

St. Stephen Catholic Church

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February 18, 2018
First Sunday on Lent
(Lumen Christi Missal page 99)



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
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MASS READINGS

(Ordinary Form)

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11? Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

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	No Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Chant Schola in chapel
Tuesday	10:00 am	Homeschool in rectory basement
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Holy Heart Mini-Retreat Potluck Supper in 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 11	Fiscal Year-to-Date*
Regular Collections	\$3,177.41	(*Beginning July 1st)
Electronic Giving	\$...210.00	
Total	\$3,387.41	\$147,005.04
Budgeted	\$4,800.00	\$136,800.00
Budget +/-	-\$1,412.59	+\$10,205.04

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

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday Lectionary Year B / Weekday Lectionary II

Eucharistic Prayer I

Preface I for Sundays in Lent

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Sung Latin Mass (1962 Missal - *First Sunday of Lent*) (People of the Parish)

9:00 am Confessions

10:30 am Mass (Scott Stewart)

4:00 p Confessions

5:00 pm Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary)

Monday, February 19

Lenten Weekday

6:45 pm Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal)

Tuesday, February 20

Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Mass (+Max Francois)

Noon Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal)
(Shelly Wagner)

Wednesday, February 21

Lenten Weekday (Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

7:30 am Mass (Jim and Marquerite Rozelle)

6:00 pm Confessions

6:45 pm Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - *Ember Wednesday of Lent*) followed by Adoration
Women's Mini-Retreat Talk and Benediction
(Charles Gillies and Family)

Thursday, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle, Feast

7:30 am Mass (+All the Faithful Departed)

6:30-7:00 pm Adoration and Confessions

7:00 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, February 23

Lenten Weekday (Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr)

7:30 am Mass (+Larry Roise)

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by
Confessions

Saturday, February 24

Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 am Mass (+Rob M. Miller)

9:30 am Confessions

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - *Second Sunday of Lent*) (+All the Faithful Departed)

9:00 am Confessions

10:30 am Mass (People of the Parish)

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary)

FROM THE DESK OF FR. ERIC ANDERSEN

Venerable Prosper Gueranger writes: "The life of a faithful Christian, like that of the patriarch Abraham, is neither more nor less than a courageous journeying onwards to the place destined for him by his Creator. He must put aside everything that could impede his progress, nor must he look back. This is, undoubtedly, hard doctrine; but if we reflect, for a moment, on the dangers which surround fallen man during his earthly pilgrimage, and on what our own sad experience has taught us, we shall not think it hard or strange, that our Saviour has made the renouncing and denying of ourselves an essential condition of our salvation. But independently of this, is it not far better to put our life under God's guidance, than to keep it in our own? Are we so wise or so strong, as to be able to guide ourselves? We may resist as we please, but God is our sovereign Lord and Master; and by giving us free-will, whereby we may either resist His will or follow it, He has not abdicated His own infinite rights to His creatures' obedience. Our refusal to obey would not make Him less our Master.

Had Abraham, after receiving the divine call, chosen to remain in Chaldea, and refused to break up the home which God had bade him leave, God would then have selected some other man to be the patriarch of His chosen people, and father of that very family, which was to have the Messias as one of its children. This substitution of one for another in the order of grace is frequently forced upon divine justice; but what a terrible punishment it is for him that caused the substitution! When a soul refuses salvation, heaven does not therefore lose one of its elect: God, finding that He is despised by the one He called, offers the grace to another, until His call is followed.

The Christian life consists in this untiring, unreserved obedience to God. The first effect of this spirit of submission is, that it takes the soul from the region of sin and death, wherein she was wasting away her existence; it takes her from the dark Chaldea, and places her in the promised land of light. Lest she should faint on her way along the narrow path, and fall a victim to the dangers which never leave her because they are within herself, God asks her for sacrifices, and these brace her." (Abbot Guerange, OSB. The Liturgical Year. Vol. 4: Septuagesima. p. 196f)

The holy season of Lent with its fasting and abstinence, prayer, and almsgiving is upon us. We have an opportunity to make sacrifices as we accompany our Lord Jesus Christ in His 40 days of fasting. Let us make haste if we have not yet begun. If we have begun, let us persevere. The daily hymn for the Office of Prime reminds us: "Scant meed of food, excess denied, Wear down in us the body's pride..." Our Lord has told us that a humble and contrite heart is the most pleasing sacrifice. Therefore, let us wear down our pride by holy Lenten practices - prayer, fasting, almsgiving.

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 Latin Vespers.** Please take advantage of these and the regularly scheduled times to make a good confession this Lent.

