

## THE GREATER LITANIES ON APRIL 25TH - ROGATION DAY

Venerable Prosper Gueranger writes:

The real name of this procession is The Greater Litanies. The word Litany means Supplication, and is applied to the religious rite of singing certain chants whilst proceeding from place to place in order to propitiate heaven.

...the Greater Litanies (or processions) are so called to distinguish them from the Minor Litanies, that is, processions of less importance as far as the solemnity and concourse of the faithful were concerned. We gather from an expression of St. Gregory the Great that it was an ancient custom in the Roman Church to celebrate, once each year, a Greater Litany, at which all the clergy and people assisted. This holy Pontiff chose April 25th as the fixed day for this procession, appointed the Basilica of St. Peter as the Station.

Several writers have erroneously confounded this institution with the processions prescribed by St. Gregory for times of public calamity. It existed long before his time, and all that he did was to fix it on April 25. It is quite independent of the feast of St. Mark, which was instituted at a much later period.

...The question naturally presents itself—why did St. Gregory choose April 25th for a procession and Station in which everything reminds us of compunction and penance, and which would seem so out of keeping with the joyous season of Easter?

...in the fifth, and probably even in the fourth century, April 25 was observed in Rom as a day of great solemnity. The faithful went, on that day, to the Basilica of St. Peter in order to celebrate the anniversary of the first entrance of the Prince of the Apostles into Rom, upon which he thus conferred the inalienable privilege of being the capital of Christendom. It is from this day that we count the twenty-five years, two months and some days that St. Peter reigned as Bishop of Rome. The Sacramentary of St. Leo gives us the Mass of this solemnity, which afterwards ceased to be kept. ...April 25 comes so frequently during the octave of Easter that it could not be kept as a feast, properly so called, in honour of St. Peter's entrance into Rome; St. Gregory, therefore, adopted the only means left of commemorating the great event.

But there was a striking contrast...between the joys of Paschal Time and the penitential sentiments wherewith the faithful should assist at the procession and Station of the Great Litany. ...The Mass of the Station is celebrated according to the Lenten Rite, that is, without the Gloria in Excelsis, and in purple vestments. ...The people's presence at the Litanies is taken for granted: and it is simply absurd that a religious rite of public reparation should be one from which almost all should keep away. ... When St. Charles Borromeo first took possession of his see of Milan, he found this negligence among his people, and that they left the clergy to go through the Litanies of April 25 by themselves. He assisted at them himself, and walked bare-footed in the procession. The people soon followed the sainted pastor's example. (The Liturgical Year. Vol. 8. pp. 350ff)

**St. Stephen Catholic Church,  
Portland, Oregon  
Sunday April 24th, 2022**



St. Charles Borromeo leading the Greater Litanies

**Dominica in Albis  
Low Sunday/Quasimodo Sunday**

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

- Sat 4/23: + Larry Roise  
+ Sharon Miller
- Sunday 4/24: Jerry Schindler  
People of the Parish  
Cathy Luce
- \* Mon 4/25 Raymond Cardinal Burke
- \* Tues 4/26 + Gordon Dousett
- Wed 4/27: + Judy Rose Mooney  
Gregory Collins
- Thu 4/28: + Maria Vaganova
- Fri 4/29: Celeste Miller
- Sat 4/30: + Ellen Bresnahan Wall  
Meghan Storm
- Sunday 5/1: + Vincent and Genevieve Savelich  
People of the Parish  
+ Fr. Anthony Gerace

