

Saint Stephen Catholic Church

Portland, Oregon

Sunday, December 4, 2022



The Second Sunday of Advent
Dominica Secunda Adventus

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

- Sat 12/3: Yolanda Marrs
Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Sun 1/4: Isabella Marrs
People of the Parish
+The Campos Babies
- Mon 12/5: Serene Johnson
- Tues 12/6: Max, Victoria, and Marcus Marrel
- Wed 12/7: The Priestly Fraternity of St. Joseph
- Thu 12/8: Emily and Stephen Tobusch
- Fri 12/9: +Joseph Graziano
- Sat 12/10: +Rita Leehan-Lienhard
Intention of the Celebrant
- Sun 12/11: +Marie-Hélène Larnicol
People of the Parish
+Larry Whitehill

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

Offertory

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budget

- Envelopes/Cash: \$3,064.26
- Online: \$1,416.00

TTL WTD: \$4,480.26

Budget: \$5,900 **-\$1,419.74**

TTL MTD: \$15,775.68

Budget: \$23,600 **-\$7,824.32**

Special Collections

- Maint/Restoration: \$1,252.50
- Air Conditioning Fund: \$160 (remaining: \$86,645.63)
- Security/Landscaping: \$10 (remaining: \$47,392.00)
- Rectory/Office Repairs: \$750 (remaining: \$35,867.35)
- TTL Maint/Rest: \$2,172.50 Budget: \$2,083 **+\$89.50**
- Sacred Music: \$100 Budget: \$260 **-\$160.00**
- Festival/Conference: \$40

Online giving: <https://www.saintstephenpdx.com/special-events>

This week's schedule:

Sat, Dec 3rd: Sat. of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent (3rd CI)

- 7 am: Sung Rorate Mass
- 8:30 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 9 -11 am: Confessions
- 4 pm: Sung First Vespers of the Second Sunday of Advent
- 5 pm: English Mass (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Sun, Dec 4th: Second Sunday of Advent (1st Class)

- 7:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass
- 9:15 am - 10:15 am: Confessions
- 10:30 am: Sung Latin Mass
- 5:00 pm Sung Latin Vespers
- 6 pm: Low Latin Mass

Monday, Dec 5th: Feria of Advent (3rd Class)

- 8:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 9:00 am: Low Latin Mass

Tuesday, Dec 6th: St. Nicholas, Bishop and Confessor (3rd CI)

- 12 Noon: Latin Low Mass
- **NO Public Sung Latin Vespers tonight**

Wed., Dec 7th: St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor (3rd Class)

- 5 pm: Adoration and Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:30 pm: Confessions
- 6 pm: Public Rosary
- 6:30 pm: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:45 pm: Low Latin Mass

Thurs, Dec 8th: Immaculate Conception of the BMV (1st Class)

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

Fri, Dec 9th: Feria of Advent (3rd Class)

- 11 am: Confessions
- 12 Noon: Low Latin Mass followed by First Friday Devotions
- 5:00 pm Sung Latin Vespers

Sat, Dec 10th: The Holy House of Loreto (4th Class)

- 7 am: Sung Rorate Mass
- 8:30 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 9 -11 am: Confessions
- 4 pm: Sung First Vespers of the Third Sunday of Advent
- 5 pm: English Mass (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Sun, Dec 11th: Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday: 1st CI)

- 7:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass
- 9:15 am - 10:15 am: Confessions
- 10:30 am: Sung Latin Mass
- 5:00 pm Sung Latin Vespers
- 6 pm: Low Latin Mass

A LETTER FROM FR. ERIC ANDERSEN

Advent Greetings to all at the parish from the Priory of the Canons Regular of the New Jerusalem in Charles Town, West Virginia. Charles Town is named after Charles Washington, the brother of George Washington, the first President of the United States. The daughter of George Washington is buried in the cemetery here. It has been a very prayerful time and I thank God for it. It is a busy and full day here with Matins in choir at 5:40 in the morning, followed immediately by Lauds, then a half hour of meditation/spiritual reading, followed immediately by Prime and then Terce. Then breakfast at 8 am. At 8:35 until 11 am, I sit in on classes with a postulant brother. Conventual Mass is at 11:15 followed by Sext, lunch, and then None. This week I am the reader at lunch, and I come back after None for second table, which means that I eat while they are doing dishes. We have had some really good table reading while I have been here - on St. Josaphat; on Hungry Souls from Purgatory; on the Life of St. Gregory the Great; on the History of Canons Regular in England; etc. Work assignments are given in the afternoons and I celebrate a private Mass at a side altar at 4 pm most days. I have enjoyed mowing the lawn, raking leaves, working with the electrician, helping with scouting activities, working in the sacristy, and other work. I have served as subdeacon at the Solemn Mass each Sunday and hear Confessions here and there. Vespers is at 5 pm most days (6 pm on Sat/Sun), followed by dinner, recreation, lectio (Bible reading according to an assigned one year schedule) and Compline at 8:15 pm. Grand silence begins after that and lights out no later than 10 pm. Then I get up the next morning and it all starts over again. I miss you all, and look forward to being back with you on Sunday, December 11.

