

SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 23, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



✠ 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, 9:45-10:45 AM ✠ Sundays, 9:00-10:00 AM

Wednesdays, 6:00-6:30 PM ✠ Thursday, 6:00-6:45 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

Pastor	Rev. Eric Andersen eandersen@archdpdx.org
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PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**The Parish Office will be closed from
Monday, Dec. 24th to Wednesday, Dec. 26th, 2018.
Monday, Dec. 31, 2018 &
New Year's Day (Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019)**

MASS READINGS

(Ordinary Form)

Monday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday:	Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday:	1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2 / Mt 2:13-18
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:00 am	No CCD (Christmas Break)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal in choir loft
	11:30 am	Coffee & donuts in gym
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OFFERTORY REPORT

	December 16	Fiscal Year-to-Date*
Regular Collections	\$5,443.32	(*Beginning July 1st)
Electronic Giving	\$...400.00	
Total	\$5,843.32	\$108,257.27
Budgeted	\$4,800.00	\$122,400.00
Budget +/-	+\$1,043.32	-\$14,142.73

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. Thank you.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Eucharistic Prayer I with Preface of Advent II

Sunday, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>Rorate Sunday</i>) (People of the Parish)
9:00-10:00 am	Confessions
10:30 am	Sung Mass (Bernard Untalan)
4:00-4:45 pm	Confessions (Last chance before Christmas)
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Antiphonale - <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>)

Monday, December 24

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>Vigil of Christmas</i>) (Robert Eitner Boyer)
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas in English
11:15 pm	Carols, Christmas Proclamation, and Blessing of the Crib
12:00 am	Midnight Solemn Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Therese Ruesink)

Tuesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>The Nativity of Our Lord</i>) (Baby Jesus)
10:30 am	Sung Mass (People of the Parish)

Wednesday, December 26

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr, Parish Solemnity

Noon	Sung Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr</i>) (Josh and Nikolai Polansky)
6:00-6:30 pm	No Confessions this week

Thursday, December 27

Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist, Feast

Noon	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal)
6:00-6:45 pm	No Confessions this week

Friday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast

Noon	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Christin McIntyre)
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Saturday, December 29

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

8:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>5th Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>) (Joseph Brusuell)
9:45-10:45 am	Confessions

Sunday, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>Sunday in the Octave of Christmas</i>) (+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 - <i>Sunday in the Octave of Christmas</i>)

FROM THE DESK OF FR. ERIC ANDERSEN

We come now to the end of the Advent season and prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, the birth of Jesus Christ; fully God and fully Man; the Savior of the world; King of the Universe; the long awaited Messiah; the Desire of the Everlasting Hills; the Word from the beginning, from eternity, breaking into time. "And into what St. Bede called 'the fleeting and wave-tossed course of time' came the changeless and everlasting Word. Without abandoning His eternity, He took upon Himself our temporality in order to make us temporal men partakers by glory of the eternity that is His with the Father and the Holy Spirit. 'O Word, who dost exist before time, through whom time was made, who wast born in time even though thou art life eternal: thou dost call those who exist in time and make them eternal'" [St. Augustine, *Enarratio in psalmum 101*, no. 10] (John Saward. Cradle of Redeeming Love, Ignatius Press, 2002. p. 304).

"The evangelists fix the time of our Saviour's birth within an identifiable period of human history: 'in the days of King Herod' (Mt 2:1; cf. Lk 1:5), in the reign of the Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus (cf. Lk 2:2). The Roman Martyrology, in the edition of Baronius, sets this moment within the great context of universal history:

In the five thousand one hundred and ninety-ninth year of the creation of the world, from the time when God in the beginning created the heaven and earth; the two thousand nine hundred and fifty-seventh year after the Flood; the two thousand and fifteenth year from the birth of Abraham; the one thousand five hundred and tenth year from Moses, and the going forth of the people of Israel from Egypt; the one thousand and thirty-second year from the anointing of David the King; in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad, the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome; the forty-second year of the rule of Octavianus Augustus, all the earth being at peace, in the sixth age of the history of the world, Jesus Christ, eternal God, and the Son of the Eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by His most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Ghost, and nine months having passed since His conception [here the voice is raised and all kneel], is born as man, in Bethlehem of Judea, of the Virgin Mary. The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh." (Saward, p. 306)

We have much to be thankful for and much to celebrate. Let us truly embrace these next 12 Days of Christmas (Dec 25th – Jan 6th) and give our greatest gifts to JESUS. He asks for one thing only: our very self. Let us give our very self to Him: our hearts, our minds, our souls, our eyesight, our hearing, our sense of smell, and taste, and touch. Let us walk in His footsteps, speak His words, and love with His Sacred Heart. Let us draw close to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Most Pure Heart of St. Joseph and kneel in adoration with them in awe and wonder before the coming of the Light into our present darkness. Lift up your heads! Look, your redemption is at hand!

