

St. Stephen Catholic Church

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February 11, 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Lumen Christi Missal page 381)



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@archdpx.org
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MASS READINGS

(Ordinary Form)

Monday:	Jas 1:1-11 / Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18 / Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32

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
	3:45 pm	Chant Just Past the Basics in church
Monday	10:00 am	Bible Study in rectory basement
	7:30 pm	Chant Schola in chapel
Tuesday	10:00 am	Homeschool in rectory basement
Thursday	6:00 pm	RCIA meets in church
	7:00 pm	Philosophy Night in rectory basement
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

OFFERTORY REPORT

	February 4	Fiscal Year-to-Date*
Regular Collections	\$5,017.06	(*Beginning July 1st)
Electronic Giving	\$1,710.00	
Total	\$6,727.06	\$143,617.63
Budgeted	\$4,800.00	\$132,000.00
Budget +/-	+\$1,927.06	+\$11,617.63

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Lectionary Year B / Weekday Lectionary II

Eucharistic Prayer I

Preface VI for Sundays in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 11

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8:00 am Latin Mass (1962 Missal - *Quinquagesima Sunday*) (McIntyre Family)

9:00 am Confessions

10:30 am Mass (People of the Parish)

5:00 pm Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary)

Monday, February 12

Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:45 pm Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - *Seven Holy Servite Founders, Confessors*)

Tuesday, February 13

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Mass (Sean Kiss and Family)

Noon Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal)

(+Joseph Binh Vu)

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

7:30 am Mass (+Conrad Spencer)

Noon Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - *Ash Wednesday*) (+All the Faithful Departed)

7:00 pm Sung Latin Mass (1962 Missal - *Ash Wednesday*) (Michael Ivezic)

Thursday, February 15

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 am Mass (McIntyre Family)

6:30-7:00 pm Adoration and Confessions

Friday, February 16

Friday after Ash Wednesday

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

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 17

Saturday after Ash Wednesday (The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)

8:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 am Mass (In honor of the Infant Jesus)

9:30 am Confessions

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday of Lent

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

9:00 am Confessions

10:30 am Mass (Scott Stewart)

5:00 pm Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary)

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

7:30 am Daily Mass (English)

Noon Latin Low Mass (1962 Missal)

7:00 pm Latin Sung Mass (1962 Missal)

FROM THE DESK OF FR. ERIC ANDERSEN

Humane Vitae 50 Years (1968-2018)

[continued from last week]

“The practice of contraception has become so common today that many Catholics practice it and do not understand why the Church has always judged it to be sinful. These Catholics think that the Church’s condemnation of contraception is some arbitrary rule made up by conservative clergy. In fact, however, contraception, like abortion, has been present since the very beginning of Christianity and was opposed by Christians as a feature of a decadent paganism that had no regard for human dignity. The question for Pope Paul VI in regard to family limitation in the 1960s was not whether contraception was wrong, but whether the pill was a contraceptive. Though the ancient practice of contraception was less effective than modern methods, it was very common and, if not successful, often led, as it still does today, to abortion” (Ashley, *et al.*, Health Care Ethics: A Catholic Theological Analysis, p. 75).

“Pope Paul VI, in the encyclical *Humane vitae* (On Human Life; 1968, no. 12), argued chiefly on the basis of the natural law when he wrote, “The Church’s teaching on Contraception, ‘often set forth by the magisterium, is founded upon the inseparable connection, willed by God and unable to be broken by human beings on their own initiative, between the two meanings of the conjugal act, the unitive meaning and the procreative meaning.’” (76)

“John Paul II says that the essential element for marriage as a sacrament is the language of the body spoken in truth. This is how spouses ‘constitute’ the sacramental sign of marriage. [Introduce] contraception into the language of the body and (knowingly or unknowingly) the couple engages in a *counter-sign* of the ‘great mystery’—a kind of ‘anti-sacrament.’ Rather than proclaiming ‘God is life-giving love,’ the language of (contraception) says, ‘God is *not* life-giving love.’ (cf. West, Theology of the Body for Beginners, p. 104).

Monsignor Ignacio Barreiro Carámbula writes: “There is a clear relationship between traditional worship and a strong commitment to the defense and propagation of life. First and foremost, life, like tradition, is something not of our own making, but a thing which we receive that is given to us. It is not a new object of our own creation but a reality that pre-exists our own existence. The truths of the Faith are basically a tradition, something that is given to us to be transmitted. ...Only the man who has roots has a future. ... To attempt to achieve freedom by escaping from the burdens of tradition tends to result in a new enslavement to a chaotic present. The person who alienates himself from his origins will live in a self-centered existence that in the end will be totally alienating and most likely will provide him a foretaste of Hell, where every person will be curved into themselves in a total and definitive self-isolation” (Sacred Liturgy and the Defense of Human Life, pp. 12-13).

