

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026



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

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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



Baptism

As a number of our members of our community are preparing for the great gift of baptism at the Easter Vigil, I thought it would be helpful for all of us to remember the incredible gift we received in baptism.

Whether baptized as a child through the intercession of your parent's love, or as an adult, the gift and mission of baptism is the same. Jesus commanded his disciples to baptize all nations with water and trinitarian formula. The gift of baptism is forgiveness of original sin, being established as a member of the church forever, and the gateway to the other sacraments. It unites us in a loving relationship with God and the church, so that we are known as a beloved child of God.

The mission of baptism is to fulfill the triple office of the baptized: priest, prophet, and king/queen. While we are called to grow in our own personal prayer life and holiness through word and sacrament, we are also called to share the love of the Risen Christ with all. We pray for others, especially in the Eucharist, to fulfill our priestly office. Our prophetic office is how we witness to the Risen Christ through our life and our words. We fulfill our royal office (King/Queen) by rightly ordering ourselves, our families, our workplace/school, our parish, our neighborhood, our city, our state, our country and our world. Desiring to always work for the building of the kingdom of God.

Every time you bless yourself with Holy Water when entering the church or during the sprinkling right you are reminding yourself of the immense grace and mission of being part of the baptized, members of the Body of Christ, and to take consolation in the gift of baptism for eternal life.

Pray for all those preparing to receive such an incredible blessing at Easter!

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi, pastor

Weekly Readings

March 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

March 16 Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54

March 17 Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

March 18 Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

March 19 Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed

Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

March 20 Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

March 21 Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

March 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Sunday March 15

8:30 am - 9:45 am
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
 11:15 am - 12:15 pm
 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Fouth Sunday of Lent

Mass (Fr. Dolejsi)
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 OCIA Dismissal
 Adoration in the Church
 Grief Support Meeting
 Living Stations Practice
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
Mass (Fr. Dolejsi)

Monday March 16

9:00 am - 10:30 pm
 10:00 am - 11:45 am
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Darling Dusters
 Food Pantry (Drive-Thru Only)
 Funeral-Rosalie Jean Smith
 Funeral Reception-Smith
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
 St. Vincent de Paul Family Meetings
 Evening Prayer
 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Mass (Fr. Marlo)

Tuesday March 17

9:15 am - 11:30 am
 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
 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 - 8:00 pm
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Scripture Study AM
 Stations of the Cross
 TTM Food Prep
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Evening Prayer
Mass (Fr. Dolejsi)
 Scripture Study PM
 OCIA

Wednesday March 18

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

Rosary Group
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Food Pantry (Drive-Thru Only)
 Evening Prayer
 Children's Faith Formation
Mass (Fr. Joseph)
 Lenten Reconciliation Service-4 Priests
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
 Young Adults Meeting

Thursday March 19

8:30 am - 12:00 pm
 8:00 am - 3:00 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
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Campus Crew/Thursday Crew
 Homeschool Class
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Evening Prayer
Mass (Fr. Marlo)
 Knights of Columbus
 Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus
 Lumen Aeternum® Meeting

Friday March 20

6:30 am - 7:30 am
 10:00 am - 11:45 am
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)
 Food Pantry Open (Drive-Thru Only)
 Rosary Makers Group
 Divine Mercy Chaplet
 SSTM & St. A Filipino Group
 Reconciliation (Fr. Marlo)
 Friday Night Fish Fry
 Evening Prayer
Mass (Fr. Marlo)
 Stations of the Cross



**PARTNERS
 IN THE GOSPEL**

**Q: Who is leading our Partners
 in the Gospel process?**

A: This process will be guided by the Parish Family Advisory Council and will act as the main consulting and working group for the pastor. They will be supported by the Parish Family Leadership Team comprised of staff from each parish, as well as support from Parish Liaisons and Chancery staff.



Scan to learn more about One Parish Planning.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

Adoration Invitation - All (you and me) are invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. At St. Stephen we enjoy Perpetual Adoration, Jesus is exposed in the monstrance 24 - 7 (except during scheduled Masses) Come and check it out at the sign-up table in the narthex; you can sign up for any hour. We often have open hours needing to be filled by a committed adorer. Currently we need Sundays at 7am and 4pm, Mondays 8am, Tuesdays 12pm, Saturdays 4am, 4pm, and 8pm. Is Jesus calling you to come and adore him? Of course he is; he loves you! To find out more, go to <https://ststephenslife.com/eucharistic-adoration> or contact Bernie 206-427-6085 or Tina 206-715-8462.



Weekly Collections			
	Feb. 23-Mar 1, 2026	Feb. 16- Feb. 22, 2026	FY To date July 1, 2025- Feb. 28, 2026
Collections-actual	32,545	21,857	773,541
Collections-Budget	29,942	11,830	758,737
Variance	2,603	10,027	14,804
*EFT-Actual	10,010	7,912	310,525
*EFT-Budget	13,637	7,664	306,373
Variance	(3,627)	248	4,152
Total Collections Variance	(1,024)	10,275	18,956
Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	2,525	670	21,019
Food Pantry	1,429	1,540	48,525

*EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer /Online Collections

Saturday March 21

7:30 am - 8:30 am
 8:30 am - 9:00 am
 9:15 am - 10:30 am
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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

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!



Living Stations Rehearsals
Sundays 1:00-2:30 Mondays 7:15-8:30



Next Youth Group Meetings Sunday, April 12
Edge (grades 6-8) 3:45-5:15 PM LIFETEEN (grades 9-12) 6:35-8:00 PM
Teens: Come for a night exploring the resurrection of our Lord.