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

**Envelopes/Cash: \$3,876.05** +/- budget

**Online: \$2,892.50**

**Total WTD: \$6,768.55**      **Budget: \$5,900**      **+ \$868.55**

**Total MTD: \$21,062.58**      **Budget: \$17,700**      **+ \$3,362.58**

**Maint/Restore: \$3,676.25**      **Budget: \$2,083**      **+ \$1,593.25**

**Sacred Music: \$115.00**      **Budget: \$260**      **- \$145.00**

**St. Stephen Festival/Euch. Conf: \$250.00**

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

**MASS READINGS** (Traditional Latin Mass - 1962 Missal)

**Saturday:** 1 Peter 2:1-10; John 20:1-9

**Sunday:** 1 John 5:4-10; John 20:19-31

**Monday:** James 5:16-20; Luke 11:5-13

**Tuesday:** 1 Pet. 5:1-4, 10-11; Matt. 16:13-19

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

**Thursday:** 1 Cor. 1:17-25; Luke 10:1-9

**Friday:** 2 Tim. 2:8-10; 3:10-12; John 15:1-7

**Saturday:** 2 Cor. 10:17-18; 11:1,2; Matt. 25:1-13

**Sunday:** Col. 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matt. 13:54-58

**LESSONS AT MATINS** (Traditional Roman Breviary—1962)

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

**Saturday:** Homily of St. Gregory on John 20:1-9

**Sunday:** Col. 3:1-17; Homily of St. Gregory on John 20:19-31

**Monday:** Ezek. 1:1-12; St. Jerome on Ecclesiastical Writers; St. Gregory  
on the Prophet Ezekiel; Homily of St. Gregory on Luke 10:1-9

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:1-8, 14-27; Eulogy of Sts Cletus and Marcellinus

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-16; Eulogy of St. Peter Canisius

**Thursday:** Acts 5:1-16; Eulogy of St. Paul of the Cross

**Friday:** Acts 8:9-24; Eulogy of St. Peter of Verona

**Saturday:** Acts 10:1-17, 34-41; Eulogy of St. Catherine of Sienna

**Sunday:** Gen. 1:27-28, 31; 2:1-3, 7-9, 15; 3:17-19, 23-24; Acts of Pope  
Pius XII; Homily of St. Albert the Great on Matt. 13:54-58

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

5/1 Maintenance and Restoration

5/15 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal

## EASTER COFFEE AND DONUTS IN CARMODY HALL

Join us after the Sunday 10:30 am Mass for Coffee and various good things to nibble on. A great social opportunity!

## SUBSCRIBE TO THE PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL

**Saint Stephen Catholic Church PDX.** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCenluy9m\\_Zo\\_8lvGRz\\_72A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCenluy9m_Zo_8lvGRz_72A)

## PRIVATE MASSES SAID FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS

3/21: + Jan Patronek  
3/22: + Jan Patronek  
3/24: + Ludmila Bondar  
3/25: + Eileen W. Collins  
3/26: + Henry Simonsen  
3/27: + Wilma Simonsen  
3/29: Gayle M. Schreider  
4/6: Thanksgiving for the Infant Jesus  
4/7: The Tyson Family  
4/11: The Clark Family

## RETROVAILLE: MARRIAGE HELP FOR HURTING COUPLES

"Rediscover" A simple word, implying there was once a discovery. Try to remember way back in the beginning how you discovered each other, now you will learn to walk that path again. What you once knew about your love, you must now re-know or rediscover about each other.

Was infidelity not part of your game plan? Do you find yourselves fighting, fighting and more fighting about... well just about everything? Or maybe you don't even talk at all and you each have retreated into the married yet single lifestyle. No matter how hard... how ugly... or how bad it has become, thousands of couples stand as living testimony that there is hope. A hope that transcends the pain and is born through rediscovery. That rediscovery is found in the Retrouvaille Program.

The Program consists of a weekend event dedicated and committed entirely to each other. Combine that weekend with a follow-up series of 12 post-weekend sessions held over the next 6 weeks and your lives will change. You will learn to use specific tools to help you pick up the pieces and start putting your marriage back together again.

Portland, Oregon Weekend Retreats:

**Spanish:** June 3-5, 2022. Register by May 30th.

**English:** Sept 9-11, 2022. Register by Sept. 5th

Cost per couple: \$300.00.

Contact Phone: 541-936-2448 or 360-909-5253 (Spanish)  
503-225-9191 (English)

Contact Email; [portland@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:portland@helpourmarriage.org)

Community Website; <https://oregonretrovaille.com/>

## This week's schedule:

### Sat, Apr. 23rd: Easter Saturday (1st Class)

- 8 am: Adoration and Sung Lauds
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass
- 10-11 am: Confessions
- 4 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5 pm: Betrothal Ceremony followed by English Mass

### Sunday, Apr. 24th: Low Sunday (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
- 4 pm: Adoration, Sung None; & Divine Mercy Devotion
- 5:00 pm Sung Latin Vespers
- 6 pm: Low Latin Mass

### Monday, April 25th: The Greater Litanies Procession & Mass (2nd Cl)

- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers (Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist)
- 5:30 pm: The Greater Litanies Procession (Approx 1 hour)
- 6:30 pm (Approx) Low Latin Rogation Mass