“Man is created to worship God, so the refusal to adore God goes against nature. As St. Thomas Aquinas stated many times, an unnatural situation cannot last forever because there is nothing more unnatural than denying life or denying the truth” (13).

ACA COMMITMENT WEEKEND

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal. Our parish goal is \$8,111.76. This appeal provides funds to support 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.

SUNDAY MUSIC WORKSHOP TODAY

Chant Just Past the Basics

While simpler square-note chants are fairly readily approachable, just a small amount of explanation and practice outside of the liturgy can make more ornate chants—especially some of the musical symbols and practices unique to chant—also easy to follow and sing. On Sunday, the 11th, from 3:45 until 4:45 pm, we’ll work through several chants sung at Mass and Vespers, decipher their notation, and learn to sing them so that our eyes, ears, and voices are working together in true harmony. We’ll take as our charge the words of Saint Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians: “psallam spiritu et psallam mente” (I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also). Join us!

PHILOSOPHY NIGHT ON FEB. 15TH

This month, on **Thursday, February 15th**, Guest Speaker Jeffrey Moore will speak on the Purgatorio; Part II of Dante Alighieri’s *Divine Comedy*. Purgatory is the mountain, or the winding ascent up that mountain that straightens souls whom the world has made crooked. Purgatory can be viewed not as a prison but as an infirmary. Dante reveals the curative nature of Purgatory where as we ascend the mountain we become our true selves and able to be truly free to know and love truth, beauty and most of all God himself. Unfasten your seat-belts and gird your loins for the journey to blessed eternity. The version to be discussed is the Modern Library Classics edition with a new translation by Anthony Esolen and classic illustrations by Gustave Doré. The edition is available through booksellers and amazon.com. No need to read ahead. Just show up. Snacks provided. Ages: High School and up. Adoration and Confessions in the church at 6:30 pm. Philosophy begins at 7 pm in the Rectory Basement.

ASH WEDNESDAY FAST AND LENTEN ABSTINENCE

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Catholics between ages 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and 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.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & POTLUCK SUPPER BEGIN FEB. 16TH

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, helping people in local communities end the injustice of abortion through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and constant vigil. Come to the Opening Prayer Vigil featuring speakers from the Portland and Beaverton area on **Saturday, Feb 17, 2:30 to 3:30 PM** at The Lovejoy Surgicenter, 933 NW 25th Ave. Portland. **The Spring campaign runs from Feb. 14th through March 25th** from 7 am to 7 pm at The Lovejoy Surgicenter at 933 NW 25th. Sign up to come and pray today at 40daysforlife.com/Portland. Sponsored by the Life, Justice and Peace Office of the Archdiocese of Portland.

RACHEL VINEYARD RETREATS

Let 2018 be the beginning of life-changing healing from a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for women and men affected by abortion. *"What is most meaningful to me is being free of what was a secret that prevented me from deeply connecting with others, especially my living children."* **February 16-18 near Portland; April 27-29 near Medford.** ProjectAurora@aol.com or 541-942-2861 / www.project-aurora.org or www.rachelsvineyard.org for more information. Financial assistance is available!

PASTORAL COUNSELING

Counseling services are available for families and individuals. A professionally trained and experienced Marriage and Family Counselor is in the Parish Office once a week on **Mondays afternoons**. Those interested may call the Parish office to leave their name and contact information for scheduling a meeting.

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>

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. 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.

SINGING THE CREED AT MASS

The Nicene Creed lies at the heart of our public witness to the Catholic and apostolic faith. Every Sunday and major feast day, we declare our individual belief ("I believe") in the company of the household of the Church, both present and past. We will begin singing the Creed at our principal English-language Masses, starting on the First Sunday in Lent. We're following the lead of the US Bishops' 2007 guideline, *Sing to the Lord: Music in Catholic Worship*, which commends learning chants for the *Gloria in excelsis* and Creed after mastering easier chants such as those of the *Kyrie, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei*. (par. 75) The 2010 English-language edition of the Roman Missal--an official publication of the Church--includes elegant settings of the Creed adapted from the centuries-old traditional melodies. We'll be singing 'Creed I', the most ancient melody. There's a recording online at goo.gl/H5HAQc (also found by searching for "Credo I -- ICEL Chant"). Our bishops recognized the challenge implicit in approaching a new chant such as the Creed, and encourage us by noting that "one should never underestimate the ability of persons of all ages, cultures, languages, and levels of education to learn something new and to understand things that are properly and thoroughly introduced". (*Sing to the Lord: Music in Catholic Worship*, 132).