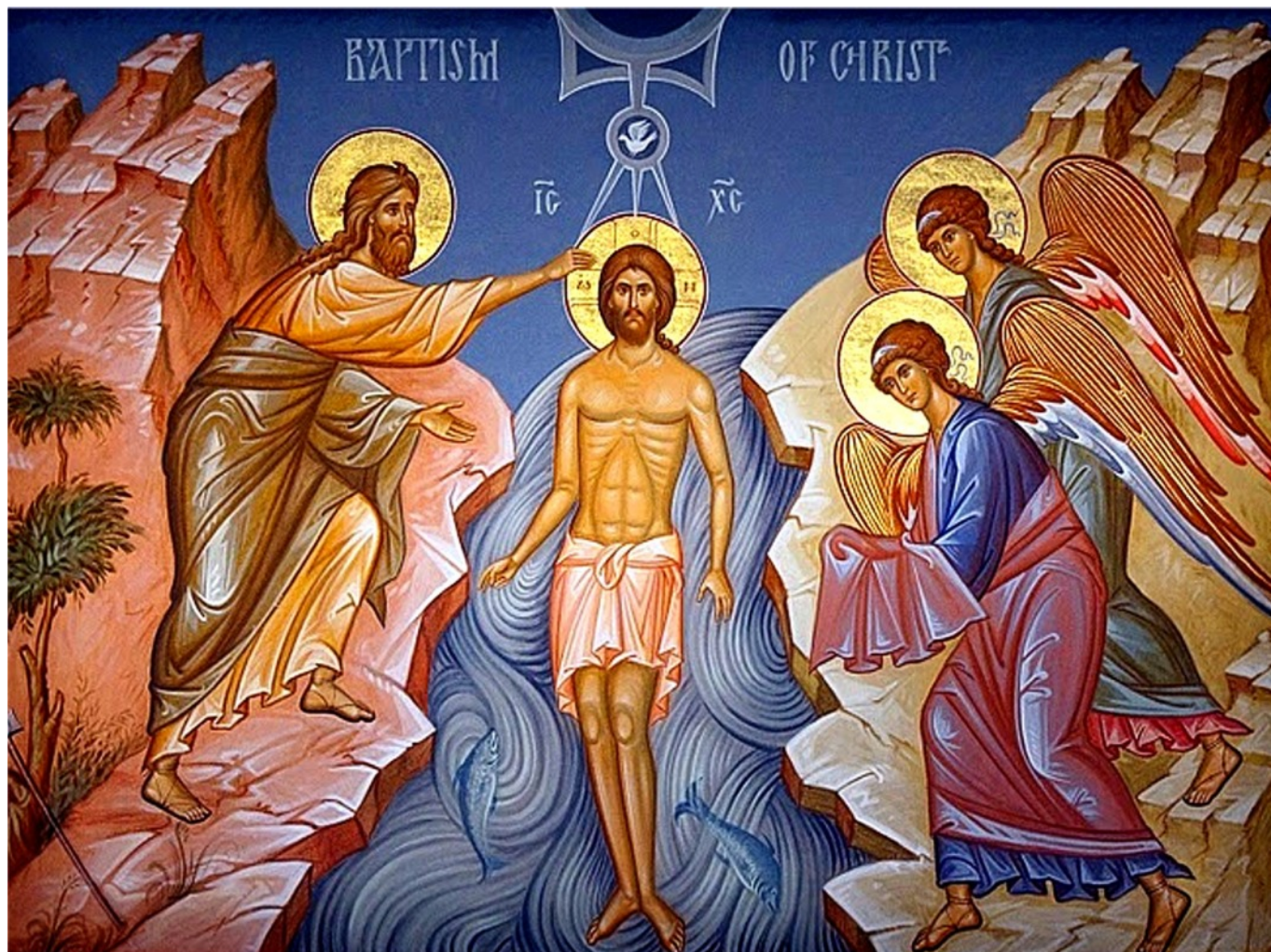


The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026



St. Stephen the Martyr

St. Anthony

Pastor: Fr. Bryan Dolejsi

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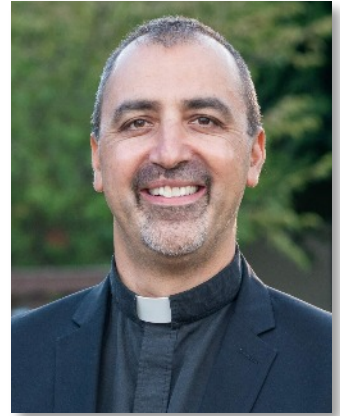
Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30, 11:00 AM and 5:30 PM

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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



As we start a new calendar year, many make new years resolutions. As we continue in our Christmas season let us set our vision on the light of the Risen Christ in all things. Together, let us encourage one another as disciples in growing in holiness.

