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December 8, 2019

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



✠ MASS SCHEDULE ✠

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM ✠ Latin Mass [1962 Missal]

10:30 AM ✠ Sung Parish Mass

MONDAY through SATURDAY

posted weekly inside bulletin

✠ DIVINE OFFICE ✠

SUNDAYS

5:00 PM ✠ Sung Latin Vespers

[1962 Antiphonale]

✠ SACRAMENTS ✠

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 AM ✠ Sundays, 9:00-10:00 AM

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 PM ✠ Thursday, 5:45-6:45 PM

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Pastor. Wedding dates will be set after beginning marriage preparation with the priest.

INFANT BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office or see one of the priests after Mass.

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US

PARISH MINISTRIES

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MASS READINGS (Extraordinary Form)

Sunday:	Prov. 8:22-35; Luke 1:26-28
Monday:	Rom. 15:4-13; Matt 11:2-10
Tuesday:	Rom. 15:4-13; Matt 11:2-10
Wednesday:	1 Pet. 5:1-4, 10-11; Matt. 16:13-19
Thursday:	Ecclus. (Sirach) 24:23-31; Luke 1:39-47
Friday:	2 Cor. 10:17-18; 11:1-2; Matt. 13:44-52
Saturday:	Isa. 7:10-15; Luke 1:26-38
Sunday:	Phil. 4:4-7; John 1:19-28

LESSONS AT MATINS (Extraordinary Form)

Readings/Homilies can be found online each day for the office of Matins at: <http://divinumofficium.com> also available as an app (Breviarium meum)

Sunday:	Gen. 3:1-15; Sermon of St. Jerome on the Assumption; the Acts of Pope Pius XII; Homily of St. Germanus on Luke 1: 26-28
Monday:	Isaias 13:1-11
Tuesday:	Isa. 14:1-15
Wednesday:	Isa. 16:1-8; Eulogy of St. Damasus
Thursday:	Isa. 19:1-13; Eulogy of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday:	Isa. 24:1-16; Eulogy of St. Lucy
Saturday:	Isa. 25:1-12
Sunday:	Isa. 26:1-14; Homily of Pope St. Gregory on John 1:19-28

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:00 am	CCD in rectory basement
	9:00 am	Coffee & donuts in Carmody Hall
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal in rectory basement
	Noon	Coffee & Donuts in Carmody Hall
	5:45 pm	Potluck & Movie Night in rectory basement
Tuesday	7:00 pm	RCIA evening class
Friday	11:30 am	RCIA daytime class
Sunday	9:00 am	CCD in rectory basement
	9:00 am	Coffee & donuts in Carmody Hall
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal in rectory basement
	Noon	Coffee & Donuts in Carmody Hall
	5:45 pm	Potluck in rectory basement & Caroling on Peacock Lane

LITURGY AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (+Earlene Dennington)
9:00-10:00 am	Confessions
10:30 am	Sung Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (People of the Parish)
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Antiphonale)

Monday, December 9

Feria of Advent

7:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal)
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Tuesday, December 10

Feria of Advent

Noon	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Vicente Ernesto Landeta)
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Wednesday, December 11

St. Damasus I, Pope & Confessor

5:30-6:30 pm	Confessions
6:45 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Priestly Fraternity of St. Joseph)

Thursday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Urban Missionaries)
5:30-6:45 pm	Confessions
7:00 pm	Sung Latin Mass (1962 Missal)

Friday, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Miguel Angel Muñoz Garcia & Kevin Muñoz Garcia)
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Saturday, December 14

Feria of Advent

7:00 am	Sung Latin Rorate Mass (1962 Missal) (The Hagan Family of Reading, MA)
8:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00-11:00 am	Confessions

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (People of the Parish)
9:00-10:00 am	Confessions
10:30 am	Sung Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Vivian Maria Gomes)
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Antiphonale)

THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

Today, December 8th for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

Sunday, December 15th for St. Stephen's Maintenance & Restoration Fund (Monthly on 3rd Sunday). Thank you!

FROM THE DESK OF FR ERIC ANDERSEN

Advent is kind of like Lent, but not as strict. I was reminded this week, while praying the Divine Office, about the character of the Advent season. Praying the liturgy of the Church forms us in the Christian life. It certainly forms a priest in the way he lives his life. Here is how praying the Traditional Roman Breviary and Mass forms a priest to understand Advent in relation to Lent. All the examples given will refer to the Divine Office, Mass and disciplines in place in 1962 according to the "Extraordinary Form" of the Roman Rite.