Maintenance and Restoration Update:

Thank you to everyone who has supported our various projects in the church, the rectory, Carmody Hall, and the grounds this past year. A year ago at Christmas, we raised all the money needed for the stained glass window repair and restoration project. Due to the generosity and request of donors, we also began two projects on the rectory: rebuilding the back deck, and reflooring the kitchen, laundry room and the lobby bathroom. Following through on a promise to get air-conditioning in the church, we got that done for a very reasonable price: half of what the original estimate had indicated seven years ago when I first got here. We have had notable improvements in lighting the interior and exterior of the church and the courtyard. We had a great work day with the Holy League men this fall in the piazza and the exterior of the rectory.

One of the tricky things about doing maintenance and restoration is scheduling. We do not always know when a job will get started, or when it will get finished. We committed to the air conditioning project in August of 2021. It sounded like it could get done in October of that year, but then due to Covid, the AC units were delayed in shipping and were to arrive in April, but we didn't get them until late July. They sure helped us through the Eucharistic Conference and the month of August. We will be glad to have AC in the coming summer. Since the first phase of the AC project had taken almost a year, I ordered the second phase, planning to get it installed this coming spring of 2023. The units arrived almost immediately and I had to take them then and there. These are the heating and cooling units being installed in Carmody Hall. We had not budgeted for that project this year and it put a strain on our resources. I was hoping that we would not get those until next Easter. This November, it seems like all the projects that have been on the back burner for the last year and a half have all come to fruition about the same time, while I am out of town. I am reaching out asking for your help to replenish our Maintenance and Restoration fund and get these bills paid. Last Advent and Christmas, we raised the money for the Stained Glass Windows. May I ask you this Advent to help out the parish with a Christmas donation for the Maint. and Restoration Fund? It would be good to start the new year with a clean slate.

2023 CALENDARS - NOW AVAILABLE

As our Christmas gift to our parishioners, we have one traditional liturgical calendar for each registered family. They are on the vestibule counters. This calendar is in harmony with the 1962 Typical Edition of the Roman Missal.

FAST/ABSTINENCE DAYS IN ADVENT (*not obligatory*)

12/14 Ember Wednesday: Fasting & Partial Abstinence

12/16 Ember Friday: Fasting and Full Abstinence

12/17 Ember Saturday: Fasting and Partial Abstinence

12/24 Christmas Eve: Fasting/ Full Abstinence til Midnight

END OF YEAR GIFTS TO ST. STEPHEN'S

Please consider giving a Christmas gift to St. Stephen's this Advent season. 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 considering St. Stephen Parish in your financial plans.

RORATE MASSES OF THE BVM IN ADVENT

Rorate Masses are celebrated on Saturdays in Advent, early in the morning when it is still dark. The church is lit only by candlelight.

- Saturday, **December 3rd**: 7 am Missa Cantata of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
- Saturday, **December 10th**: 7 am Missa Cantata of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday.

ADVENT SATURDAY NIGHTS: SAVE THE DATES

6 pm Potluck Dinner in Carmody Hall followed by:

- **Dec 3rd**: Game Night (bring your favorite board games)
- **Dec 10th**: Movie Night: *Joyeux Noel*, with subtitles (filtered from PG-13 to PG). It is a war movie so there is some violence. The film is almost 2 hours long.
- **Dec 17th**: Christmas Caroling at Peacock Lane

SAINT BARBARA'S BRANCHES

December 4th is the Feast of St. Barbara. Cut branches from your early blossoming trees/bushes (i.e., quince, flowering plum) and put them in vases inside to bloom during the Christmas season. These are called "St. Barbara's Branches"

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, **December 8th. Holy Day of Obligation.** The Patronal Feast of our country and our Archdiocese.

