

SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE 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:	Phil. 4:4-7; John 1:19-28
Monday:	2 Cor. 1:3-7; Matt. 15:24-27
Tuesday:	Phil. 4:4-7; John 1:19-28
Wednesday:	Isa. 2:2-5; Isa. 7:10-15; Luke 1:26-38
Thursday:	Phil. 4:4-7; John 1:19-28
Friday:	Isa. 11:1-5; Luke 1:39-47
Saturday:	Eph. 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
Sunday:	1 Cor. 4:1-5; Luke 3:1-6

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. 26:1-14; Homily of Pope St. Gregory on John 1:19-28
Monday:	Isa. 28:1-18; Eulogy of St. Eusebius
Tuesday:	Isa. 30:18-28
Wednesday:	Homily of St. Ambrose on Luke 1:26-38
Thursday:	Isa. 33:1-17
Friday:	Homily of St. Ambrose on Luke 1:39-47
Saturday:	1 Cor. 4:1-15; Eulogy of St. Thomas the Apostle; Sermon of St. Gregory; Homily of St. Gregory on John 20:24-29
Sunday:	Isa. 35:1-10; 41:1-4; Homily of St. Gregory on Luke 3:1-6

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 in rectory basement & Caroling on Peacock Lane
Tuesday	7:00 pm RCIA evening class
Wednesday	8:00 pm Men's Holy League Meal & Social in rectory basement
Thursday	7:00 pm Philosophy Night in rectory basement
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

LITURGY AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

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) (Viviana Maria Gomes)
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Antiphonale)

Monday, December 16

St. Eusebius, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (+Judy Rose Mooney)
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Tuesday, December 17

Greater Feria of Advent

Noon	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Infant Jesus)
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Wednesday, December 18

Ember Wednesday of Advent

5:30-6:30 pm	Confessions
6:45 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (+Joseph Lee)
7:20 pm	Men's Holy League Adoration, Sermon, Benediction

Thursday, December 19

Greater Feria of Advent

7:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Sue Dietsch)
5:30-6:45 pm	Adoration & Confessions

Friday, December 20

Ember Friday of Advent

7:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Private Intention) (P)
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Saturday, December 21

St. Thomas, Apostle

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

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 (People of the Parish)
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Antiphonale)

THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

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

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.

FROM THE DESK OF FR ERIC ANDERSEN

The Ember Days of Advent

This week, we observe three Ember Days (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) in the traditional Roman calendar. Venerable Prosper Gueranger writes: "This observance is not peculiar to the Advent liturgy: it is one which has been fixed for each of the four seasons of the ecclesiastical year. We may consider it as one of those practices which the Church took from the Synagogue; for the prophet Zacharias speaks of the fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth months (Zach. viii, 19). Its introduction into the Christian Church would seem to have been made in the apostolic times; such, at least, is the opinion of St. Leo, of St. Isidore of Seville, of Rabanus Maurus, and of several other ancient Christian writers" (Gueranger, The Liturgical Year, Vol. I: Advent, p. 218).

These Ember Days are observed four times a year "to consecrate to God by penance the four seasons of the year" (219). Pope St. Leo "in one of his sermons on this fast...tells us that a special fast was fixed for this time of the year, because the fruits of the earth had then all been gathered in, and that it behoved Christians to testify their gratitude to God by a sacrifice of abstinence, thus rendering themselves more worthy to approach to God, the more they were detached from the love of created things. 'For fasting,' adds the holy doctor, 'has ever been the nourishment of virtue. Abstinence is the source of chaste thoughts, of wise resolutions, and of salutary counsel. By voluntary mortifications, the flesh dies to its concupiscences, and the spirit is renewed in virtue. But since fasting alone is not sufficient whereby to secure the soul's salvation, let us add to it works of mercy towards the poor. Let us make that which we retrench from indulgence, serve unto the exercise of virtue. Let the abstinence of him that fasts, become the meal of the poor man'" (qtd. Gueranger, p. 219).

The Ember day fasts were in place from Apostolic times and made obligatory for all the faithful by Pope St. Calixtus I (217-222 AD), but in 1969, the four seasonal Ember weeks were removed from the Roman Missal. With the reintroduction of the Traditional Roman Rite and Calendar, many of the faithful are once again practicing these Ember fasts voluntarily, as a means of living out the liturgical year to its fullest and benefitting from its spiritual fruits. The Ember Day fasts are observed in the same manner as Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. One full meal at or around Noon, with a small collation in the morning and in the evening, not equaling a full second meal.

Ember Saturdays are traditionally the days on which priestly ordinations were celebrated. The December Ember Saturday is the original date for all priestly ordinations. "The primitive custom, in the Roman Church, was to hold ordinations in the night between Saturday and Sunday, just as Baptism was administered to the catechumens in the night between Holy Saturday and

FINAL ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT

This Advent, we continue to watch and prepare for the coming of Christ by getting together on this Sunday evening 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:

Tonight December 15th: Caroling on Peacock Lane

MEN'S HOLY LEAGUE

This 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)

PHILOSOPHY NIGHT

This 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.

"Ember Days of Advent," continued

The ceremony took place towards midnight, and Sunday morning was always far advanced before the termination; so that the Mass of ordination was considered as the Mass of Sunday itself. Later on, discipline relaxed, and these severe vigils were given up; the ordination Mass, like that of Holy Saturday, was anticipated; and, as the fourth Sunday of Advent and the second of Lent had not hitherto had a proper Gospel, since they had not had a proper Mass, it was settled, about the tenth or eleventh century, that the Gospel of the Mass of ordinations should be repeated in the special Mass of the two Sundays in question." (p 230)

Let us pray for all of our seminarians this coming week and for all those preparing for ordination this coming year. Let us pray for all of our priests, especially those who were ordained in the month of December.

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.

RCIA CLASSES

This week the topic will be "Christ and the Fulfillment of the Old Testament." The evening class meets on **Tuesdays** at 7:00 pm. The daytime class is on **Fridays** at 11:30am. The classes are held in the rectory basement. For more information contact Joseph Salazar in the parish office.

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)

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.

OFFERTORY REPORT

	December 8	Fiscal Year-to-Date*
Regular Collections	\$7,744.14	(*Beginning July 1st)
Electronic Giving	\$...450.00	
Total	\$8,194.14	\$105,652.62
Budgeted	\$4,800.00	\$110,400.00
Budget +/-	+\$3,394.14	-\$4,747.38

(Retirement Fund for Religious - \$905.95)

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.

HEADSETS AVAILABLE DURING MASS IN THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH

2020 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>
- A free Extraordinary Form calendar is available at <http://www.tridentinecatholic.com>

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.

CENTENARY OF ST. JACINTA OF FATIMA (1920-2020)

Save the date: Thursday, February 20th, 2020

St. Stephen's Church and the World Apostolate of Fatima will host a special celebration

for St. Jacinta (Hyacinth) of Fatima with Adoration, Confessions and Rosary in the church beginning at 5:30 pm.

There will also be Veneration of a second-class relic.

A special edition of Philosophy/Theology Night will follow at 7:00 pm in Carmody Hall on the topic of "The Blessing of Sickness."

Fr. Eric Andersen will present the talk.

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.