HOLY HEART MINI-RETREAT: FEB 21ST

Attention Catholic Women – single, married, moms, daughters, widows and girls – are invited to a Holy Heart Mini-Retreat. **Wednesday, February 21st** beginning with Confessions at 6 pm; Latin Low Mass at 6:45 followed by adoration with a Retreat Talk and Benediction. Potluck supper follows at 8 pm. Sign up for the potluck at: <https://www.mealtrain.com/potlucks/r37w2d>

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.

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our parish goal is \$8,111.76. This appeal provides funds to support seminarian education, priest support and retirement, campus ministries and essential parish-based ministries that would find it difficult, if not impossible, to operate solely on parish funds. If you have not already done so, please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our Catholic Church in Western Oregon. It is important for all of us to participate and support our universal Church here in Western Oregon.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, February 25th for St. Stephen's Maintenance/Restoration Fund (last Sunday of the month)

FORMED: GIFT FOR EVERY PARISHIONER

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.

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. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Lovejoy Surgicenter in Portland. As faithful Christians, we have a responsibility to witness to the culture of life! Come out and see how God will use YOU to help mothers and save the lives of unborn children. The "no-show" rate for abortions is as high as 75% when people are present praying on abortion day. Please join us! 40 Days for Life Vigil hours at Lovejoy Surgicenter are from 7 AM to 7 PM daily. Lovejoy Surgicenter is located at [933 NW 25th Avenue, Portland](#). If you would like more information, and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please go to 40daysforlife.com/portland or contact Therese Ruesink at 503-997-1884 or ruesinktherese@comcast.net.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY RESUMES FEB. 26TH

There will be no Bible Study on Monday, February 19th. Our Parish Bible Study Program will resume on **Monday, February 26th** at 10:00 am in the rectory basement. As we complete our session on the Wisdom Books, we will discuss the next direction to take in our studies and reflections. All are invited!

INSTRUCTION IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH

If you have been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. The faith formation sessions are opportunities for you to ask any perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. **Each Thursday evening**, we begin at 7:00 p.m. with Vespers in the Church. Class resumes, after Vespers, in the rectory basement starting at 7:30 p.m. Rachel Weldon, Faith Formation Director 503-234-2964 rweldon@archdpdx.org.

TRAVELING CRIB THIS MONTH

The **Traveling Crib** is at St. Stephen's for the **month of February**. The crib is here to collect baby items and maternity supplies for **Pregnancy & Parenting Support Program** at Catholic Charities. This is a practical way we can support women facing difficult situations, who have said **"YES"** to new life. Items are most needed include: new or gently used **0-3 month clothes, diaper wipes, pack-n-plays, and maternity clothes**. There is a complete list of needed items next to the crib.

LIFESAVER RETREATS

LifeSaver Retreats are one-day retreats for Catholic eighth grade students sponsored by Northwest Family Services and supported by the Archdiocese of Portland. They focus on the sacredness of human life, teen chastity, and other issues the students will face in the years to come. The cost to each student is \$7.00. The next retreats are scheduled for **Friday, Feb. 23 and Friday, March 16** at Northwest Family Services in Milwaukie from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information: LifeSaver Retreat Youth Educator, Allie Labrousse, Northwest Family Services. Phone: [503-546-6377](tel:503-546-6377). Email: alabrousse@nwfs.org.



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.

ROLES OF THE CLERGY, CHOIR, AND CONGREGATION AT SUNG MASS

A sung Mass in the Roman Rite--in either its Ordinary Form or its Extraordinary Form--brings together the participation of priests, deacons, cantors and other singers, and the assembled faithful in an ordered sacramental act. Within this order, each participant possesses a specific role in the sung parts of the Mass: the priest-celebrant sings the primary dialogues, orations (collects), Preface, and other priestly prayers; the deacon (or priest) the Gospel; the subdeacon the Epistle; the choir the Entrance, Gradual (Psalm), Alleluia, Offertory, and Communion chants; and the congregation the principal dialogues and the Ordinary of the Mass (Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, Agnus Dei). Moreover, each of these sung parts of the Mass has either its own, very characteristic melodic formula or a specific melodic style that sets it apart almost as a type of musical DNA. For example, Collects at Mass are sung to the same basic tone (pattern) not shared by other prayers, just as the Gospel has its own tone distinct from the Epistle. Chants of the Gloria and Creed are most syllabic (one note per syllable), while chants of the Kyrie, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei typically extend and elaborate these otherwise short texts. Likewise, the chants between the readings are ordered toward contemplation--a sort of liturgical *lectio divina* rather than merely 'getting through' the prescribed texts. And so, through repeated, consistent experience of the well-ordered sung Mass, the profound design and meaning of the sacred rites seeps ever more deeply into our prayer and into our participation in the Holy Sacrifice.