

St. Stephen Catholic Church

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January 21, 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Lumen Christi Missal page 346)



Mass Schedule

Mon – Sat: Check weekly for daily Mass times posted inside bulletin

Sunday: 8:00 AM Latin Mass
(Extraordinary Form)
10:30 AM Sung Parish Mass

Sacraments

Reconciliation:

Sat. 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

Sun. 9:00 AM-10:15 AM

Thurs. 6:35 PM-7:00 PM

Marriage: Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance.

Infant Baptism: Contact 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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MASS READINGS

(Ordinary Form)

Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 / Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 / Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17 / Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22:3-16 / Mk 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tm 1:1-18 / Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 / Mk 4:35-41

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal in chapel
	9:00 am	CCD in rectory basement
	11:30 am	Coffee and Donuts in gym
Monday	10:00 am	Bible Study in rectory basement
Tuesday	10:00 am	Homeschool in rectory basement
Thursday	7:00 pm	RCIA begins with Vespers in church
Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal in chapel
	9:00 am	CCD in rectory basement
	11:30 am	Coffee and Donuts in gym

OFFERTORY REPORT

	January 14	Fiscal Year-to-Date*
Regular Collections	\$2,141.63	(*Beginning July 1st)
Electronic Giving	\$...210.00	
Total	\$2,351.63	\$124,013.18
Budgeted	\$4,800.00	\$117,600.00
Budget +/-	-\$2,448.37	+\$6,413.18

Thank you for your sacrificial offerings.

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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today for the Catholic Communications Campaign.
Next Sunday, January 28 for St. Stephen's Maintenance and Restoration Fund (last Sunday of each month).

LITURGY AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

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Sunday Lectionary Year B / Weekday Lectionary II
Eucharistic Prayer IV with Accompanying Preface

Sunday, January 21

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8:00 am	Latin Mass (1962 Missal - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany) (People of the Parish)
9:00 am	Confessions
10:30 am	Mass (Vincent Quinter)
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany)

Monday, January 22

Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:45 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - SS. Vincent & Anastasius, Martyrs)
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Tuesday, January 23

Weekday in Ordinary Time (Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin)

7:30 am	No Mass
Noon	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - St. Raymond of Peñafort, Confessor) (+All the Faithful Departed)

Wednesday, January 24

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7:30 am	Mass (+William Perkins)
6:45 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - St. Timothy, Bishop & Martyr) (+Joyce Sample)

Thursday, January 25

Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle, Feast

7:30 am	Mass (+Juana Pulanco)
6:30-7:00 pm	Adoration and Confessions
7:00 pm	Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, January 26

Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

7:30 am	Mass (Anne and Laszlo Kiss)
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Saturday, January 27

Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

8:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am	Mass (+Raymond Arrigotti)
9:30 am	Confessions

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Latin Mass (1962 Missal - Septuagesima Sunday) (Lisa Elias)
9:00 am	Confessions
10:30 am	Mass (People of the Parish)
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary)

MONTHLY SUNG LATIN MASS

The pastoral council has recommended that the parish celebrate a monthly sung Latin high Mass at the 10:30 Mass once a month. This will enable families to participate who otherwise cannot make it to the 8 am Mass. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. ERIC ANDERSEN

(continued from last week)

Why is there a stigma against cremation? Let's look at the history of cremation: The Catholic Encyclopedia gives us this: "The custom of burning the bodies of the dead dates back to very early times. The Pre-Canaanites practised it until the introduction of inhumation among them along with the civilization of the Semitic people about 2500 B.C. History reveals no trace of incineration among the Jewish people, except in extraordinary circumstances of war and pestilence" (Devlin, William. "Cremation." The Catholic Encyclopedia. Vol. 4. New York: Robert Appleton Company, 1908.).

"The Christians never burned their dead, but followed from earliest days the practice of the Semitic race and the personal example of their Divine Founder. It is recorded that in times of persecution many risked their lives to recover the bodies of martyrs for the holy rites of Christian burial. The pagans, to destroy faith in the resurrection of the body, often cast the corpses of martyred Christians into the flames, fondly believing thus to render impossible the resurrection of the body" (*ibidem*).

The practice of cremation seems to have become an issue in the late 18th and 19th centuries with the rise of "cremation societies" in western Europe inspired by the heresy of naturalism (a denial of the supernatural), or of pantheism and the belief in re-incarnation. The act of cremation was an anti-Catholic statement promoted by organizations that actively sought to undermine Catholic teaching. This attitude persists today and this is why the Catholic Church continues to prohibit cremation when "the choice is based on a 'sectarian spirit'; ... (or) if there is a hatred of the Catholic religion or the Church" (Funeral Policy of the Archdiocese of Portland, p. 6).

What does it mean to have a 'sectarian spirit?' One might consider him/herself Catholic but "refuse to accept the entire doctrine or to acknowledge the supreme authority of the Catholic Church" (Weber, Nicholas. "Sect and Sects." The Catholic Encyclopedia. Vol. 13. New York: Robert Appleton Company, 1912.). In such a case, it would be an act of rebellion to choose cremation as an effort to assert his/her independence or autonomy from the Church. That would be the worst reason to choose cremation. If, however, one chose cremation for innocent reasons, without guile, or out of financial necessity, then there would be no dogmatic opposition to the practice.

