

St. Stephen Catholic Church

1112 SE 41st Avenue, Portland, OR 97214

Parish Office: 503.234.5019 / Sacramental Emergency: 503.201.0446

www.saintstephenpdx.com

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday on Lent

(Lumen Christi Missal page 121)



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
In residence:	Rev. John Boyle, JCL jboyle@archdpdx.org
Director of Sacred Music	Dr. Daniel Page dpage@archdpdx.org
R.C.I.A./Adult Faith Formation:	Rachel Weldon rweldon@archdpdx.org
Youth Faith Formation	Victoria Mears drvamears@yahoo.com
Administrative Ass't:	Sr. Anne-Thérèse Nguyen, MTG saintstephenpdx@gmail.com
Pastoral Council Chair	Shawn Natola snatola@gmail.com
Finance Council Chair	James Mears jamesmmears@gmail.com

MASS READINGS

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b / Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

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
	7:30 pm	Chant Schola in chapel
Tuesday	10:00 am	Homeschool in rectory basement
	7:30 pm	Finance Council in conference room
Wednesday	7:20 pm	Men's Holy League Fraternity in the rectory basement
Thursday	7:00 pm	RCIA begins with Vespers in church
Friday	6:00 pm	Meatless Soup & Sandwich Potluck in rectory basement
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

	February 25	Fiscal Year-to-Date*
Regular Collections	\$4,217.55	(*Beginning July 1st)
Electronic Giving	\$...460.00	
Total	\$4,677.55	\$156,067.86
Budgeted	\$4,800.00	\$146,400.00
Budget +/-	-\$122.45	+9,667.86

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.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday Lectionary Year B / Weekday Lectionary II
Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I
Proper Preface for the Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 4

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>) (People of the Parish)
9:00 am	Confessions
10:30 am	Mass (Year A Readings) (+Philomena Silvio)
4:00 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary)

Monday, March 5

Lenten Weekday

6:45 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal)
---------	------------------------------

Tuesday, March 6

Lenten Weekday

7:30 am	Mass (OLLV 100)
Noon	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>Comm. Sts. Perpetua & Felicity</i>) (OLLV 99)

Wednesday, March 7

Lenten Weekday (Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs)

7:30 am	Mass (OLLV 98)
6:45 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>Comm. St. Thomas Aquinas</i>) (OLLV 97)
8:00 pm	Men's Holy League Holy Hour

Thursday, March 8

Lenten Weekday (Saint John of God, Religious)

7:30 am	Mass (OLLV 74)
6:30-7:00 pm	Adoration and Confessions
7:00 pm	Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, March 9

Lenten Weekday (Saint Frances of Rome, Religious)

7:30 am	Mass (OLLV 73)
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Confessions

Saturday, March 10

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am	Mass (OLLV 96)
9:30 am	Confessions

Sunday, March 11

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>) (OLLV 95)
9:00 am	Confessions
10:30 am	Mass (People of the Parish)
4:00 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary)

HEADSETS AVAILABLE DURING MASS IN THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. ERIC ANDERSEN

Two years ago on Holy Thursday, preparing for the Triduum, it became clear that there was no practical way to empty the holy water from the baptismal font because it was not installed with a sacrarium to drain the water into the ground. The font can only recirculate the water and quite a bit of sediment by means of a pump. We have tried flushing bleach water through, but this is not sufficient to solve the problem and holy water should not contain added bleach. Due to cold and flu season, and for general reasons of hygiene, it is not suitable for a holy water font. There are also reasons why the font is not suitable for the sacrament of Baptism:

The Requirements for the Celebration of Baptism (from the Roman Ritual: Rite of Baptism for Children, 1969): ¶18. The water used in baptism should be true water and, both for the sake of authentic sacramental symbolism and for hygienic reasons, should be pure and clean. ¶19. The baptismal font, or the vessel in which on occasion the water is prepared for celebration of the sacrament in the sanctuary, should be spotlessly clean and of pleasing design.

Here we see the problem: The baptismal font cannot actually be suitably cleaned, much less spotlessly cleaned, nor can it provide pure and clean hygienic water necessary for baptisms. To help put this into context, here follows a fairly modern commentary on the Roman Ritual regarding the cleanliness of baptismal water (taken from O’Kane, James. Notes on the Rubrics of the Roman Ritual. Dublin: James Duffy and Co., 1938):

¶181. The water which is poured on the head in Baptism should never be permitted to fall back into the font from which it is taken. It should either fall immediately into the sacrarium of the baptistry or be received in a basin or vessel provided for the purpose, and be afterwards poured into the sacrarium of the baptistery or of the Church. The object of the rubric is to preserve the water from impurities, and to prevent the danger of infection.

We see here that a baptismal font may not double as a holy water font. The two different types of fonts have different purposes—though related to one another; and baptisms require altogether separate, pure, and hygienic water. For these various reasons, particularly those of hygiene, we will no longer use the current font.

Finally there is the problem of its placement obstructing the main aisle of the church. St. Stephen’s was not designed to have a fountain blocking the main aisle. It is difficult to maneuver funeral caskets around it, and when it was installed in the mid 2000s, 1/3 of the pews were removed from the church, widening the center aisle to make room for it. For all these reasons, we will be removing the entire structure of the font with the plan of acquiring a baptismal font in keeping with the architecture of the church, to be placed in a more practicable location.