8:15 am Sung Latin Lauds, **9 am: Low Latin Mass**

5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers, **7 pm: Sung Latin Mass**

MEN'S GREGORIAN CHANT CLASS

There has been a growing need to train men of the parish to sing at the Divine Office and at Mass. From the earliest times, it has always been the duty of men to lead the Church in singing the praises of God. Therefore, we are organizing a Men's Gregorian Chant class on **Gaudete Sunday, Dec. 11, 2-3 p.m.**, after coffee and donuts. The class will be taught by Nicolai, our music director. This is a beginner's class on reading and singing Gregorian Chant for men and boys accompanied by their older brothers or fathers. For those with a little more experience, it can also serve as a great way to review the basics. **Meet in the choir loft.**

LADIES HOLY HEART MINI RETREAT - WED., DECEMBER 14

Ember Wednesday in Advent. 5 pm: Adoration and Vespers. 5:30 pm: Confessions. 6 pm: Rosary. 6:30pm: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. 6:45 pm Mass. Retreat talk given after Mass to the Ladies. Fast Day Social with penitential (meatless) potluck afterwards in Carmody Hall.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO THE CHRIST CHILD

December 16th - 24th. Take a copy of the Advent Family Devotions home to pray this novena. Daily video reflections can be found in the playlist for Christmas Novena from 2020 on the parish YouTube channel.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have a change of home address or phone number, please call or email the parish at saintstephenpdx@gmail.com / 503-234-5019, so your contact information may be updated in our parish system.

RCIA AT ST. STEPHEN

Those interested in becoming Catholic or taking the steps to learn more about the Catholic Faith can contact Joseph Salazar at jsalazar@archdpdx.org

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

12/4 Air Conditioning Fund
12/11 Security/Landscaping Fund
12/18 Rectory/Office Repairs

COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER 10:30 MASS

Join us after the Sunday 10:30 am Mass today for coffee, donuts and other good foods for lunch. A great social opportunity!

ALTAR BOY ENROLLMENT AND TRAINING

Contact Stephen or Dylan at: asofsscc@gmail.com

SUBSCRIBE TO THE PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Saint Stephen Catholic Church PDX.

<https://www.youtube.com/@saintstephenpdx>

MASS READINGS (Traditional Latin Mass - 1962 Missal)

Saturday: Rom. 10:10-18; Mark 16:15-18

Sunday: Rom. 15:4-13; Matt. 11:2-10

Monday: Rom. 15:4-13; Matt. 11:2-10

Tuesday: Heb. 13:7-17; Matt. 25:14-23

Wednesday: 2 Tim. 4:1-8; Matt. 5:13-19

Thursday: Prov. 8:22-35; Luke 1:26-28

Friday: Rom. 15:4-13; Matt. 11:2-10

Saturday: Isaias 7:10-15; Luke 1:26-38

Sunday: Phil. 4:4-7; John 1:19-28

LESSONS AT MATINS (Traditional Roman Breviary - 1962)

Find online at <http://divinumofficium.com> or as an app (Brevarium meum)

Saturday: Isaias 7:1-15; Eulogy of St. Francis Xavier, Confessor

Sunday: Isaias 11:1-10; Homily of Pope St. Gregory on the Gospels

Monday: Isaias 13:1-11

Tuesday: Isaias 14:1-6, 12-15; Eulogy of St. Nicholas, Bishop & Conf.

Wednesday: Isaias 16:1-8; Eulogy of St. Ambrose, Bishop, Conf., Doc.

Thursday: Gen. 3:1-15; Sermon of St. Jerome on the Assumption;
Excerpt from the Acts of Pope Pius IX; Homily of Patriarch
St. Germaine on the Presentation of the BVM

Friday: Isaias 24:1-16

Saturday: Isaias 25:1-12

Sunday: Isaias 26:1-14; Homily of Pope St. Gregory on the Gospels

DRESS CODE FOR THE CHURCH: A MESSAGE OF LOVE

Please dress with respect for the LORD and His Church. Formality is not necessary, but modesty is necessary. Dress for the occasion. Set a good example for others. Do not be a scandal to others. Men: dress like a gentleman and a man of God, rich or poor. Women: dress like a lady with the loveliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary as your guide. Your clothes need not be expensive or fancy, but clean, neat, feminine, respectful and modest. To help clarify, the following points are given as a helpful guide:

- No gym clothes, yoga clothes, revealing clothes or pajamas.
- No bare shoulders on men or women
- No cleavage, no bare chests. Ladies cover up. Men button up.
- No mini-skirts. Skirts should cover the knees while seated.
Men should wear long pants.
- No anti-Christian clothing, logos, jewelry, make-up.
- Tattoos should be covered (ask about getting de-commissioned)
- Remove piercings of tongues, lips, cheeks, eyelids, noses, or enlarged ears, etc., before entering the church.
- No Cross-dressing.
- No hair color that is unnatural (green, orange, blue, pink, etc.)

If you have tattoos, piercings, etc., from a former way of life, do your best to cover them up, and be humbled. We love you. Do not despair. Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future. Receive this guidance humbly with love. It is humbly given with love.