

# *Saint Stephen Catholic Church*

*Portland, Oregon*

*Sunday, December 18, 2022*



*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
*Dominica Quarta Adventus*

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## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

- Sat 12/17: Vincent Quinter  
Intention of the Celebrant
- Sun 12/18: Miles Miller  
People of the Parish  
Noah Traeger
- Mon 12/19: +Kathy Hauth
- Tues 12/20: Fr. Brian Mullady, OP
- Wed 12/21: +HM Queen Elizabeth II and HRH Prince Philip,  
Duke of Edinburgh
- Thu 12/22: Monsignor Richard Peperini
- Fri 12/23: +Lucy Pupil
- Sat 12/24: Daniel Traeger  
Intention of the Celebrant
- Sun 12/25: People of the Parish  
+Carina Aurora Casas  
In Thanksgiving for the Infant Jesus

## **MASS READINGS (Traditional Latin Mass - 1962 Missal)**

**Saturday:** Isaias 19:20-22, 35:1-7, 40:9-11, 45:1-8; Dan. 3:47-56;  
2 Thess. 1-8; Luke 3:1-6

**Sunday:** 1 Cor. 4:1-5; Luke 3:1-6

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**Tuesday:** 1 Cor. 4:1-5; Luke 3:1-6

**Wednesday:** Eph. 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

**Thursday:** 1 Cor. 4:1-5; Luke 3:1-6

**Friday:** 1 Cor. 4:1-5; Luke 3:1-6

**Saturday:** Rom. 1:1-6; Matt. 1:18-21

**Sunday:** Titus 2:11-15; Luke 2:1-14; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20;  
Heb. 1:1-12; John 1:1-14

## ***This week's schedule:***

**Sat, Dec 17th: Ember Saturday of Advent (2nd Class) FAST/PART.**

### **ABSTINENCE**

- 8 am: Adoration and Sung Latin Lauds
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass followed by public Rosary
- 10-11 am: Confessions
- 4 pm: Sung First Vespers of the Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 5 pm: English Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

**Sun, Dec 18th: Fourth Sunday of Advent (2nd Class)**

- 7:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass
- 9:15 am - 10:15 am: Confessions
- 10:30 am: Sung Latin Mass
- 5:00 pm Sung Latin Vespers
- 6 pm: Low Latin Mass

**Monday, Dec 19th: Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Class)**

- 8:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 9:00 am: Low Latin Mass

**Tuesday, Dec 20th: Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Class)**

- 12 Noon: Low Latin Mass
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers

**Wednesday, Dec 21st: St. Thomas, Apostle (2nd Class)**

- 5 pm: Adoration and Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:30 pm: Confessions
- 6 pm: Public Rosary
- 6:30 pm: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:45 pm: Low Latin Mass

**Thurs, Dec 22nd Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Class)**

- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:30 pm: Confessions
- 6:45 pm: Low Latin Mass

**Fri, Dec 23rd: Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Class)**

- 11 am: Confessions
- 12 Noon: Low Latin Mass
- \* 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers

**Sat, Dec 24th: Vigil of Christmas (1st Class) FAST/FULL ABSTINENCE**

- 8 am: Adoration and Sung Latin Lauds
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass
- **10-11 am: No Confessions due to final decorating for Christmas**
- 4 pm: Sung First Vespers of Christmas
- 5 pm: English Mass (Vigil of Christmas)
- 9 pm: Matins of Christmas

**Sun, Dec 25th: The Nativity of Our Lord (1st Class)**

- 12 am: Sung Midnight Mass
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass (Commemoration of St. Anastasia)
- **No Confessions**
- 11 am: Low Latin Mass
- **NO PUBLIC VESPERS or EVENING MASS**

## **LESSONS AT MATINS (Traditional Roman Breviary - 1962)**

Find online at <http://divinumofficium.com> or as an app (Brevarium meum)

**Saturday:** Homily of Pope St. Gregory on the Gospels

**Sunday:** Isaias 35:1-10, 40:1-4; Homily of Pope St. Gregory on the Gospels

**Monday:** Isaias 41:8-16

**Tuesday:** Isaias 42:1-7, 10-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor. 4:1-15; Eulogy of St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr;  
Sermon of Pope St. Gregory on the Gospels;  
Homily of Pope St. Gregory on the Gospels

