

The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



St. Stephen the Martyr

St. Anthony

Pastor: Fr. Bryan Dolejsi

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

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH

www.ststephenslife.com

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30, 11:00 AM and 5:30 PM

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

www.st-anthony.cc

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM

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



Consultative Leadership

As pastor I have the responsibility to lead our parish family and to do so in a process of consultation and common discernment. As many of you know, we have been working on a large re-painting and some slight renovations at St. Anthony church over the past few weeks. At the same time, I recently met with some key staff and a Catholic architect I have worked with at two previous parishes, regarding some long-range planning for updates for St. Stephen the Martyr church. How do these decisions happen, you might ask? Is it just the whim of a particular pastor?

I collaborate with my staff people, finance, and pastoral councils regularly regarding major projects and formation opportunities at both parishes. They bring to me ideas, and I put forth some as well. Regarding the recent St. Anthony project, I also consulted with the Parish Family Advisory Council, the Liturgy Commission, the Hispanic Leadership Commission, and the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese, all culminating in permission from the Archbishop. We discern together and then take the next steps as we have resources and time.

Thank you all again for your ongoing faith, stewardship, and positive participation in our faith communities. May God bless you and your families.

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi, pastor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Bryan Dolejsi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi, Pastor

Weekly Readings

November 30 First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122: 1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

December 1 Monday of the First Week of Advent

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

December 2 Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

December 3 Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

December 4 Thursday of the First Week of Advent

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

December 5 Friday of the First Week of Advent

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

December 6 Saturday of the First Week of Advent

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

December 7 Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Parish Calendar

- Sunday November 30 First Sunday or Advent**
 8:30 am - 9:45 am **Mass** (Fr. Josephi)
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Joseph)
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 5:30pm-6:30 pm **Mass** (Fr. Marlo)
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Apologetics
- Monday December 1**
 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
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Family Meetings
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Marlo)
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Respect Life Ministry
- Tuesday December 2**
 9:00 am- 12:00 pm Scripture Study (Morning Session)
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
 6:00 pm- 8:30 pm Scripture Study (Evening Session)
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Dolejsi)
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **Advent Evening of Reflection with Fr. Bryan**
- Wednesday December 3**
 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)
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Young Adults Meeting
- Thursday December 4**
 8:30 am - 12:00 pm Campus Crew/Thursday Crew
 11:00 am-12:00 pm Raymond Colesworthy Funeral
 12:00 pm -2:30 pm Raymond Colesworthy Funeral Reception
 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)
 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Knights of Columbus
 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus
- Friday December 5**
 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. Marlo)
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Marlo)
 7:00 pm - 11:45 pm First Friday Adoration in the Church
 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Children's Holy Hour & Reconciliation
- Saturday December 6**
 7:30 am - 8:30 am Exodus 90
 8:30 am - 9:00 am **Mass** (Fr. Marlo)
 9:00 am - 12: 30 pm Confirmation Retreat
 9:15 am -10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Marlo)
 10:00 am - 11:30 am 1st Reconciliation Service
 3:00 am - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Vigil Mass** (Fr. Marlo)



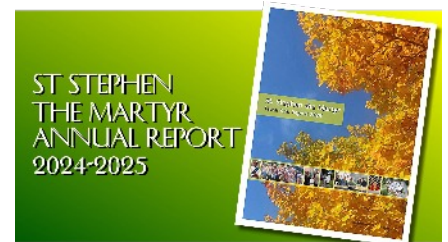
PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.



WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE OUR TREASURE WITH OTHERS.

As we begin our annual focus on the Stewardship of Treasure, we invite you to take a moment to reflect on how God has blessed you over the past year. This week, you will receive a letter from Fr. Bryan encouraging you to consider how you might return a portion of those blessings to our parish community. Your generous gifts directly support our mission of helping one another encounter Jesus Christ in meaningful and transformative ways. Use the QR code above to visit https://pushpay.com/c/5cb76bb0e5cd42be8b529b1b22da51b6/6nOzmlBUMOzriZ_99dV-7A

Our Parish **Annual Report** is available to view online. Go to <https://online.flipbuilder.com/thomasejones111/gqwb/>



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	Nov. 3 -Nov. 9, 2025	Oct. 27 - Nov 2, 2025	FY To date July 1 2025-October 31, 2025
Collections-actual	14,065	26,078	320,035
Collections-Budget	20,511	30,445	281,162
Variance	(6,446)	(4,367)	38,873
*EFT-Actual	10,145	10,755	150,869
*EFT-Budget	11,221	12,548	146,605
Variance	(1,076)	(1,793)	4,264
Total Collections Variance	(7,522)	(6,160)	43,137
Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	425	1,455	11,031
Food Pantry	3,702	3,522	25,247

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!



Next Meeting: Sunday, December 14

Middle School - Edge 3:45-5:15 PM

Senior High - LifeTeen 6:35-8:00 PM

Our Youth Programs are Now Up and Running!