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

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

SUNG VESPERS: THIS SUNDAY EVENING

Join us **this Sunday at 5:00 pm** as we offer Vespers, the Church's ancient prayer for early evening, using the Latin-texted Roman Breviary of 1962. Come and sing the psalms with us, or just listen and pray along with the words and melodies which have nourished the saints and praised God for millennia. We provide booklets with all the chants, texts, and side-by-side English translations.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

Monday, Dec 24th - Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas in English

11:15 pm Carols, Christmas Proclamation, and Blessing of the Crib

12:00 am Midnight Solemn Latin Mass - (Tues., Dec 25th)

Tuesday, Dec 25th - Christmas Day

8:00 am Traditional Latin Low Mass

10:30 am Sung Mass

Wednesday, Dec 26th - Feast of St. Stephen

Noon Sung Traditional Latin Mass

Monday, December 31st - New Year's Eve

5:00 pm Holy Hour with Sung Latin Vespers and *Te Deum* followed by a potluck and Game Night in the Rectory Basement

Tuesday, January 1st - New Years Day

(Holy Day of Obligation)

10:30 am Traditional Sung Latin Mass

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

If you have been using offertory envelopes, the 2019 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.

YEAR-END GIVING OPTIONS

At the end of the year, many people take time to review their long-range estate and financial plans. Wills and bequests, life insurance policies, retirement accounts, and other planning vehicles offer exceptional opportunities for leaving a lasting legacy to benefit others. Gifts of cash and appreciated stock as well as distributions from IRA accounts are several options that have been particularly popular with our parishioners for year-end giving. And if you make your charitable gift by December 31, you can still receive a tax benefit for 2018. Please feel welcome to call the Archdiocese of Portland's Office of Stewardship & Development with any questions about your year-end giving plans. They would be pleased to answer your questions, and discuss the options available with you and your advisors on a complimentary basis. You can contact them at 503-233-8312, or email gift@archpdx.org.

INQUIRING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Adults and teens who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith are invited to join Fr. Andersen for a weekly class. Thursday, 10 am and 7 pm. Choose either class time. At the beginning of each class, we will meet in the church for a short ongoing lesson on Catholic prayer, church architecture, devotions, vestments, etc. followed by class in the rectory classroom.

Dec. 27th:	No Class - Christmas Break
Jan. 3rd:	No Class - Christmas Break
Jan. 10th:	The Public Life of Jesus Christ
Jan. 17th:	The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

REGINA CAELI ACADEMY

2019 Upcoming Admissions Events

Join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics! Regina Caeli Academy provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. Pre K3-12th grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days. Mark your calendar for our upcoming events:

January Open House: Mon, Jan 21 at 10:30 am Event includes a tour, classroom observation, and Q&A; children welcome!

High School Information Session: Mon, Jan 21 at 12pm You CAN homeschool high school! Event includes a short presentation and Q&A; children welcome!

RSVP to raldrich.por@rcahybrid.org or call (971) 238-9249 2710 N.E. 65th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98661 (Located inside First Friends Church) www.rcahybrid.org

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the Jan 2019 program beginning with a weekend on **Jan 18-20** call 503-225-9191 or 800-470-2230 or [email: portland@retrouvaille.org](mailto:portland@retrouvaille.org) or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Winter holidays are traditionally a time of reflection. Those who have lost children to abortion are reminded of the loss, the regrets, the if-onlys. Decide now that it is time for hope and healing. Why wait any longer to heal? Project Aurora is providing Rachel's Vineyard retreats **February 15-17 in Portland and March 15-17 in Medford**. The retreat is a safe and compassionate environment! Financial assistance is available. For more information, call 541-942-2861 or Email ProjectAurora@aol.com. www.rachelsvineyard.org

PRINCIPAL/TEACHER OPENINGS

The Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon is seeking applicants for anticipated principal openings and anticipated teacher opening in its Catholic schools for the 2019-2020 school year. Information about the openings as well as application materials and directions can be found at this [link:https://schools.archdpdx.org/principal-position-vacancies](https://schools.archdpdx.org/principal-position-vacancies), or by calling 503- 233-8348.

DISCERNMENT EVENINGS

JAN-MAY 2019

Are you discerning the diocesan priesthood? Interested in finding out more? Feel free to contact the Office of Vocations at 503-233-8368 or vocations@archdpdx.org to find out when the next Discernment Evening will be.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

We invite all youth who are in 7th grade (or older) to sign-up for classes to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact Joseph Salazar, our Coordinator of Religious Education, in the Parish Office or email him at jsalazar@archdpdx.org.

PILGRIMAGE TO SOUTHERN FRANCE

with Fr. Eric Andersen

Sept 12-22, 2019

\$4,150 per person (ground and air from Portland); \$2,550 per person (ground only) Visit shrines at Lourdes, Avignon, Marseille, Nice, Monaco, more. We also visit the grotto of St. Mary Magdalene in St. Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume where saints, penitents, kings and popes have visited to be near the Magdalene. Tradition says that she lived here for 30 years, offering her life for the conversion of sinners.

More information: see packets in the narthex of the church or contact Bret Thoman, St. Francis Pilgrimages: 404-418-6683 • bret@stfrancispilgrimages.com • www.stfrancispilgrimages.com

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Pontifical Mass with Archbishop Sample and Special Reception a very memorable, holy, and festive occasion.

CCD UPDATE: EPIPHANY PRESENTATION

On Epiphany (Sunday, January 6th, at 9am in the Rectory basement) all are welcome to our presentation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, in which our CCD children will be the "actors." In preparation the children put on costumes and acted out the scene. We took their picture with a green screen backdrop in order to insert Holy Land type landscapes in the background. We look forward to seeing you there.