**Thursday:** Isaias 64:1-11

**Friday:** Isaias 66:5-18

**Saturday:** Homily of St. Jerome on Matthew 1

**Sunday:** Isaias 9:1-6, 40:1-8, 52:1-6;  
Sermon of Pope St. Leo on Christmas; Homily of Pope St. Gregory on the Gospels; Homily of St. Ambrose on Luke 2; Homily of St. Augustine on John

## **FAST/ABSTINENCE DAYS IN ADVENT (*not obligatory*)**

12/14 Ember Wednesday: Fasting & Partial Abstinence

12/16 Ember Friday: Fasting and Full Abstinence

12/17 Ember Saturday: Fasting and Partial Abstinence

**12/24 Christmas Eve: Fasting / Full Abstinence until Midnight**

## **ALTAR BOY ENROLLMENT AND TRAINING**

Contact Stephen or Dylan at: [asofsscc@gmail.com](mailto:asofsscc@gmail.com)

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION (*this week and month to date*)**

**Offertory** +/- budget

- Envelopes/Cash: \$11,093.29

- Online: \$1,710.00

TTL WTD: \$12,803.29

Budget: \$5,900      +\$6,903.29

TTL MTD: \$20,356.79

Budget: \$11,800      +\$8,556.79

### **Special Collections**

- Maint/Restoration: \$3,311.00

- Air Conditioning Fund: \$700.00

(remaining: \$83,041.63)

- Security/Landscaping: \$675.00

(remaining: \$46,727.00)

- Rectory/Office Repairs: \$100.00

(remaining: \$35,917.35)

TTL Maint/Rest: \$4,786.00

Budget: \$2,083      +\$2,703.00

- Sacred Music: \$85.00

Budget: \$260      -\$175.00

- Festival/Conference: \$50.00

Online giving: <https://www.saintstephenpdx.com/special-events>



## **UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

12/18 Rectory/Office Repairs  
12/25 Maintenance and Restoration

## **END OF YEAR GIFTS TO ST. STEPHEN'S**

Please consider giving a Christmas gift to St. Stephen's this Advent season. We are fully funded on the generosity of our faithful parishioners. We are a qualified public charity 501(c)(3). Your gifts and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Please consult your tax expert and we will send you a tax receipt and/or acknowledgement. Thank you in advance for considering St. Stephen Parish in your financial plans.

## **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2022**

Contribution Statements will be mailed out via postal mail on Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 to those who have given to St. Stephen via postal mail, offertory envelopes or bill pay for the year 2022. Please keep a lookout for them and contact the parish office if you have not received one after a week.

Online Giving: For those who have given to St. Stephen online via Easy Tithe during the 2022 year, on Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 an email will be sent out with your 2022 online contribution (this statement only includes what you have donated online via Easy Tithe). Please check your email inbox(s) associated with your Easy Tithe online account for this. If you have not received one, please contact Sr Anne-Therese and she will be happy to email you another copy.

If you notice any discrepancies or errors, or if you have any questions, please contact Sr. Anne-Therese in the parish office at 503-234-5019 or by email at [saintstephenpdx@gmail.com](mailto:saintstephenpdx@gmail.com). May God bless you for all you have given and for your generosity!

## **UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have a change of home address or phone number, please call or email the parish at [saintstephenpdx@gmail.com](mailto:saintstephenpdx@gmail.com) / 503-234-5019, so your contact information may be updated in our parish system.

## **2023 CALENDARS - NOW AVAILABLE**

As our Christmas gift to our parishioners, we have one traditional liturgical wall calendar for each registered family. They are on the vestibule counters. This calendar is in harmony with the 1962 Typical Edition of the Roman Missal. In the vestibule we also have stapled desktop calendars for anyone to take.

## **EVENTS AT ST. STEPHEN**

### **ADVENT FAMILY EVENT SATURDAY NIGHT**

**December 17th.** 6 pm Potluck Dinner in Carmody Hall followed by Christmas Caroling at Peacock Lane.

### **CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO THE CHRIST CHILD**

**December 16th - 24th:**

Take a copy of the Advent Family Devotions home to pray this novena. New daily video reflections can be found in the playlist for Christmas Novena 2022 on the parish YouTube channel.

