

A LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN ERIK MORRIS

Friday, November 6, 2020

Dear St Stephen's Parish,

Thank you for your prayers. Seminary has been great, yet I look forward to coming home for Winter break.

Classes have been insightful, and I've particularly enjoyed learning about Epistemology, Phenomenology, Marian devotion, and even topics regarding secular reasons for God. It has been quite a blessing to dig into the rich intellectual history surrounding our faith.

As for our assigned ministry, it has been difficult interfacing at a distance. It will probably be that way for the remainder of the school-year. I pray for you often, with the hope that all of our sufferings would be put towards many redemptive works within the body of Christ.

+JMJ+
Erik Morris

ANNUAL SEMINARIAN APPEAL

St. Stephen's has given three seminarians to the Archdiocese of Portland in the last two years, and two other seminarians to other dioceses, plus two young ladies to religious life since 2017. Though we are a small parish with limited financial resources, the Lord has blessed us with an abundance of vocations in these past few years. Let us consider what we can give back to the Lord, especially to assist in the expense of educating these men to become priests. It costs the Archdiocese of Portland up to \$50,000 annually for education and formation of each seminarian. Would you consider a gift of \$250 or \$500 to contribute towards the education of just one man? or triple that for the three men from St Stephen's currently studying for the Archdiocese of Portland? Please consider what you can render back to the Lord for all He has given to you. Commitment weekend Nov 15.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS AND RELIGIOUS

Br. Eric Faris, Coulter McIntyre, Erik Morris, Zach Munoz, Neal Smith, Sr. Lisa Hezmalhalch, Sr. Abigail Theresa Irigoyen

St. Stephen Catholic Church, Portland, Oregon Sunday, November 8th, 2020

This week's schedule:

Saturday, Nov 7th: Daily Mass for the Dead (3rd Class)

- 7:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8:00 am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass
- 10-11 am: Confessions
- **1 pm: Nuptial Mass (Mr and Mrs. Jacob Hoertkorn)**
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers (23rd Sunday After Pentecost)
- 6 pm: English Mass (**Ordinary Form–32nd Sunday Per Annum**)

Sunday, Nov 8th: 23rd Sunday After Pentecost (2nd Class)

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

Monday, Nov 9th: Dedication of the Archbasilica of Our Holy Savior (2nd Class)

- 8:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass
- 12 Noon Low Latin Mass
- 7 pm: Sung Latin Mass

Tuesday, Nov 10th: St. Andrew Avellino (3rd Class)

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

Wednesday, Nov 11th: St. Martin of Tours [Martinmas] (3rd Class)

- 8:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 12 Noon: Low Latin Mass
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm: Confessions
- **7:00 pm: Sung Latin Mass**

Thursday, Nov 12th: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr (3rd Class)

- 8:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm: Confessions
- 6:45 pm: Low Latin Mass

Friday, Nov 13th: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (3rd Class)

- 8:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 11 am: Confessions
- 12 Noon: Low Latin Mass
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers

Saturday, Nov 14th: St. Josephat (3rd Class)

- 7:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8:00 am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass
- 10-11 am: Confessions
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers (Resumed 6th Sunday After Epiphany)
- 6 pm: English Mass (**Ordinary Form–33rd Sunday Per Annum**)

Sunday, Nov 15th: Resumed 6th Sunday After Epiphany (2nd Class)

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INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Those interested in becoming Catholic or taking the steps to learn more about the Catholic Faith can contact Joseph Salazar to get started. Options for Classes meeting either Tuesday afternoons or Friday evenings. jsalazar@archdpx.org

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

11/13 Camille Lyon
Zellie Lyon
Sophia Rousseau
Gianna Waldron

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

- Sunday Nov 8: Anna Lassance Kiss
People of the Parish
+ Donald Weyker
- Monday 11/9: John Driskill
- Tuesday 11/10: Urban Missionaries
- Wed 11/11: Patricia Koenig
Priestly Fraternity of St. Joseph
- Thursday 11/12: Kiernan Dante McTaggart-Ivezic
- Friday 11/13: + Mr and Mrs. Michael Huling
- Saturday 11/14: + Molly Marie Westrap
Mr. Neal Smith, seminarian
- Sunday 11/15: Aunnah Karavias
People of the Parish
Br. Eric Faris C.R.I.C