Lent & Easter

2026

Give Up a Saturday



for Lent!

Give Up a Saturday for Lent

March 14, 8:30 AM-2:30 PM (Including 8:30 AM Mass)

During Lent, share your time by helping improve our parish and grounds. Meet in the Social Hall. Have questions? Email Dan Shonka at danshonks@outlook.com or call Tom at 253-480-7114. Important details include: Optional Mass at 8:30 AM! We have both indoor and outdoor projects. Please bring your labeled yard tools (especially wheelbarrows). Free lunch provided! Sign-ups via Weekly Flocknote Update, the QR code, or cards in pews



Do You Have a Gas Pressure Washer or a Carpet Shampoo-er?

Do you have a special skill that you think might be helpful? Contact Beth Nieva bnieva@ststephenslife.com



Operation Rice Bowl - Care for those in need by bringing your Rice Bowl donations to the Palm Sunday Masses.

Friday Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross

Come for a delicious meal served by our Knights of Columbus followed by the Stations of the Cross. Meal served 5:00-6:15 PM. Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM (right after the 6:30 PM Mass).



Mid-day Stations of the Cross Come at 12:00 noon on Tuesdays throughout Lent for this wonderful time of prayer.



Lent Online: For excellent Lenten resources visit <https://archseattle.org/lent/> as well as <https://formed.org/>.

Penance Service, March 18 - following 6:30 PM Mass

Multiple confessors will be on hand for this important time.

Holy Land Collection - Good Friday Holy Land collection goes toward maintaining Holy Places and preserving the Christian presence in the Holy Land.



The Living Stations of the Cross, Good Friday, 8:00 PM

This dramatic portrayal of the Lord's passion is presented by our parish teens. Combining theatrical arts, music, prayer and reflection, the Living Stations are an important part of our parish Triduum. Teens wishing to participate should contact Bill at bswedberg@ststephenslife.com



Easter - Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 PM
Good Friday Service 3:00 PM
Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross 8:00 PM
Holy Saturday Decorating for Easter 9:00 AM
Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 PM
Easter Day Masses 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM (noon)



Friday Night Fish Fry during Lent

All are invited to a delicious dinner every Friday throughout Lent. Please see the donations table at the entrance to the Social Hall to support the food pantry. Dinner guests are also invited to make a freewill offering to cover the cost of the meal. Cash and credit are gladly accepted.



Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

Please join us every Thursday after 6:30 P.M. mass at St. Stephen Church Chapel. All are welcome!



The Agape Prayer Ministry operates under the Holy Spirit's divine guidance and assistance, dedicated to facilitating inner and physical healing. so that individuals may experience God's love, peace, and joy through prayer. **Join Us** - We warmly invite you to join us on the first and third Saturday of each month, following the 5:00 PM Mass in the church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, please contact Mary Saita and Nguyet Ho-Potter at ssm.agape.pm@gmail.com

Thank You!

Thank You - A big hug and thank you to all the parishioners of St. Stephen the Martyr who gave so generously and blessed us with many many diapers and beautiful clothes for all the children and families we serve through our works these last 50 years at Pregnancy Aid of Kent. - *Thank you from Pregnancy Aid*

The Knights of Columbus Council #13374 in union with Bloodworks Northwest say **thank you** to the 24 registered donors at St. Stephens Blood Drive on February 11th. This drive collected 16 units of blood for our regional hospitals during a critical shortage. Look forward to a blood drive this summer.



March 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent: In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe. Just as Jesus gave sight to the blind, your generosity can open eyes to the needs of others and bring hope to hurting hearts. Join us in sharing kindness, mercy, and love through St. Vincent de Paul.



Help Save Lives in Renton! Help protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns: • Over 26,000 saved babies • More than 180 closed facilities Local contact: Mike Adams or Richard Bray, 40DaysForLife.Renton@gmail.com Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times or visit our campaign at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/renton> for more information!



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, March 15th from 1:00-2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. Our topic will be "Pain, Pain Go Away". For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at srasmussen910@yahoo.com. "God comforts us in all our troubles so that we will be able to comfort others." 2 Corinthians 1, 4

Knitters and Crocheters

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

FOOD PANTRY



Food Pantry Needs - As we enter this season of Lent, we invite you to participate in the pillar of almsgiving by supporting our parish Food Pantry. Your generosity helps us provide essential items to individuals and families in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. Throughout Lent, we welcome donations of: Non-perishable food items, Shelf-stable proteins, Hygiene products, Grocery gift cards

Specific Foods we could use includes: Spaghetti sauce, ramen noodles, pancake mix and canned beans
Prepares is in need of diapers in all sizes, and size 5/6 Pull ups. Thank you for your support!



Natural Family Planning Education Program

Natural family planning (NFP) tracks signs of fertility to help individual women to monitor their overall health, and married couples to understand their fertility. For more information about NFP, visit <https://archseattle.org/living-catholic/marriage/natural-family-planning/>

If you are interested in providing NFP services as a Creighton Model instructor, there is a local education program beginning May 23rd (applications due March 20th). Use the QR code to learn more.



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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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

Sarah Diachenko, Anne Piersall, mother of Kathryn Piersall, 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

Eleanor Wond, mother of Mary Thomas, Anita Heruela, Carmencita Arcenas, Cyrus Jenkins Jr, husband of Earnie Jenkins, Elizabeth Baldonado Ong sister of Rudy Baldonado,

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 teresa2prayer@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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