First example: During Lent, there are few feast days that are celebrated. Most feasts during Lent are observed only as commemorations so they do not interrupt the penitential practices of Lent. During Advent there are lots of Feast days observed for various saints: St. Nicholas, St. Lucy, etc. During Advent, these feasts interrupt the penitential practices of Advent. On Ferias of Advent (weekdays with no feast), Lauds is penitential like it is during Lent, following the second scheme of Psalms. These include the daily praying of the Miserere (Ps. 50(51)) and, on Wednesdays and Fridays, the long litany of invocations called the *Preces* (meaning prayers).

Second example: Beginning with Septuagesima (the three Sundays preceding Ash Wednesday), the *Alleluia* is suppressed and not uttered during the Liturgy until Easter. It is the same for the *Gloria* at Mass and the *Te Deum* in the Office of Matins in the Divine Office. This rule is strict for the *Alleluia*, however the *Gloria* and *Te Deum* are prayed if a rare feast comes along. During Advent, the *Alleluia* is spoken on Sundays and on feast days, but not on regular weekdays of Advent, when the *Alleluia* is suppressed. Likewise, the *Gloria* is not sung during Advent except on Feasts when it is prayed. Likewise, the *Te Deum* is not prayed on Sundays during Advent, but it is prayed on the many feast days that fall during this time.

Third example: During every day of Lent, except Sundays and Solemnities, fasting is the discipline with partial abstinence from meat every day (except Sunday) and complete abstinence on Fridays. During Advent, there is complete abstinence on Fridays and on the Vigil of Christmas (Dec 24th) and there is fasting during the Ember Days of Advent – which will fall this year on Wednesday, December 18th, Friday, December 20th, and Saturday, December 21st; as well as fasting on the Vigil of Christmas (aka Christmas Eve – Dec 24th).

Observing all these differences, one can see that Advent has a bit of the flavor of Lent, but without the rigor until we get to the last part of Advent. The last part of Advent, from December 17th - 24th gets more serious. These are called the Greater Days of Advent and they include only one feast to interrupt the austerity of these final days before the Nativity of the Lord. Every other day is focused on the mystery at hand.

"Advent" continued →

COFFEE AND DONUTS IN CARMODY HALL AFTER THE 8:00 & 10:30 AM MASSES TODAY

VESPERS: EVERY SUNDAY AT 5:00 PM

We celebrate traditional Sung Latin Vespers every Sunday at 5:00 pm here at St. Stephen's, using the ancient Gregorian chants in singing antiphons, psalms, hymns, and the Magnificat. Please join us to pray along as our men's schola carries out this sacred office. Vesperale books are available with Latin and English side/side to follow along.

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHTS

This Advent, we will continue to watch and prepare for the coming of Christ by getting together on Sunday evenings for prayer, food and fun. Join us at 5 pm for Sung Vespers in the Church followed by potluck dinners and a fun family activity: **This Sunday, December 8th: Movie Night**
This year we will be showing the Catholic classic film, "The Miracle of Marcelino." It is about a little orphan boy who causes a miracle to take place. Left on the doorstep of a monastery as an infant, Marcelino is raised by the monks. He is well cared for but lonely and misses having a mother. One day he finds a special friend in the attic. . . hanging on a cross. A friend that would repay Marcelino's kindness by granting him one heartfelt desire.

Next Sunday, December 15th: Caroling/Peacock Lane

RCIA CLASSES

This week the topic will be - The Church Militant, Church Penitent and Church Triumphant. The evening class meet on Tuesday at 7:00 pm. The daytime class meet on Friday at 11:30 am.

UPCOMING SUNG LATIN MASSES

This Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 pm:

Our Lady of Guadalupe. Sung Latin Mass (1962 Missal).

This Saturday, December 14th at 7 am in the morning:

Sung Latin Rorate Mass (1962 Missal).

