517



Parish Family Picnic Thank You! Thank you to all who pitched in to make our first parish family picnic a big success! So much goes into an event like this, From planning to parking, to cutting watermelons or painting faces, we are grateful to all those who shared their time and skills to make it happen. Thank you!



40 Days for Life - Help Save Lives in Renton!

40 Days for Life Renton, along with St Stephen the Martyr Respect Life Ministry, invite you to our Kickoff event featuring the movie UNPLANNED* at St Stephen the Martyr Church Social Hall, Friday evening, September 19th. Vigil sign-ups and distribution of materials will happen before the movie, from 7:30-7:45 PM. The movie UNPLANNED will be shown promptly at 7:45 PM, popcorn and drinks provided. Learn more and sign up to participate in 40 Days for Life Renton online at: 40daysforlife.com/Renton *St Stephen the Martyr Respect Life Ministry has obtained a license to show this movie.



Know Our Two New Saints

The two most recently recognized Catholic saints are St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, both Italian laymen, who were canonized on September 7, 2025. Carlo Acutis was a young, tech-savvy Italian who died in 2006 and is known for using his computer skills to spread his faith, while Pier Giorgio Frassati was an avid outdoorsman who died of polio in 1925.

Saint Carlo Acutis is the first millennial to be canonized as a saint and is sometimes called the "patron saint of the internet" or "God's Influencer" for using his technological skills to create websites for the Catholic Church and his parish.

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati was an Italian student and avid outdoorsman known for his deep faith and social activism, often caring for the poor and sick.



Source: Gabriel Gonsalves



Source: USCCB

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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Director of Faith Formation	Shannon Battles	253-480-7112 (114)	SBattles@ststephenslife.com
Youth Ministry & Communications	Bill Swedberg	253-480-7107 (121)	bswedberg@ststephenslife.com
Young Adult Ministry/Talents Ministry	Beth Nieva	253-480-7105 (123)	bnieva@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,
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

Frank Ratajczyk, Amadeo Barahona, Delia Dela Cruz Piol, Joseph H. Martinez, 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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