Let us pray together for the church and the entire world that the kingdom of God will be made present increasingly each day through a promotion of life and the common good, justice and peace for all. Let us care for our youth, provide for those in need, joyfully proclaim the Gospel to all we meet and work together in our parish family to spread the love of Jesus to all.

Thank you for your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure in our parishes. Our community is blessed with immense faith, hope, and love.

Your Servant in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi, pastor

From Fr. Joseph (reprint from last week):

Dearest St. Anthony/St. Stephen community,

¡Saludos de Mexico! In case you haven't yet heard, I am on Spanish immersion for six weeks until about mid-February (just before the beginning of Lent). While I will be focusing on perfecting my Spanish, my prayers will still always be with you and for you. (And remember both to say a prayer for and be merciful to Fr. Bryan since I won't be around to help him for a while!) I look forward to seeing you all again when I return!

Fr. Marlo is in the Philippines from January 1-15 to renew his Visa. Please pray for his safe travel and blessings upon his Diocese of Capiz. We are also very grateful for the ongoing assistance of our local active senior priests Fr. Dick Hayatsu and Fr. Fabian McDonald. Also, we are receiving regular help from a few priests of mine Fr. Dominic Briesse, O.P. coming to help from Blessed Sacrament in Seattle and Fr. Patrick Sherrard who is Chaplain and teacher at Kennedy Catholic High School. Lastly, Fr. Chanda comes down from the Cathedral from time to time to cover a mass

In Christ,

Fr. Joseph

Weekly Readings

January 11 The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

January 12 Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

January 13 Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

January 14 Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

January 15 Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

January 16 Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

January 17 Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

January 18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Parish Calendar

Sunday January 11

8:30 am - 9:45 am
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm
 5:30pm - 6:30 pm
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

The Baptism of the Lord

Mass (Fr. Dolejsi)
Mass (Fr. Dolejsi)
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Jr. High Youth Group-Edge
Mass (Fr. Dolejsi)
 Sr. High Youth Group - Life Teen

Monday January 12

9:00 am - 10:30 pm
 10:00 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
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Darling Dusters
 Food Pantry (Drive-Thru only)
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
 St. Vincent de Paul Family Meetings
 Evening Prayer
Mass (Fr. Fabian)
 Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting

Tuesday January 13

12:00 pm- 5: 00 pm
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

TTM Food Prep
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Evening Prayer
Mass (Fr. Dolejsi)
 Girlfriends Lit & Latte Book Club
 OCIA

Wednesday January 14

10:00 am - 11:30 am
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 4:00 pm - 5: 45 pm
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Rosary Group
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Food Pantry (Drive-Thru Only)
 Children's Faith Formation
Mass (Fr. Fabian)
 Adoration & Reconciliation (Fr. Fabian)
 Young Adults Meeting

Thursday January 15

8:30 am -12:00 pm
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm

Campus Crew/Thursday Crew
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Evening Prayer
Mass (Fr. Dolejsi)
 Knights of Columbus
 Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus
 Confirmation Class

Friday January 16

6:30 am - 7:30 am
 10:00 am - 11:45 am
 3:00 pm- 3:30 pm
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)
 Food Pantry (Drive-Thru Only)
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Reconciliation (Fr. Marlo)
 Evening Prayer
Mass (Fr. Marlo)

Saturday January 17

7:30 am - 8:30 am
 8:30 am - 9:00 am
 9:15 am -10:30 am
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Exodus 90
Mass (Fr. Marlo)
 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Marlo)
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
Vigil Mass (Fr. Marlo)

Note: Updated financials not available this week. →



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/5cb76bb0e5cd42be8b529b1b22da51b6/6nOzmIBUMOzriZ_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			
	Dec. 8 - Dec. 14, 2025	Dec. 1 - Dec. 7, 2025	FY To date July 1, 2025-Nov. 30, 2025
Collections-actual	19,442	27,193	427,698
Collections-Budget	21,291	15,484	411,750
Variance	(1,849)	11,709	15,948
*EFT-Actual	9,188	12,537	189,335
*EFT-Budget	8,029	10,007	197,784
Variance	1,159	2,530	(8,449)
Total Collections Variance	(690)	14,239	7,499
Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	714	765	14,317
Food Pantry	3,131	1,076	34,360

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!



Middle School - Edge 3:45-5:15 PM - Senior High - LifeTeen 6:35-8:00 PM

Teens: Join us for our Monthly Meetings! We welcome Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8) before Mass and Senior Highers (grades 9-12) meet right after. Meetings are filled with fun, friends and a thought-filled message. Visit <https://www.ststephenslife.com/youth-ministry>

Roof Repair Thanks!