### Tuesday, April 26th: Sts Cletus & Marcellinus, Popes/Martyrs (3rd Cl)

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

### Wednesday, April 27th: St. Peter Canisius, Doctor (3rd Class)

- 12 Noon: Low Latin Mass
- 5 pm: Adoration and Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:40 pm: Confessions
- 6 pm: Public Rosary
- 6:30 pm: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:45 pm: Low Latin Mass followed by Holy League Sermon

### Thursday, April 28th: St. Paul of the Cross, Confessor (3rd Class)

- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:30 pm: Confessions
- 6:45 pm: Low Latin Mass

### Friday, Apr. 29th: St. Peter of Verona, Martyr (3rd Class)

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

### Sat, Apr. 30th: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin (3rd Class)

- 8 am: Adoration and Sung Lauds
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass
- 10-11 am: Confessions followed by Rosary Walk
- 4 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5 pm: English Mass

### Sunday, May 1st: St. Joseph the Workman (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

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

### BETROTHAL CEREMONY

4/23: Gina Rousseau to Levi Barros at 5 pm

### MATRIMONY

5/28: Guidos/Tobusch Wedding at 1 pm

### DIVINE MERCY ADORATION AND DEVOTION

Sunday, April 24th. 4 pm Adoration with Sung None, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany. Adoration continues through Vespers followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### THE GREATER LITANIES - APRIL 25TH

Pre-dating the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, the Church has long commemorated the entrance of St. Peter in Rome on April 25th with a Rogation Mass and Procession. This liturgy is penitential in the midst of the Easter Season.

- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:30 pm: Sung Litanies and Procession (approx 1 hour)
- 6:30 pm (Approx): Low Latin Rogation Mass.

### MEN'S HOLY LEAGUE NIGHT - WEDNESDAY APRIL 27TH

- 5 pm Adoration and Vespers;
- 5:30 pm Confessions,
- 6:00 pm Rosary,
- 6:45 pm Mass, followed by Sermon and Social.

### ROSARY WALK PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, April 30th. The Feast of St. Catherine of Sienna. Join us to wrap our Lady's Rosary like a lasso of blessings around the parish boundaries. Approximately 6.8 mile walk. Bring a sack lunch and bottle of water. No pets. Meet in front of the church at 11:15 am. We depart at 11:30 am and return around 3:30 pm.

### PHILOSOPHY NIGHT: THE VIRTUE OF OBEDIENCE

Tuesday, May 3rd. 7 pm. Carmody Hall.

Fr. Eric Andersen, presenter. "The Virtue of Obedience." Various sources will be cited including Plato, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Alphonsus de Liguori, St. Claude de la Colombière, St. Louis de Montfort, and others. Ages: High School and up. Snacks provided.

### LADIES HOLY HEART MINI-RETREAT - MAY 4TH

- 5 pm Adoration and Vespers;
- 5:30 pm Confessions,
- 6:00 pm Rosary,
- 6:45 pm Mass, followed by Sermon and Social

## MORE EVENTS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA RETREAT DAY - SAT. MAY 14TH

Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady's Blue Army, Saturday, May 14, 8am to noon at St. Stephen Parish, 1112 SE 41st Ave. Portland. 8 am Adoration and Lauds, 9 am Low Latin Mass, 10 am Rosary and Confessions, 10:30 am Refreshments. 11 am Talk by Fr. Eric Andersen "Sister Lucia and the Blue Army". Free will offering. For more info call 503-914-8411.

### MOVIE NIGHT: THE MIRACLE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA (1952)

Saturday, May 14th. Carmody Hall. Potluck at 6 pm. Movie starts after Dinner. In this story based on true events of 1917, three Portuguese children share a miraculous, prophetic vision of the Virgin Mary. Warner Bros. Technicolor. 1 Hour, 42 minutes.



### SAVE THE DATE: PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. JOSEPH EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE. AUG 1-5TH, 2022.

We welcome the priests of the FSSJ back to the parish for Solemn Masses, a 40 Hours Devotion, Eucharistic Processions, Conferences and goodness for parishioners and guests from all over the place. The theme for this year's conference is: The Virtues: Human and Divine.

### CHESTERTON ACADEMY-PARENT INFO NIGHT

Chesterton Academy of Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, a Classical High School in the Catholic Tradition, opening up Fall of 2022, is hosting a Parent Information Night. April 30th, 2022 from 7-9 pm at Aquinas Hall. 340 NE Clackamas St. Portland, Oregon. 97232. Please RSVP at <https://chestertonfrassati.org/>