Next Sunday, December 15th at 10:30 am:

The 3rd Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday) (1962 Missal)

"Advent" continued

The lesson we can all learn from this is that Christmas parties should have no place during these last greater days of Advent when fasting and abstinence are the discipline. But we should observe the various feast days of our favorite saints during Advent. They are part of the preparation and they each have their festivities appropriate to the season. But consider refraining from the early celebration of Christmas at parties on those Ember Fast Days before Christmas - Wednesday, Friday and Saturday Dec 18th, 20th, and 21st. The temptation will be to begin early. Remember that there are 12 days of Christmas to enjoy between Dec 25th and Epiphany on January 6th and by extension, there are forty days of Christmas lasting until February 2nd. Let the anticipation build and let us be vigilant in keeping watch for the coming of the Lord at Midnight on December 25th.

MEN'S HOLY LEAGUE

Next Wednesday, December 18th

The Holy League encourages Consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Purest Heart of St. Joseph. It promotes the Precepts and Sacraments of the Church, devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and praying the Rosary. It creates a unified front, made up of members of the Church Militant for spiritual combat.

5:30 pm Confessions
6:45 pm Low Latin Mass (Ember Wednesday in Advent)
7:20 pm Adoration, Sermon and Benediction
8:00 pm Fraternal Meal and Social
(meatless for Ember Wednesday)

NEXT HOLY HEART LADIES MINI-RETREAT IS JANUARY 22ND, 2020

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th:

- 5 pm Christmas Vigil (Ordinary Form English)

Wednesday, December 25th:

- Midnight Mass (Solemn Latin Mass - 1962 Missal)
- 8 am Mass at Dawn (Low Latin Mass - 1962 Missal)
- 10:30 am Mass during the Day (Sung Mass - English)

Wednesday, January 1st:

- 10:30 am Sung Latin Mass (1962 Missal)

WorldWide MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Persevere in your marriage by using the tools learned on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. To find **YOUR** WWME Weekend go to rediscoverthepark.org.

For information about WWME contact Ron & Hilarie Tesch at 503-704-0836 or by email reservations@rediscoverthepark.org

OFFERTORY REPORT

	December 1	Fiscal Year-to-Date*
Regular Collections	\$2,383.25	(*Beginning July 1st)
Electronic Giving	\$1,130.00	
Total	\$3,513.25	\$97,458.48
Budgeted	\$4,800.00	\$105,600.00
Budget +/-	-\$1,286.75	-\$8,141.52

Thank you for your sacrificial offering!

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is on our website via the Donate tab. Or set up an account and give by means of text message at [503-966-9355](tel:503-966-9355). Also consider giving via Bill Pay.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Juan and Rosa Urias Gracia

PHILOSOPHY NIGHT

with **FR. SAM CONEDERA, SJ.**

Next Thursday, December 19th

Fr. Sam Conedera, SJ will be our guest speaker on "The Motive for the Incarnation". As we prepare for the feast of Christmas, Philosophy Night will be dedicated to the motivation of the Incarnation. Would the Word have been made flesh even if the human race had not sinned? This is a good example of how Christian revelation presents new questions for which philosophy can provide resources, and how the Church allows for legitimate theological plurality. Ages high school and up. snacks provided. Free will offering taken up. Adoration and Confession in the church 5:30-6:45 pm. Philosophy Night begins at 7 pm in the Rectory Basement. Parking available in the school lot on SE Taylor between 42nd and 44th Avenues.

CALENDARS

The parish was notified just two weeks ago that we would not be receiving calendars this year. We have not had time to respond and find an alternative. It is recommended that parishioners looking for liturgical calendars try one of these options:

- Tan Books publishes four calendars which list both Extraordinary Form and Ordinary Form feasts, correspond to the use of both old and new liturgical calendars used here at St. Stephen's.
<https://www.tanbooks.com>
- The monks at Clear Creek Abbey in Oklahoma produce an inspiring calendar listing liturgical feasts celebrated by the monks.
<https://clearcreekmonks.org/gift-shop/calendar/>
- The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter also publishes a very nice calendar with great photographs and liturgical feasts, etc., for the Extraordinary Form.
<https://fraternitypublications.com>

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

If you are suffering after abortion, experience a Rachel's Vineyard healing weekend sponsored by Project Aurora. The weekends are for women, men, and anyone impacted by abortion regardless of faith background. Each retreat starts on Friday at 3:00 pm and ends on Sunday at 5:00 pm. Participation at the retreats is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion.

2020 Retreat Dates:

Feb 14-16, 2020 (Portland, OR)

March 27-29, 2020 (Medford, OR)

Cost: The cost is \$200.00 for meals, room, and all retreat materials. *****Financial assistance available*****

For more information or registration contact:

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