With heartfelt gratitude to the generous parishioners of St. Stephen the Martyr!: Thanks for your incredible support. We successfully completed our new roof project last month! This important work was funded through our Major Building Projects & Maintenance Fund, and we are deeply grateful for your contributions that made this possible. We did a total replacement of 40,000 Sq. ft. on 2 levels. Safety harness hooks were also installed to ensure the safety of those working on the roof and equipment. The final cost of the project was \$225,000. The roof has been in bad shape and patched for many years. We are very excited to have completed the project ahead, Fr. Bryan is excited to explore enhancements to our Sanctuary, including new flooring to replace the carpet on the Altar and throughout the Church. We will share more details as plans develop. If you feel called and are able to help replenish the Building Projects and Maintenance Fund—supporting these upcoming improvements and other essential facility needs—you can make a direct contribution here: <https://ppay.co/rLewNUmQ9yo>. Please note: These funds are restricted and will only be used for facility projects and maintenance. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to our parish community. Your support makes a lasting difference!



Old Roof



New Roof

Adult Confirmation

Are you a Baptized Catholic
Who Has Never Received Confirmation?



Wouldn't it be a great blessing to receive the GIFTS of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation?

Adult Confirmation Sessions Begin
January 13th, 7:00-9:00 PM in the Social Hall

- To learn more about our Adult Confirmation Program (adults over the age of 19 years) OR if you are interested in Becoming a Catholic; call or email Anne Merklin, 253-480-7108, or at AMerklin@ststephenslife.com.



St. Stephen Housing Association - Thanks to everyone who purchased and donated gift cards to the St. Stephen Housing Giving Tree! With your help, the families in our housing program will stay food secure this year! Thank you for your generosity this Christmas!



The Knights of Columbus - Faith in Action Dinner! Save the date: Saturday, February 7th - Superbowl Weekend. following 5:00 PM Mass in the Social Hall. Tickets on sale in the Narthex after weekend Masses or use the QR code to purchase tickets now. Funds will support Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission, and Vocations.



January 11: The Baptism of the Lord - After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. Just as Jesus' baptism revealed His mission, our acts of charity reveal our faith. Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to live out your Baptism by making a difference in someone's life.

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 Narthex. The 40 Days for Life/Renton campaign begins in February. After experiencing the positive impact of last year's 40 Days 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:
 Beginning and ending dates: Wednesday, February 18th – Sunday, April 2, 2026
 Prayer Vigil Location: Cedar River Clinics 601 SE Carr Rd. Unit #200 Renton, WA
 Scheduled Vigil Hours at Cedar River Clinics: Monday through Sunday 7 am – 7 pm
 Kick-Off event: Sunday, February 17th, 2026 (more details on this later.)

We're going to be inviting the whole community to join us for these wonderful events for life. Individuals, churches, schools, groups, and such are all welcome and encouraged. 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.



Help us Re-open the Library! We need volunteers to staff shifts before and after Sunday Masses. If you love books and enjoy helping others, this is the perfect opportunity. You will assist people with checkouts and returns and help keep the collection organized. No experience necessary—just bring your desire to serve. Contact Ann Pool at sstm.library@gmail.com to find out more!



Spiritual Adoption

Thank you very much for participating in our annual spiritual adoption program and praying for your spiritually adopted baby each day. Here is a message from your baby: *It's my birthday! Thank you so much for all your prayers. Because You prayed for me, I got the best of all gifts- Life!*



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, January 18th from 1:00-2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. The topic will be: "Life on Hold/Returning to Normal". For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at srasmussen910@yahoo.com. "The Lord heals the brokenhearted, binds up their wounds." Psalm 147, 2-3



Returning Catholics

- Are You or Someone You Know Thinking of Returning to the Catholic Church? While people become separated from active Catholic life for all kinds of reasons, but, Christ extends His invitation of love for all to return home. Our parish community welcomes anyone looking to rediscover their Catholic Faith! It is our hope and prayer that you'll feel welcome to join us for a time of rediscovery. Contact Bill Swedberg at bswedberg@ststephenslife.com or 253-480-7107 to learn about how to get started!



Food Pantry Needs - Thank you for your continued support of our most vulnerable neighbors.

Current Pantry needs: Top Ramen, Oatmeal packets, Spaghetti sauce, Canned Fruit

PREPARES Prepares is working with a single mom, due to give birth to a baby girl in March. She is looking for a safe, mother-in-law apartment. If you have any leads, please contact Patti Brumbach at 425.830.2014 or email her at prepares.sstm@gmail.com



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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Deacon	Dec. Ike Tarabi		ike.tarabi@outlook.com
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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

Anita Heruela, Carmencita Arcenas, Cyrus Jenkins Jr, husband of Earnie Jenkins, Elizabeth Baldonado Ong sister of Rudy Baldonado, 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.



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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