

SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 8, 2019

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
with Commemoration
of the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



✠ 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:	Gal. 3:16-22; Luke 17:11-19
Monday:	Isa 58:6-10; Luke 10:29-37
Tuesday:	1 Cor. 4:9-14; Luke 12:32-34
Wednesday:	Gen. 49:22-26; Luke 3:21-23
Thursday:	Ecclus (Sir) 24:23-31; Luke 1:26-38
Friday:	Zach. 12:10-11; 13:6-7; John 19:28-35
Saturday:	Phil. 2:5-11; John 12:31-36
Sunday:	Gal. 5:16-24; Matt 6:24-33

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:	Job 9:1-17; Homily of St. Augustine on Luke 17:11-19
Monday:	Job 27:1-15; Eulogy of St. Peter Claver
Tuesday:	Job 28:12-16; Eulogy of St. Nicholas Tolentino
Wednesday:	Job 31:1-18
Thursday:	Job 38:1-20; Eulogy of the Holy Name of Mary
Friday:	Job 40:1-11; 42:7-8
Saturday:	Numbers 21:1-9; Eulogy of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Homily of Pope St. Leo on John 12:31-36
Sunday:	Tobit 1:1-15; Homily of St. Augustine on Matt. 6:24-33

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal in rectory basement
	Noon	Coffee & Donuts in gym Art Exhibit Closing Reception in rectory basement
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	Noon	Coffee & Donuts in gym

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.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 8

13th Sunday after Pentecost

w/comm. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Fr. Louie Cunningham)
9:00-10:00 am	Confessions
10:30 am	Sung Mass (People of the Parish)
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Antiphonale)

Monday, September 9

St. Peter Claver, Confessor w/comm. St. Gorgonius, Martyr

No Mass

Tuesday, September 10

St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Confessor

Noon	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Chris and Veronica Peters)
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Wednesday, September 11

Votive Mass of St. Joseph w.comm. Sts. Protus & Hyacinth, Martyrs

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

Thursday, September 12

Most Holy Name of Mary

7:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Maria Parker and Children)
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5:45-6:45 pm Confessions

Friday, September 13

Votive Mass of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (+Robert and Doris McTaggart)
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Saturday, September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Maureen Doherty)

10:00-11 am Confessions

Sunday, September 15

14th Sunday after Pentecost

w/comm. Our Lady of Sorrows

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

OFFERTORY REPORT

	September 1	Fiscal Year-to-Date*
Regular Collections	\$3,899.40	(*Beginning July 1st)
Electronic Giving	\$...655.00	
Total	\$4,554.40	\$32,837.68
Budgeted	\$4,800.00	\$43,200.00
Budget +/-	-\$245.60	-\$10,362.32

Thank you for your sacrificial offering.

FROM THE DESK OF FR ERIC ANDERSEN
Update: Various Restoration & Maintenance Projects

I regularly have people ask me how the Communion Rail project is coming along. Here is the update: It is coming along. One of the difficulties has been figuring out which materials to use. At one point, we looked at having it done in wood, and faux painted in black marble. With such a large expanse across the front of the sanctuary, it was clear that it needed various structural supports along the way in order to stand securely. As we considered various options for these very practical details, it became more and more clear that materials ready made and available at local suppliers was not the way to go: we needed to have it designed by a professional. We have the design for the gates. The railing also needs a design. The communion rail needs to be permanent and needs to match the quality of everything else in the sanctuary. It would be an insult to God and to the parish if it looked cheap or temporary. Now, we have a designer who is drafting a plan that can be carried out by a contractor.

When the baptismal gates were installed, they looked so good, that the idea of using wrought iron for the communion rail came up. What we are looking at now, is a design that is modeled after the communion rail at St. Mary's Cathedral in NW Portland. Their original communion rail and gates are now used for their baptistry. The white marble is the same white Carrera marble used at St. Stephen's on our high altar. The design we are looking at would incorporate white Carrera marble end posts like the ones at the Cathedral. In between these posts would be black wrought iron in the same design as the iron work in our new baptistry. Along the top of the railing would be a shelf of black Carrera marble like that used on the gradines of our high altar at St. Stephen's. There will be three gates: a single gate in front of the Mary altar; a double gate in the center; and a single gate in front of the St. Joseph altar. The design is coming together and I hope that I can have something to present to you soon.

We have a gift that was given specifically to pay for the sanctuary project, but we have another urgent project that has come up: the street side porch in front of Carmody Hall (the gym). This is the original church building which was three stories tall. After the first fire of 1914, there was a second fire in 1931 and the building was modified after this. Where there were originally stairs leading up to the main floor, there is now an entrance at street level. The cement throughout this area has been quickly deteriorating, especially along the side walls that hold back the dirt which rises up to the ground level on both sides of the entrance. There are serious deep cracks in the cement that threaten to detach entire sections of the wall that are beginning to bulge. After consulting with some parishioners who do construction work and with the Archdiocese it seems advisable to act on this project right away before the rains and replace the cement altogether as a preventive measure. It is a gamble to wait until next summer and that gamble could turn it into a \$100,000+ project if the porch and roof were to be affected.

BLESSING OF SEEDS:
NATIVITY OF MARY TODAY

If you would like to start collecting garden seeds to plant for next year, or to offer for others to plant, please bring them **this Sunday** for a special blessing on the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

COFFEE AND DONUTS IN GYM
AFTER THE 10:30 MASS TODAY

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

THIRD ANNUAL ST. STEPHEN FESTIVAL
ART EXHIBITION TODAY

Closing Reception Today after 10:30 Mass

As Christian visual symbolism permeated Middle Age society, the reality of the supernatural was lived and accessible to all through art and architecture. This show entitled, *Infused: A Light in the Dark*, adopts the Medieval motivation of artists and craftsmen to saturate an illiterate and suffering culture with a sense of the divine, to once again illuminate the world of contemporary images today. A collection of visual art and poetry is on view in the rectory basement open for parish events along with a closing reception and poetry reading at noon on September 8th. For questions email: amanda.quiroz@gmail.com.

