

SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (RORATE SUNDAY)



✠ 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:	1 Cor. 4:1-5; Luke 3:1-6
Monday:	1 Cor. 4:1-5; Luke 3:1-6
Tuesday:	Rom. 1:1-6; Matt. 1:18-21
Wednesday:	(Midnight) Titus 2:11-15; Luke 2:1-14. (Dawn) Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20. (Day) Heb. 1:1-12; John 1:1-14
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; Matt. 23:34-39
Friday:	Ecclus (Sirach) 15:1-6; John 21:19-24
Saturday:	Apoc. 14:1-5; Matt. 2:13-18
Sunday:	Gal. 4:1-17; Luke 2:33-40

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:	Isa. 35:1-10; 41:1-4; Homily of St. Gregory on Luke 3:1-6
Monday:	Isa. 41:8-16
Tuesday:	Homily of St. Jerome on Matt. 1:18-21
Wednesday:	Isa. 9:1-6; 40:1-8; 52:1-6; Sermon of St. Leo; Homily of St. Gregory on Luke 2:1-14; Homily of St. Ambrose on Luke 2:15-20; Homily of St. Augustine on John 1:1-14.
Thursday:	Acts 6:1-10; 7:54-60; Sermon of St. Fulgentius; Homily of St. Jerome on Matt. 23:34-39
Friday:	First Epistle of John 1:1-10; 2:1-5; St. Jerome on Ecclesiastical Writers; St. Jerome on Galatians; Homily of St. Augustine on John 21:19-24
Saturday:	Jer. 31:15-23; Sermon of St. Augustine; Homily of St. Jerome on Matt. 2:13-18
Sunday:	Isa. 9:1-6; 40:1-8; 52:1-6; Homily of St. Ambrose on Luke 2:33-40

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:00 am No 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
Tuesday	7:00 pm No RCIA evening class
Friday	11:30 am No RCIA daytime class
Sunday	9:00 am No CCD in rectory basement
	9:00 am Coffee & donuts in Carmody Hall
	Noon Coffee & Donuts in Carmody Hall

LITURGY AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Rorate Sunday)

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

Monday, December 23

Greater Feria of Advent

7:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (+Bernardo Cuervo)
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Tuesday, December 24

Vigil of Christmas

9:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal)
4:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Antiphonale)
5:00 pm	Sung Mass (English) (Anderson Family)
11:00 pm	Carols, Hymns and the Christmas Proclamation

Wednesday, December 25

The Nativity of Our Lord

Midnight	Solemn Latin Mass in the Night (Infant Jesus)
8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Michele Heon)
10:30 am	Sung Mass during the Day (English) (People of the Parish)

Thursday, December 26

St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr (Parish Solemnity)

Noon	Sung Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (+Sergeant Timothy Names)
5:30-6:45 pm	No Confessions

Friday, December 27

St. John, the Evangelist

Noon	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) with Blessing of Wine (Meghan Storm)
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Saturday, December 28

Holy Innocents, Martyr

8:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (The end of Abortion)
10:00-11:00 am	Confessions

Sunday, December 29

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR ERIC ANDERSEN

We have been remotely preparing for Christmas, and now it is time for proximate preparation. The days of Advent are coming to an end and we will have much to celebrate in just a couple of days.

This **4th Sunday of Advent** is a busy one here at the parish. We will begin to decorate the church today after the Masses, but only half-way. The trees will need to be strung with lights, but not lit up until the First Vespers of Christmas which will be sung on Tuesday afternoon at 4 pm. Tonight we will sing Vespers of the 4th Sunday of Advent with the O' Antiphon: ***O Rex Gentium*** O King of nations, and their desired One, and the corner-stone that maketh both one; come and save man whom thou formedst out of slime.

Monday is a **greater day of Advent**. This will be a quiet day at the parish with only a Low Mass in the morning.

Tuesday is **Christmas Eve**. The morning Mass for the Vigil of Christmas will be celebrated at 9 am as a Latin Low Mass (this does not fulfill the obligation for Christmas Day). First Vespers of Christmas will be sung in Latin at 4 pm. The evening Vigil Mass will be celebrated as an English Sung Mass at 5 pm. At 11 pm, we will begin preparing for the Midnight Mass with various prayers, carols, and proclamations in the church.

Wednesday is **Christmas Day**. We will celebrate a **Solemn Latin Mass at Midnight** with Fr. Andersen as the celebrant, Fr. Sam Conedera, SJ as the Deacon, and Seminarian Matthew Knight as Subdeacon. Seminarians Eric Faris, Zach Munoz, and Coulter McIntyre will also be present serving and/or singing as needed.

The **Christmas Mass at Dawn** will be a Latin Low Mass and will be a quiet one in the peace of the morning. This Mass commemorates St. Anastasia, virgin and martyr. She is privileged to forsake her own feast day Mass for that of Our Blessed Lord on His Nativity, but she gets a bow of the head when her name is mentioned in the Roman Canon on this day of her martyrdom.