### **HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Saturday, December 17th following the Morning Mass.**

Ember Saturday. Bring a sack lunch. We will put up the Christmas trees and string them with lights (we won't light them until Christmas Eve). We will assemble the Nativity scene and prepare it for the LORD's coming.

**Friday, December 23rd at 10:00 am.**

We will put the finishing touches on things, placing the poinsettias upon the gradines of the high altar, side altars, and elsewhere around the church.

### **"O ANTIPHONS" STARTING DECEMBER 17TH**

The "Greater Days of Advent". Each of these nights at 5 pm at Sung Vespers, the Magnificat Antiphon is a famous "O Antiphon". These antiphons inspired the hymn, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

### **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

**Sunday, 12/25:** The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**Sunday, 1/1:** Octave Day of Christmas (Circumcision of the Lord)

### **THE PARISH SOLEMNITY OF ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR**

**Monday, Dec 26th:** 12 Noon Sung Latin Mass

### **PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE & GAME NIGHT**

**Saturday, December 31st** at 6 pm in the church. Vespers with the singing of the Te Deum for a plenary indulgence. Followed by a potluck and game night in Carmody Hall.

## **COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER 10:30 MASS**

Join us after the Sunday 10:30 am Mass today for coffee, donuts and other good foods for lunch. A great social opportunity!

## **RCIA AT ST. STEPHEN**

Those interested in becoming Catholic or taking the steps to learn more about the Catholic Faith can contact Joseph Salazar at [jsalazar@archdpdx.org](mailto:jsalazar@archdpdx.org)

## **EVENTS ELSEWHERE**

### **Christmas Caroling next to the Abortion Center**

**Saturday, December 17th**, 11am to noon at 511 SW 10th Avenue, Portland

### **The Archbishop's Discernment Retreat**

The Archbishop's Discernment Retreat is **January 6-8, 2023** (Friday evening - Sunday afternoon) at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton. This is for single men ages 18-50 who are asking, "Is the Lord calling me?" It is a weekend of prayer, reflection, and conversation with Archbishop Sample. Registration forms are available on our vestibule table. Register by Jan. 2, 2023.

### **WorldWide Marriage Encounter**

Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **January 13-15** at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton. For more information go to [rediscoverthepark.org](http://rediscoverthepark.org) or call 503-704-0836 or email [reservations@rediscoverthepark.org](mailto:reservations@rediscoverthepark.org)

### **Catholic Friendship Group - Singles, ages 40-60**

Prayer followed by a talk and discussion. Our next topic: Miracles. Come join us for our gathering on Friday, January 13th, from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Visit [www.catholicfriendshipgroup.com](http://www.catholicfriendshipgroup.com) for more details. Location: St. Birgitta Catholic Church, 11820 NW St. Helens Rd, Portland. RSVP to: [CatholicFriendshipGroup@outlook.com](mailto:CatholicFriendshipGroup@outlook.com)

## **SUBSCRIBE TO THE PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

**Saint Stephen Catholic Church PDX.**

<https://www.youtube.com/@saintstephenpdx>

## DRESS CODE FOR THE CHURCH: A MESSAGE OF LOVE

Please dress with respect for the LORD and His Church. Formality is not necessary, but modesty is necessary. Dress for the occasion. Set a good example for others. Do not be a scandal to others. Men: dress like a gentleman and a man of God, rich or poor. Women: dress like a lady with the loveliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary as your guide. Your clothes need not be expensive or fancy, but clean, neat, feminine, respectful and modest. To help clarify, the following points are given as a helpful guide:

- No gym clothes, yoga clothes, revealing clothes or pajamas.
- No bare shoulders on men or women
- No cleavage, no bare chests. Ladies cover up. Men button up.
- No mini-skirts. Skirts should cover the knees while seated. Men should wear long pants.
- No anti-Christian clothing, logos, jewelry, make-up.
- Tattoos should be covered (ask about getting de-commissioned)
- Remove piercings of tongues, lips, cheeks, eyelids, noses, or enlarged ears, etc., before entering the church.
- No Cross-dressing.
- No hair color that is unnatural (green, orange, blue, pink, etc.)

If you have tattoos, piercings, etc., from a former way of life, do your best to cover them up, and be humbled. We love you. Do not despair. Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future. Receive this guidance humbly with love. It is humbly given with love.