VESPERS: EVERY SUNDAY AT 5:00 PM

The Divine Office can be said to be the dialogue of the Bride with her Bridegroom, Jesus Christ who takes this offering and unites it to Himself in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, lifting it up to the Father. We are privileged to celebrate traditional Sung Latin Vespers **every Sunday** at 5 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 by side to follow along.

EMBER WEEK NEXT WEEK

Wednesday, Sept 18th; Friday, Sept 20th; Saturday, Sept 21st. An opportunity to fast and abstain for three days to consecrate the Autumn season to the LORD. The Law of Fast and Abstinence in place in 1962 calls for a fast with partial abstinence on Wednesday and Saturday; a fast with full abstinence on Friday. Current canon law does not require this fast and there is no penalty of sin for not participating.

Restoration and Maintenance Projects, con't.

We could sure use some generous people who can help us raise \$27,000 to cover this project which will shore up the foundation of the porch at this entrance and secure it with a grating along the sides of the porch and a gate along the street entrance. We run a tight budget here at St. Stephen's so this project may dip into our reserve funds. Please help us if you are able.
Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eric M. Andersen, pastor

INVITATION TO JOIN OUR CHOIR

"The biggest aid in expressivity comes from singing for the community. And I underline the word 'for'. You don't sing a solo ... in front of sixteen thousand people, you sing it for them. . . . You are the expression of sixteen thousand, you express their awareness, you are the voice of a body, of a people, of a destiny. . . . When you sing..., you express what we all want to express, you are us, and your voice rises and touches us like a gift. For this reason song is freely given, singing is charity. Song is pure charity. If I can make a suggestion: don't be overly worried about yourselves and your ability to express yourselves. The reason behind your worries cannot be expressing yourselves, but rather expressing the consciousness of this people. This is why the choir, why singing is the most useful and charitable service given to the community. A community without a choir is a community without passion, something is already beginning to come undone." (Msgr. Luigi Giussani) **The choir would like to invite any members of the parish to join their ranks. All skill levels are welcome, the only requirements are humility and a sincere to worship God with beautiful music. If you have any questions, please contact CJ Hainley at chainley@alum.mit.edu.**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION SEPTEMBER 25TH

Please pray for our confirmandi who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (according to the Roman Ritual of 1962) from Archbishop Sample at St. Joseph's in Salem on Wednesday, September 25th.

- Vladimir Bajanov
- Mary Frame
- Scott Gumm
- Monica Salazar
- Cecilia Williams

ROSARY WALK: SATURDAY, SEPT. 28TH

This month's Rosary Walk will be in honor of St. Michael the Archangel whose feast we celebrate the following day.

- 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 along the way. No pets.

CCD CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 29TH

Registration is now open for those in kindergarten through high school. Classes will continue to be on Sundays between the two Masses (from 9am-10:15am). Registration forms are available in the vestibule. For more information contact Joseph Salazar in the parish office or email him at jsalazar@archdpdx.org.

LATIN MASS SUNDAYS

Upcoming Latin Missa Cantatas at the 10:30 am Mass: **Sunday, Sept. 29th:** The Feast of St. Michael the Archangel and **Sunday, Oct 6th:** External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary with Marian Procession

PHILOSOPHY NIGHT ON THE LATIN LANGUAGE

Thursday, September 26th, 2019 at 7 pm. Fr. Eric Andersen will present this month's topic: "Latin: Universal, Immutable & Non-Vernacular." In 1962, Pope John XXIII promulgated the encyclical *Veterum Sapientia* on the promotion of the Latin language, writing: "Of its very nature Latin is most suitable for promoting every form of culture among peoples. It gives rise to no jealousies. It does not favor any one nation but presents itself with equal impartiality to all and is equally acceptable to all." The Holy Father went on to argue that the Latin language, because it is universal, immutable, and non-vernacular, needs to be preserved and promoted in the Church as her own language. Adoration and Confession in the church 5:30–6:45 pm. Philosophy Night at 7 pm in the Rectory Basement. Ages High School and up. No reading required ahead of time. Snacks provided.

2019 SEMINARIAN APPEAL

The Archdiocese of Portland presently has 29 men in formation for the priesthood studying at five different seminaries around the world. Education and formation expenses alone can cost up to \$50,000 annually for one seminarian. On average, seminarians attend seminary for 6 years, and can study for up to 10—or \$500,000. I know this is a lot, but it is an investment in the future of the local Catholic Church. Please know that 100% of your gift will go to educating and forming men for the priesthood for service here in western Oregon. See our website: <https://osd.archdpdx.org/give-today-sem>. Be sure to specify that you are giving on behalf of St. Stephen parish in Portland. Consider also joining the Shepherd's Legacy for gifts of \$1000 or more at the same web address.

WHO DOES GOD WANT ME TO INVITE TO LOOK INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Now is a good time to reflect on the people God has put you in contact with. Then ask Christ to help you discern who may be ready and willing to take the step toward a life of faith. Many converts to the Catholic Faith now thank the ones who invited them to take that first step. They are very grateful that someone had the loving courage to help them on the path to true happiness in God, through the fullness of Faith. You can let people know that by coming to learn there is no commitment to become Catholic, nor is there any ever pressure to become Catholic. We are now considering the day of the week to gather for the RCIA classes. If you know someone who might be interested, let us know what days work for them. If there is a need we can do a daytime and an evening RCIA session. **For more information please contact Joseph in the Parish Office.**