SIGN UP TO ATTEND MASS (online or call parish office)
<https://www.saintstephenpdx.com/covid-19-update>



5th Annual **HOLY LEAGUE**
Catholic Men's Conference
GO TO ST. JOSEPH
our model to true
Christian Masculinity
150th anniversary year of St. Joseph
as Universal Patron of the Church
Saturday, December 5th, 2020
6am to 4pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church
721 Chemeketa St NE
Salem, OR 97301
Register at holyleaguenorthwest.org
SPEAKERS
Fr. Don Calloway Bear Woznick Fr. Stephen Kenyon Fr. Eric Anderson
Mass, confession, and inspiring talks that will
motivate husbands, fathers, and sons to be the
Godly men they are called to be.

CCD FOR 1ST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PREP

Classes are in session on Sunday mornings for those who are preparing for First Communion (2nd grade and above) and Confirmation (7th grade and above). Classes begin at 9:15 am after the 8am Mass and end at 10:15 am. The registration forms are available in the vestibule. We will try to help CCD families who are coming from a distance to attend a Sunday morning Mass (as much as we can considering our limited spaces).

INDULGENCES FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Holy Mother Church offers us two special indulgences this month:

1) **A Visit to a Cemetery** (*Extended to the entire month of November*)

An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial.

Prayer at the cemetery:

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace. Amen.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
rest in peace, Amen.*

Our Father & Apostles Creed for the intentions of the Holy Father

2) **A Visit to a Church or Oratory on All Souls Day** [November 2]

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of all the faithful departed piously visit a church, a public oratory or-----for those entitled to use it -----a semipublic oratory.

In visiting the church or oratory, it is required that one *Our Father* and the Creed be recited.

What is an Indulgence? (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

¶1471 "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." (*Indulgentiarum doctrina*)

"An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead.

Obtaining indulgence from God through the Church

1478. An indulgence is obtained through the Church who, by virtue of the power of binding and loosing granted her by Christ Jesus, intervenes in favor of individual Christians and opens for them the treasury of the merits of Christ and the saints to obtain from the Father of mercies the remission of the temporal punishments due for their sins. Thus the Church does not want simply to come to the aid of these Christians, but also to spur them to works of devotion, penance, and charity.⁹⁰

1479. Since the faithful departed now being purified are also members of the same communion of saints, one way we can help them is to obtain indulgences for them, so that the temporal punishments due for their sins may be remitted.

FROM THE DESK OF FR ERIC ANDERSEN

This coming Wednesday is the feast of St. Martin of Tours (Nov 11th) and it is historically a great day of feasting akin to Fat Tuesday because the following day begins the 40 Days before Christmas known as "St. Martin's Lent." The western Church does not start Advent until the last Sunday in November, wherein each Sunday of the four Sundays of Advent represents 10 days for a symbolic 40 day period. St. Martin's Lent represents an older tradition, still observed by many religious. During this time, one would begin abstinence and self denial. Even during Advent, there are many feast days and celebrations that interrupt the penitential character of the season. If you are looking to kickstart your Advent a little early, here is your chance. We will have our regular 12 Noon Latin Low Mass and a 7 pm Sung Latin Mass on the feast this Wednesday.

When we think about the way Lent used to be celebrated prior to the liturgical reforms after Vatican II, it was a time of real fasting for 40 days. Every day of Lent, other than Sundays, was a day of fasting and partial abstinence with full abstinence on Fridays. Advent in those days was like the way Lent is observed by most people today. During Advent, people gave up something, particularly sweets, awaiting the abundance of sweets that would cascade upon us at Christmas. Advent penance was light, while Lenten penance was pretty serious. This way of treating the two seasons makes a lot of sense to me, and bears great fruit in the spiritual life. With that in mind, you have just a few days to prepare and do make a point of enjoying St. Martin's feast day.

