

# St. Stephen Catholic Church

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**February 25, 2018**  
**Second Sunday on Lent**  
(Lumen Christi Missal page 109)



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## 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.

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**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US**

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### PARISH MINISTRIES

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Eric Andersen eandersen@archdpdx.org
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### MASS READINGS

(Ordinary Form)

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### 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
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	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 18	Fiscal Year-to-Date*
<b>Regular Collections</b>	\$3,645.27	(*Beginning July 1st)
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	\$...740.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,385.27</b>	<b>\$151,390.31</b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$4,800.00	\$141,600.00
<b>Budget +/-</b>	<b>-\$414.73</b>	<b>+9,790.31</b>

*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

#### *Second Sunday of Lent*

Sunday Lectionary Year B / Weekday Lectionary II  
Eucharistic Prayer of Reconciliation I  
Preface II for Sundays in Lent

#### **Sunday, February 25**

##### *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> ) (+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)

#### **Monday, February 26**

##### *Lenten Weekday*

6:45 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal)
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#### **Tuesday, February 27**

##### *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 am	Mass (+Joyce Sample)
Noon	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - Commemoration of St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows) (Mary Margaret Bowen)

#### **Wednesday, February 28**

##### *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 am	Mass (+Raymond Arrigotti)
6:45 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Michael Ivezic)

#### **Thursday, March 1**

##### *Lenten Weekday*

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

#### **Friday, March 2**

##### *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 am	Mass with First Friday Devotions
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Confessions

#### **Saturday, March 3**

##### *Lenten Weekday (Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin)*

8:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am	Mass (+Jamie Beecher)
9:30 am	First Saturday Recitation of the Rosary
9:30 am	Confessions

#### **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 (+Philomena Silvio)
4:00 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary)

### THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

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

## **FROM THE DESK OF FR. ERIC ANDERSEN**

### **The Consecration of Spring**

This past Wednesday during our monthly Ladies Holy Heart Mini-Retreat, I recalled the meaning of the ancient Ember days instituted by Pope Saint Callistus I who reigned on the throne of Peter from AD 217-222. The Ember Days are called in Latin, *Quatuor Temporum*, referring to the fast days of the *Four Seasons* of the year. Four times during the year, the Church consecrates the season to God by means of three days called Ember days. In the Latin, these are merely referred to as Day Four (Wednesday) of the Four Seasons, Day Six (Friday) of the Four Seasons and the Sabbath (Saturday) of the Four Seasons. These four seasonal weeks occur in Advent, Lent, Pentecost, and September. The purpose of these four seasons in Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall, are to consecrate each of these four seasons to the Lord.

Jacobus Voragine gives various reasons for observing these fasts but among them, dear reader, consider these:

- “The third reason is that we fast to imitate the Jews. They fasted four times a year—before Passover, before their Pentecost, before the feast of Tabernacles in September, and before the feast of Dedication in December. (The Golden Legend, Vol. I. p. 139).
- “A seventh reason is that spring is related to childhood, summer to adolescence, autumn to adulthood or the prime of life, and winter to old age. Therefore we fast in spring in order to preserve the innocence of the child, in summer to develop strength by living chaste lives, in autumn to grow young by constancy and mature by righteousness. In winter we strive by fasting to grow in prudence and virtuous living like the old, or rather, to make satisfaction for any offense we have given to God in earlier years” (p. 140)
- “William of Auxerre has given us an eighth reason: we fast four times in the year to atone for our failures in the same four seasons. Furthermore, we fast for three days in order to atone in a day for the faults committed in each month; we fast on Wednesday because Judas betrayed the Lord on that day, on Friday because that is the day Christ was crucified, on Saturday because that day he lay in the tomb and the apostles grieved over the violent death of their Master” (140).

Considering these various reasons, we might each consider what it means to consecrate the season of Spring to the Lord. He created it, and it rightfully belongs to Him. If Springtime is related to one's youth, then perhaps a good Lenten resolution might be to consecrate one's youth to the Lord. If youth has already passed, one might consider making a general confession of the sins of youth: handing those over to the Lord for healing; and reclaiming one's innocence. The Lord wishes us to be healed, to be innocent, to be joy-filled. Spring is such a joy-filled season especially in the austerity of Lenten fasting, prayer, and alms-giving. Might we not also experience a youthfulness of soul, refreshed and healed by a good Confession?

Spring might also be a good time to “go to Joseph”: *Ite ad Ioseph!* The month of March is dedicated to him and one can spend the month in preparation for Consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph. A helpful aid for this purpose is the book: The Month of St. Joseph which contains “Exercises for Each Day of the Month of March” by the Most Rev. M. de Langalerie and republished by St. Augustine Academy Press.

## **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.

## **PARISH BIBLE STUDY ON FEB. 26TH**

Our Parish Bible Study Program will meet 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!**

## **FIRST FRIDAY IN MARCH**

For the month of March, our First Friday Mass and Devotions will be held only at our regular 7:30 am morning Mass. There will be no evening Mass on **March 2nd**. There will be Lenten meatless Soup/Sandwich Supper at 6 pm in the rectory basement followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm in the church. Confessions will be heard after Stations. First Friday Evening Mass will resume on Friday, April 6th at 7:00 pm.

## **FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS**

On First Saturdays, we pray an Act of Reparation for First Saturdays after Mass followed by the Rosary during Confessions. This devotion "consists in going to Confession, receiving Communion, reciting five decades of the Rosary and meditating for a quarter of an hour on the mysteries of the Rosary on the first Saturday. Confession may be made during the eight days preceding or following the first Saturday of each month, provided that Holy Communion be received in the state of grace. Should one forget to form the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, it may be formed at the next Confession, the occasion to go to confession being taken at the first opportunity." Please join us this month after morning mass on **Saturday, March 3rd**.

### **MARCH INTENTION OF THE POPE**

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

### **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.

### **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](http://40daysforlife.com/portland) or contact Therese Ruesink at 503-997-1884 or [ruesinktherese@comcast.net](mailto:ruesinktherese@comcast.net).

### **FORMED FOR LENT**

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

### **TRAVELING CRIB THIS MONTH**

The **Traveling Crib** is at St. Stephen's for **one last week**. The crib is here to collect baby items and maternity supplies for **Pregnancy & Parenting Support Program** at Catholic Charities.

### **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](http://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.

### **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.

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS**

Clinton and Katie Ufford

### **HEARING IS BELIEVING**

Reminding ourselves that music is fundamentally aural--something that we hear--seems initially like a categorical tautology! Just as we learned by ear the majority of what we know about language before we learned to read, our understanding of the rhetoric, nuance, and attractiveness of music began long before being presented with a hymnal or songbook. Indeed, music follows most of the same brain pathways as does verbal language. And yet, as a highly literate culture, we habitually elevate visual knowledge above aural knowledge. This is extremely relevant to learning music. For people with some experience reading music but not true mastery (the vast majority of folks), our eyes demand the driver's seat and strap our ears into a small car-seat in the back. We tune out much of what we're hearing in favor of what we prioritize visually. Instead, when singing in the liturgy, and especially when singing something unfamiliar, let us consciously tip this balance back toward the aural, the language of music that travels invisibly and yet so powerfully. We underestimate our powers in this process, even though our ancestors knew the Mass, their prayers, the stories of the saints, and ineffable beauty of sacred music entirely by attentive listening. We should all challenge ourselves to rely on and develop our ability to learn, pray, and commit to memory those things spoken through music, the art "given by God's generosity to mortals having rational souls in order to lead them to higher things". (Saint Augustine)