Monthly meetings welcome Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8) before Mass and Senior Highers (grades 9-12) meet right after. Meetings are be filled with fun, friends and a thought-filled message. Go to <https://www.ststephenslife.com/youth-ministry> to learn more!



Knights of Columbus: Third-Degree Exemplification Attention Men: You are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. The lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity are required of becoming a Third-Degree member. These ceremonies are known as Exemplification. **Requirements:** Men 18 years old and older, a baptized Catholic male and a practical Catholic. The Knights of Columbus at Saint Stephen the Martyr council 13374 is going to handle the Exemplification on Saturday the 29th day of November inside the SSTM Church from 1:00 PM and to be followed by a light reception at the Narthex until 3PM. To join the Knights of Columbus is a free registration this year. **Contact person:** Rudy Baldonado Membership Chairman, Email address: cfcruzyb@yahoo.com or Cell# 206-359-2835 and please leave a message about the KofC. Thank you so much.



Thanksgiving Thanks!

A HUGE thank you for all the donations and the tireless work of so many volunteers to bring this warm event to fruition. You ALL made this event a warm and happy occasion!! Thank you all!!

Pilgrims of Hope



Advent
Talk with
Fr Bryan
Dolejsi

All are invited on Tuesday, December 2nd following the 6:30 PM evening mass, to hear Fr. Bryan present his Advent Retreat talk, *Pilgrims of Hope*. It will take place in the church at St Stephen's from 7:15-8:15 PM.

St Stephen the Martyr - 13055 SE 192nd St. Renton, WA 98058
Livestream at <https://ststephenslife.com/holy-mass-live-stream>.





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

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



Spiritual Adoption - Please continue to pray for the baby that you have spiritually adopted.

Here's a message from your baby: *Thank you for praying for me. I am eight months old now. I've got long fingernails and I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see my mom and dad. Thanks to you and your prayers, I'll see them soon.* If you would like to do something in memory of the baby that you have spiritually adopted, consider giving size 4, 5 or 6 diapers or unscented baby wipes to Prepares. You could also take a tag off the giving tree when they are available in December.



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>



November 30: First Sunday of Advent

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord. Thank you for your financial contributions to St. Vincent de Paul. Through your generosity, the light of Christ shines more brightly for those in need, reminding us of all of the true meaning of Christmas.



Dear Pro-Life Friends and Family,

The National Day of Prayer for the Unborn is Thursday, January 22, 2026. The Respect Life Ministry is planning a Mass for the Unborn along with a Holy Hour, with refreshments and snacks to follow in the social hall. The 40 Days for Life/Renton campaign begins in February. After experiencing the positive impact of last year's campaigns, we are excited be involved again! Please consider signing up to stand witness. Here is a list of important dates and events for the upcoming 40 Days for Life: Website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/renton> Beginning and ending dates: Wednesday, February 18th – Sunday, April 2. Prayer Vigil Location: Cedar River Clinics 601 SE Carr Rd. Unit #200 Renton, WA. Scheduled Vigil Hours at Cedar River Clinics: Mon - Sun 7am – 7pm Kick-Off event: Sunday, February 15 (more details on this later). We're inviting the whole community, including individuals, churches, and school groups to join us for these wonderful events for life. Please feel encouraged to help us invite your community, family, friends, and neighbors! We are strongest when we all join together in this great cause. Thank you so much for your past interest and participation! There will be more updates and information following. For Life! - God bless, Mary K.



Knitters and Crocheters

The people receiving the prayer shawls and other lovely items have been incredibly grateful! If you would like to join this ministry, please send an email to Beth bnieva@ststephenslife.org



Monthly Presider Schedules Available Online

To access the monthly presider schedules for Masses at both St Stephen the Martyr and St Anthony visit <https://ststephenslife.com/liturg-prayer-schedule>. These schedules are downloadable PDFs presented in calendar form including both Sunday and daily liturgies.



Giving Trees:

The Giving Trees went up this year on November 28th. If you are or know of a parishioner family in need of Christmas assistance, please take a list from the Narthex and turn-in to the office or to Lisa G by December 7th.



Food Pantry Needs - Thank you for your continued support of our most vulnerable neighbors. Current Pantry needs: Pancake Mix Pancake Syrup, Canned fruit.

PREPARES

Prepares is still in need of size 3 through 6 diapers and unscented wipes.



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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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

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

Charles "Chuck" Hutton, Husband of Karen Hutton, Frank Ratajczyk, Amadeo Barahona, 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: Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreats

English Retreat - Friday, March 6 - Sunday, March 8, 2026 Spanish Retreat - Please call either of our confidential ministry numbers for information regarding our next Spanish healing retreat. Please call or email for information regarding the Project Rachel ministry or future healing retreat. To leave a confidential message please call Frances - English: (206) 920-6413

Alejandra - Spanish: (206)-450-7814 Email projectrachel@ccsww.org. Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or

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