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.

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES

During the Lenten season, we will be offering extra times for Confession. **These will be Friday evenings at 7:30 pm after the Stations of the Cross and Sunday afternoons at 4 pm before Sung vespers.** Please take advantage of these and the regularly scheduled times to make a good confession this Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & POTLUCK SUPPER FRIDAYS IN LENT

Join us during **Fridays of Lent** for meatless Soup and Sandwich potluck supper at 6 pm in the rectory basement followed by Stations of the Cross in the church at 7 pm.

NEW DIRECTION FOR PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Our Parish Bible Study Program will meet with Sister Rose Mesa, FSE on **Monday, March 4th** at 10:00 am in the rectory basement to discuss the next direction to take in our studies and reflections.

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

During **the month of March**, the Church prays to Saint Joseph. Novena Prayers will be available near the altar to Saint Joseph in the Church, and also in the Narthex. One may either pray a nine-day novena from March 10-19th or a month long novena for the whole month of March. The Solemnity of Saint Joseph will be celebrated on **Monday, March 19th** with a Sung Latin Mass at 7 pm.

MEN’S HOLY LEAGUE: WEDS, MAR 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
- 7:20 pm Fraternity in the Rectory Basement
- 8:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration in the church with Sermon, Confessions, Rosary, and Benediction.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Jeremy Crosen and Monica Culver
Joseph and Bernadette Hayden
Michael and Abigail Favale

LENTEN ABSTINENCE

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on the **Fridays of Lent**, and Good Friday. All Catholics between ages 18 and 59 are to fast on Good Friday. To fast means to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken for good health but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed.

DR RAY GUERENDI

"STRENGTHEN YOUR FAMILY..."

Join Mater Dei Radio for three exciting nights with EWTN's Dr. Ray Guarendi. Equip yourself for Lent! Don't miss Dr. Ray's "*Strengthen Your Family with Catholic Media*" on **March 12-14** in Vancouver, Eugene, and Portland. Tickets are free, but *very* limited. Get yours now at MaterDeiRadio.com.

PASSION SUNDAY MARCH 18TH

Based upon the requests of several families and the recommendation of the Pastoral Council, we will be celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass, according to the 1962 Roman Missal, once a month at the 10:30 am Mass so that more families, children and choir members can participate. Archbishop Sample has approved this, and he requested that on these weekends, we switch the Masses so that the English Ordinary Form be celebrated at 8 am when the Latin Mass is celebrated at 10:30 am. The first occasion here at St. Stephen's will be on March 18th, when we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent in English at 8:00 am followed by a Sung Latin Mass of Passion Sunday at 10:30 am. CCD, Confessions, and choir rehearsal will all occur as usual at 9 am between the Masses.

FORMED FOR LENT

Learn more at formed.org or download the app at app.formed.org. Type in access code: YTVZ8H and register. Thank you to Archbishop Sample and the Archdiocese of Portland for subsidizing this gift.

JAMES THURMAN:

RECEPTION OF MINISTRIES

As part of his formation in the permanent diaconate program, our parishioner Mr. James Thurman will receive the ministries of instituted Lector and Acolyte **next Sunday, March 11th**, at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Agatha's in Sellwood. Archbishop Sample will confer the ministries to two men at the Mass. Please include Mr. Thurman in your prayers during this time of formation. He will return to St. Stephen's to exercise his ministries on **Sunday, March 18th**.

ATTN: PARENTS OF

1ST COMMUNION CHILDREN

There will be an informational/catechetical meeting on **Sunday, March 18th** at 12:15 pm for parents whose children will be making their first Confessions and first Holy Communion this spring. Fr. Andersen will meet with you in the CCD classroom in the Rectory Basement. RSVP to Victoria Mears: drvamears@yahoo.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

You're invited to join other faithful Christians **through March 25** for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life Vigil hours at Lovejoy Surgicenter are from 7 am to 7 pm daily at 933 NW 25th Avenue, Portland. If you would like more information, please go to 40daysforlife.com/portland or contact Therese Ruesink at 503-997-1884 or ruesinktherese@comcast.net.

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II TO ARTISTS

Towards a renewed dialogue

10. It is true nevertheless that, in the modern era, alongside this Christian humanism which has continued to produce important works of culture and art, another kind of humanism, marked by the absence of God and often by opposition to God, has gradually asserted itself. Such an atmosphere has sometimes led to a separation of the world of art and the world of faith, at least in the sense that many artists have a diminished interest in religious themes.

You know, however, that the Church has not ceased to nurture great appreciation for the value of art as such. Even beyond its typically religious expressions, true art has a close affinity with the world of faith, so that, even in situations where culture and the Church are far apart, art remains a kind of bridge to religious experience. In so far as it seeks the beautiful, fruit of an imagination which rises above the everyday, art is by its nature a kind of appeal to the mystery. Even when they explore the darkest depths of the soul or the most unsettling aspects of evil, artists give voice in a way to the universal desire for redemption.

It is clear, therefore, why the Church is especially concerned for the dialogue with art and is keen that in our own time there be a new alliance with artists, as called for by my revered predecessor Paul VI in his vibrant speech to artists during a special meeting he had with them in the Sistine Chapel on 7 May 1964.(17) From such cooperation the Church hopes for a renewed "epiphany" of beauty in our time and apt responses to the particular needs of the Christian community.