

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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



Advent Hope

Each year we utilize the Advent wreath with its four candles. Lighting the candle is a sign of hope. The light overcomes the darkness. God's love and power triumphs over all obstacles. The life, death and Resurrection of Jesus prove this divine reality.

This Advent, be a person of hope. Do not be discouraged, pessimistic, or cynical. Instead remind yourself of the good things of the Lord, the work of the Holy Spirit every day, and the promises of the Risen Christ.

Be patient and focus on the goods of others instead of your own concerns. Be joyful and kind to all. See the hope of the Lord in people's desire for peace and justice for all. See hope in the children and families making sacrifices to provide for them. See hope in the many people who carry out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. See hope in our constant defense and promotion of life and the needs of all who are most vulnerable. See hope in the sacred scripture and the sacraments of the church.

Ask the Lord Jesus to make you a living sign of hope to all those we encounter. And ask Mary to help you remain faithful to doing God's will and building the kingdom of God. Let us be joyful and hopeful people bringing the light of the Risen Christ to the world.

Your Servant in the Risen Christ,

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

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi, pastor

Weekly Readings

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

December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

December 9 Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

December 10 Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

December 11 Thursday of the Second Week of Advent

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

December 13 Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Parish Calendar

Sunday December 7 Second Sunday or Advent
 8:30 am - 9:45 am **Mass** (Fr. Dolejsi)
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Dolejsi)
 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
 5:30pm-6:30 pm **Mass** (Fr. Dolejsi)
 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Apologetics

Monday December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 9:00 am - 10:00 am **Mass** (Fr. Marlo)
 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
 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Mass** (Fr. Dolejsi)
 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting

Tuesday December 9
 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)

Wednesday December 10
 10:00 am - 10:45 am Rosary Group
 10:00 am – 11:00 am Women’s Guild Meeting
 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
 5:45 pm – 8:00 pm Advent Family Night
 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 December 11
 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Campus Crew/Thursday 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. Dolejsi)
 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm Knights of Columbus
 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Friday December 12
 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)

Saturday December 13
 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. Joseph)
 6:00 pm – 8: 00 pm Saturday Night Social



PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.



WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE OUR TREASURE WITH OTHERS.

Stewardship of Treasure. This past week we mailed a letter and a pledge card from Fr. Bryan, encouraging you to take a moment to reflect on how God has blessed you over the past year, and to consider how you might return a portion of those blessings to our parish community. We are asking for your pledge for the coming year 2026 to help us plan our budgets for the year. Your generous gifts directly support our mission of helping one another encounter Jesus Christ in meaningful and transformative ways. You can pledge by using the QR code above to visit: https://pushpay.com/c/5cb76bb0e5cd42be8b529b1b22da51b6/6nOzmI BUMOzriZ_99dV-7A

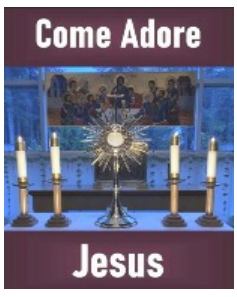
Our Parish **Annual Report** is available to view online. Go to <https://online.flipbuilder.com/thomasejones111/gqwb/>



ST STEPHEN THE MARTYR ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025



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. 17 - Nov. 23, 2025	Nov. 10 - Nov. 16, 2025	FY To date July 1 2025- October 31,
Collections-actual	33,533	15,903	320,035
Collections-Budget	22,291	30,576	281,162
Variance	11,242	(14,673)	38,873
*EFT-Actual	6,275	7,161	150,869
*EFT-Budget	8,683	7,661	146,605
Variance	(2,408)	(500)	4,264
Total Collections	8,834	(15,173)	43,137
Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	335	683	11,031
Food Pantry	1,346	1,459	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 ehecht@ststephenslife.com or 206-480-7106. You can also scan the QR code here to RSVP to an upcoming class!



**YOUTH
GROUPs** →



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!



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!!

Advent and Christmas 2025

St. Stephen the Martyr ✨ St. Anthony



Immaculate Conception

St Anthony Mass at 8:00am, 10:15am
St Stephen Mass at 9:00am, 7:00pm



Simbang Gabi St Anthony

5:00pm Mass followed by reception



Advent Family Night St Stephen

5:45pm Includes dinner and family Advent activities.



Christmas Eve

St Anthony

4:00pm Stations of the Crib - Church
 5:00pm Mass - English
 12:00am Midnight Mass - Bilingual

St Stephen

3:30pm Children's Nativity Play
 4:00pm Mass - Lifeteen (Contemporary)
 7:00pm Mass - Teen Choir
 12:00am Midnight Mass - Choral



Our Lady of Guadalupe St Anthony

5:00am Mananitas, 8:00am Mass
 5:00pm Procession/Rosary,
 6:00pm Apparition Play/Obra,
 7:00pm Mass bilingual with Reception
St Stephen 6:30pm Mass (English)
 followed by prolife rosary



Christmas Day

St Anthony

7:30am Mass - English
 9:00am Mass - English
 11:00am Mass - Vietnamese
 12:30 pm Mass - Spanish

St Stephen

8:30am Mass - Choral
 11:00am Mass - Filipino Choir



Annual Christmas Tree Lighting St Anthony

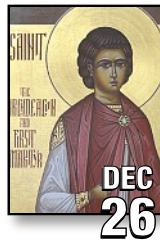
6:30pm Church Piazza



St Anthony School Advent Concert at St Stephen the Martyr

7:00pm in the Church

Important Note: Mass time at St Stephen's changed due to concert.
Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be at 11:00am. No evening Mass.



Feast of St Stephen the Martyr St Stephen

10:00am Mass followed by potluck reception



Simbang Gabi St Stephen

5:00pm Mass followed by reception



Mary Mother of God

St Stephen 6:30pm Vigil Mass
St Anthony 9:00am Mass - English
 11:00am Mass - Spanish
St Stephen 9:00am Mass



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>



December 7: Second Sunday of Advent -

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. As we prepare the way of the Lord this Advent, consider joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society to bring hope and compassion to those who are struggling. Your simple act of service can help make Christ's love visible in our community.



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/liturgy-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.

Pastor	Fr. Bryan Dolejsi		frbryan@ststephenslife.com
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Parochial Vicar	Fr. Joseph Tapia-Beeman		frjoseph@st-anthony.cc
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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

Rene Abella, Ruth Matelich sister of Alberta Wells

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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