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COFFEE AND DONUTS

AFTER 10:30 AM MASS TODAY IN GYM

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

SUNDAY VESPERS IN THE CHURCH

This Sunday, Vespers will be sung in Latin in the church at 5 pm, according to the Roman Breviary of 1962. If you have a *Liber Usualis*, please bring it. Otherwise, booklets are available in Latin with English translations to follow along.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

Our Parish Bible Study Program **every Monday** at 10:00 am in the rectory basement. Currently, all are invited to a deepening of faith through a prayerful, personal, and practical study of the Wisdom Books of the Bible.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

Join Archbishop Cordileone and tens of thousands of Americans **in San Francisco on Saturday, January 27**, for the Walk for Life West Coast. For more information, visit: <http://www.walkforlifewc.com/event-info/>.

LEARN TO READ WRITTEN MUSIC

(or just brush up rusty skills)

The first of three Sunday afternoon music classes at Saint Stephen's on **January 28th** will review all the basics of reading printed music. We'll cover both conventional notation (oval/round notes) and chant notation (square notes), with an emphasis on practical, applied knowledge that will allow you to sing in the liturgy with more confidence. Families are welcome to bring children: the content presupposes solid word-reading skills, but nothing more. We'll start at 3:45 pm sharp and finish in time for a 15-minute break before Vespers begins at 5:00 pm. Come one, come all!

CANDLEMAS MASS & PROCESSION

Friday, February 2nd at 7 pm. The Purification of the Blessed Virgin and the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. Sung Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form (1962 Missal). Candles will be blessed and distributed and processed.

MEN'S HOLY LEAGUE: WEDS., FEB. 7TH

Attention men of the parish! 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.

- 6:45 pm Latin Low Mass - 1962 Missal (Feast of St. Romuald, Abbot)
- 7:20 pm Fraternity in the Rectory Basement
- 8:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration in the church with Sermon, Confessions, Rosary, and Benediction.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

St. Stephen will provide contribution statements to those who have given to St. Stephen via postal mail, offertory envelopes with number or bill pay. If you have given to St. Stephen via easy tithing during the 2017 year, you will need to print your own contribution statement by logging into your easy tithing account. If you have any questions please contact Sr. Anne-Therese in the parish office at 503-234-5019 or email saintstephenpdx@gmail.com.

UPDATE: Contribution Statements were sent out on Thursday 1/11/2018. Please keep a lookout for them. Only those who have contributed a total amount of \$250 + for the tax year 2017 will receive one. If you do notice an error or discrepancy, please call or email Sr. Anne-Therese in the Parish office and she will be happy to fix it for you.

TRAVELING CRIB

The **Traveling Crib** will be coming to St. Stephen's for the **month of February**. The crib will be here to collect baby items and maternity supplies for **Pregnancy & Parenting Support Program** at Catholic Charities. This will be a practical way we can support women facing difficult situations, who have said "**YES**" to new life. Last year, **Pregnancy & Parenting Support Program** supported over 200 women and their babies with diapers, clothes, counseling, parenting and relationship education classes, rent and utility assistance. Items that are most needed include: new or gently used **0 – 3 month clothes, diaper wipes, pack-n-plays, and maternity clothes**. There will be a complete list of needed items next to the crib when it arrives. For more information call 503-238-5196. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and partnership in our life-affirming ministry!

HONDURAS 2018

Do you feel called to join a mission trip to Honduras this summer? Participants would arrive in La Paz, Honduras, on June 14 and depart for home on June 27. Cost is return flight to Tegucigalpa (currently \$940) plus a contribution towards group expenses of, hopefully, under \$600. So approximately \$1,600 total at current flight prices. Donations to help those who might not be able afford this would be welcome. This is a great opportunity to serve Christ in the poor and to assist a local priest in his pastoral outreach of teaching the faith to children. If you would like to know more about going on the trip or financially assisting the mission, please see Father John Boyle as soon as possible. There is already a group going from Upper Michigan and there are just a few places available. Further information at <http://www.sirvientesdecristo.com/>

PHILOSOPHY NIGHT: DANTE'S PURGATORIO

Guest speaker Jeffrey Moore will present a talk entitled: "Do Not Abandon Hope All Ye That Enter Here – Dante's Purgatorio and the Assent to Love". The translation of The Divine Comedy: Purgatorio by Anthony Esolen will inform the discussion. **Thursday, February 15th, 2018**. Adoration begins at 6:30 pm in the church. Philosophy Night begins at 7 pm in the Rectory Basement. Ages high-school and up. Refreshments will be served.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM


St. Stephen is continuing to form a Bereavement Team. Thank you to those who have already joined. Here is the plan for the team... when we know the details of an upcoming funeral an email will be sent out with a request for help. The help could consist of prayers for the deceased and family or assistance at a reception, etc. Our goal is to have a big enough team that no one feels they need to assist beyond prayers at every event. After all, prayers from the team is our biggest asset. Please contact Jennifer Williams at jillwilliams@yahoo.com or call/text [304-972-4003](tel:304-972-4003) to join.

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 2018-2019 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>, or by calling 503- 233-8348.



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THREE SUNDAY AFTERNOONS
REVIEWING CORE SKILLS AND CONCEPTS

Septuagesima Term 2018
from 3:45 until 4:45 PM
followed by SUNG VESPERS

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| January 28 | MUSICAL NOTATION : a comprehensive review of Gregorian chant and modern musical symbols |
| February 4 | CHANTING LATIN PSALMS : keys to fluency in singing the Vulgate psalter to traditional tones |
| February 11 | CHANT JUST PAST THE BASICS : practice with singing antiphons and responses in Latin and in English |