One of the greatest blessings of this past year has been the introduction of singing Lauds and Vespers nearly every day in the church. At one point last spring, before the shutdown, I had made a comment from the pulpit that if the three days of darkness happened, I would come into the church, expose the Blessed Sacrament, and chant the Divine Office for three days. Well, as I thought of it, I said to myself, "why don't you do that anyway?" When Covid hit and public Masses were suspended, it seemed like that was a great inspiration. I began to have Adoration more often and chant the Office. Once the Mass was opened up again, there was not as much interest among the faithful in attending Vespers and Lauds, but I have continued to do so, since it is my obligation to pray them anyway. Why not do so in the best way to glorify GOD!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

MARTINMAS, WEDNESDAY NOV 11TH

This coming Wednesday, Nov 11th, we will have a Low Latin Mass at 12 Noon, and a Sung Latin Mass at 7 pm to celebrate Martinmas, aka, the feast of St. Martin of Tours.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOV 18-26TH

Pray at home and at church after the Masses, plus watch daily video reflections on the novena on our parish YouTube channel:

Saint Stephen Catholic Church PDX. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCenluv9m__Zo_8lvGRz_72A

MEN'S HOLY LEAGUE PDX NOV 18TH

Gentlemen, join us for Holy League Men's Night on Wednesday Nov 18th at St. Stephen's. Vespers at 5 pm. Confessions 5:30. Rosary 6:15. Low Latin Mass at 6:45. Adoration and Sermon 7:30 pm. Come when you can. Leave when you must.

PHILOSOPHY NIGHT TUESDAY NOV 24TH AT 7 PM

This month, Fr. Eric Andersen will discuss the book "**Progress and Religion**" published in 1929 by **Christopher Dawson**. The book is available through CUA Press, [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), ABE books and more. "Dawson was writing in the period between the two great wars of the twentieth century, a time when some thought that the idea of progress had finally been discredited by the carnage and barbarism of the First World War. Progress and Religion was clearly intended to challenge the doctrine of progress, the rather naive but persistent belief that 'in every day and in every way the world grows better and better.'" (book jacket notes). No reading is necessary. Ages high school and up. 7 pm in Carmody Hall. Check the website later in the week for the signup link or signup at the parish office with Joseph Salazar.

ROSARY WALK

Saturday, November 28th. 11:15 am gather in front of the church. The Feast of St. Catherine Labouré of the Miraculous Medal. 6.8 miles. No pets. Please bring a rosary and a sack lunch with a bottle of water.

MASS READINGS (Extraordinary Form)

Sunday: Phil. 3:17-21; 4:1-3; Matt. 9:18-26

Monday: Apoc. 21:2-5; Luke 19:1-10

Tuesday: Ecclus. 31:8-11; Luke 12:35-40

Wednesday: Ecclus. 44:16-27; 45:3-20; Luke 11:33-36

Thursday: 1 Pet. 5:1-4; 10-11; Matt. 16:13-19

Friday: 1 Cor. 4:9-14; Luke 12:32-34

Saturday: Hebr. 5:1-6; John 10:11-16

Sunday: 1 Thess. 1:2-10; Matt. 13:31-35

LESSONS AT MATINS (Extraordinary Form) [find online at](#)

<http://divinumofficium.com> or as an app (Breviarium meum)

Sunday: Daniel 1:1-15; Homily of St. Jerome on Matt. 9:18-26

Monday: Apoc. 21:9-18; Eulogy of the Dedication; Homily of St. Ambrose on Luke 19:1-10

Tuesday: Daniel 3:14-19; 21-24; Eulogy of St. Andrew Avellino

Wednesday: Daniel 4:16-25; Eulogy of St. Martin of Tours

Thursday: Daniel 5:1-6; 13-17; 25-31; Eulogy of St. Martin I, Pope/Martyr

Friday: Daniel 6:11-24; Eulogy of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Saturday: Daniel 9:1-5; 21-27; Eulogy of St. Josaphat

Sunday: Osee (Hosea) 1:1-11; Homily of St. Jerome on Matt.13:31-35

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

Envelopes/Cash: \$6,593.26 +/- budget

Online: \$2,860.00

Total WTD: \$9,453.26 Budget: \$4,800 + \$4,653.26

Total MTD: \$9,453.26 Budget: \$4,800 + \$4,653.26

Maintenance/Restoration: \$220.00 MTD: \$220.00

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