The **Christmas Mass during the Day** will be a Sung English Mass as is our normal Sunday 10:30 am Mass. At this Mass, the Gospel will be the Prologue to the Gospel of St. John and will be chanted in Latin during which we will genuflect at **Verbum Caro Factum Est** when the Word is Made Flesh.

Thursday will be the parish solemnity on the primary **Feast of St. Stephen, protomartyr**. This day we will have a Sung Latin Mass at Noon to commemorate this great day.

Friday, things will quiet down as we celebrate **St. John the Apostle** with a Latin Low Mass at Noon. On this feast, there is a traditional **blessing of wine**. St. John's enemies tried to poison him with wine but the Beloved Disciple blessed the wine, drank it and was spared death. Therefore, we bless wine in his honor on his feast that we may be spared death by poison. Feel free to bring an unopened bottle of wine to be blessed at the Noon Mass.

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

To contribute, please sign up in the narthex of the church.

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.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office will be closed from
Monday, Dec. 23rd to Thursday, Dec. 26th, 2019.
(Resumed on Friday, December 27th, 2019)

Have a Blessed and a very Merry Christmas!

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)

Thursday, December 26th:

- Noon Sung Latin Mass for Feast of St. Stephen

Wednesday, January 1st:

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

END OF YEAR GIFTS

Please consider an end of year gift to St. Stephen Parish. 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 considered St. Stephen Parish in your financial plans.

NO RCIA CLASSES AND NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

Christmas Week, continued

Saturday, we will have morning Adoration as usual with a Latin Low Mass for the **Feast of the Holy Innocents** and Confessions afterwards. On this day, we entrust to GOD all those unborn children who have lost their lives through abortion and those who grieve the loss of their unborn children by abortion. Let us pray for repentance and healing for all post-abortive women and men.

**REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

If you have been using offertory envelopes, the 2020 offertory envelopes are here and ready for pick-up in the Church narthex with your name and address.

If you would like to have or use offertory envelopes and do not have one yet, please call Sr. Anne-Therese or email the parish office at sainstephenpdx@gmail.com / 503-234-5019. Thank you.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Finish off the old year right. Let us give thanks to God for all the blessings, all the joys, and even the sorrows of this past year.

We will pray a holy hour on **Tuesday, December 31st** beginning at 5 pm with Sung Latin Vespers, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the singing of the *Te Deum* (to obtain the plenary indulgence). Afterwards join us for a potluck dinner and game night in Carmody Hall. All ages.

LADIES HOLY HEART MINI RETREAT

Wednesday, January 22nd. The US Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. 5:30 pm Confessions; 6:45 pm Mass and Retreat Talk; 8 pm Potluck Meal and Social. Sign up for the potluck at meal train: <https://mealtrain.com/1gzym6>

**PHILOSOPHY NIGHT:
BL. JOHN DUNS SCOTUS ON GOD**

Thursday, January 23rd, 2020. This month, Fr. Eric Andersen will discuss the philosophical writings of Bl. John Duns Scotus' TREATISE ON GOD AS FIRST PRINCIPLE. Scotus writes: "O Lord our God, true teacher that you are, when Moses your servant asked you for your name that he might proclaim it to the children of Israel, you, knowing what the mind of mortals could grasp of you, replied: "I am who am," thus disclosing your blessed name. You are truly what it means to be, you are the whole of what it means to exist. This, if it be possible for me, I should like to know by way of demonstration. Help me then, O Lord, as I investigate how much our natural reason can learn about that true being which you are if we begin with the being which you have predicated of yourself" (God as First Principle ¶1.2). Ages high school and up. Adoration and Confessions in the church beginning at 5:30 pm. Philosophy Night in the Rectory Basement 7-8:30 pm. Snacks provided.

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.

MEN'S HOLY LEAGUE

Wednesday, January 29th. The Feast of St. Francis de Sales. 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 - Feast of St. Francis de Sales
7:20 pm Adoration, Sermon and Benediction
8:00 pm Fraternal Meal and Social

ROSARY WALK

Saturday, February 1st, 2020. This month's Rosary Walk will be in honor of the Nativity of the LORD as we prepare for Candlemas on February 2nd, ending the 40 days since the Nativity. It is also a First Saturday in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

11:00 am Meet in the church for prayer
11:15 am Rosary Walk commences.
6.8 mile long pilgrimage around the parish boundaries. Bring your Rosary and some money for coffee and lunch at St. Honoré on SE Division. No pets.

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:

**Project Aurora at 541-942-2861/
E-mail: ProjectAurora@aol.com**

OFFERTORY REPORT

	December 15	Fiscal Year-to-Date*
Regular Collections	\$7,194.91	(*Beginning July 1st)
Electronic Giving	\$...965.00	
Total	\$8,159.91	\$113,812.53
Budgeted	\$4,800.00	\$115,200.00
Budget +/-	+\$3,359.91	-\$1,387.47

Thank you for your sacrificial offering!

HEADSETS AVAILABLE DURING MASS IN THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH