

St. Stephen Catholic Church, Portland, Oregon
Sunday, November 15th, 2020

This week's schedule:

Saturday, Nov 14th: St. Josephat (3rd Class)

- 7:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8:00 am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass
- 10-11 am: Confessions
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers (Resumed 6th Sunday After Epiphany)
- 6 pm: English Mass (**Ordinary Form–33rd Sunday Per Annum**)

Sunday, Nov 15th: Resumed 6th Sunday After Epiphany (2nd Class)

- 7:15 am Sung Latin Lauds
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass
- **9-10 am: No Confessions**
- 10:30 am: Sung Latin Mass
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 6 pm: Low Latin Mass

Monday, Nov 16th: St. Gertrude the Great (3rd Class)

- 8:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass

Tuesday, Nov 17th: St. Gregory the Wonderworker (3rd Class)

- 12 Noon: Low Latin Mass
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers

Wednesday, Nov 18th: Dedication of the Basilica of Sts Peter and Paul (3rd Cl)

- 8:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 12 Noon: Low Latin Mass
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm: Confessions
- 6:45 pm: Low Latin Mass followed by Adoration for Men's Holy League

Thursday, Nov 19th: St. Elizabeth of Hungary (3rd Class)

- 8:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- **12 Noon: Low Latin Mass**
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm: Confessions
- 6:45 pm: Low Latin Mass

Friday, Nov 20th: St. Felix of Valois (3rd Class)

- 8:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 11 am: Confessions
- 12 Noon: Low Latin Mass
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers

Saturday, Nov 21st: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (3rd Class)

- 7:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8:00 am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass
- 10-11 am: Confessions
- **4 pm: Low Latin Mass (Presentation of the BVM)**
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers (24th and Last Sunday After Pentecost)
- 6 pm: English Mass (**Ordinary Form–Christ the King**)

Sunday, Nov 22nd: 24th and Last Sunday After Pentecost (2nd Class)

- 7:30 am Low Latin Mass**
- 9:00 am Low Latin Mass (No Confessions on Sundays going forward)**
- 10:30 am Sung Latin Mass**
- 5:00 pm Sung Latin Vespers**
- 6:00 pm Low Latin Mass**

Dear Family and Friends,

Many of you may or may not have been aware that Zach and I were expecting the arrival of another child in January. We are writing to share the news that in the very early morning on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 3:04am we welcomed and said goodbye to our sweet daughter, Elizabeth Anne Brehm.

At our 20-week ultrasound we learned about some health challenges that our daughter was facing: particularly she had a significant build-up of fluid around her heart and she was very small for her gestational age. Despite the doctors summation that our daughter's condition was "incompatible with life," we never once questioned our desire and obligation as her parents to protect and fight for her right to life—however long or short it may be.

Sadly, at our scheduled appointment this past Thursday, her heartbeat could not be detected. We scheduled an induction for the next day, as we desired her to be born in a condition that her brothers and sister, Maxxis, James, and Genevieve, would still be able to meet her, hold her, and say their farewells. The birth was peaceful and bittersweet—and then Elizabeth was born beautiful, quiet, and still at 29 weeks. Though it has not yet been confirmed, doctors suspect her death was the result of a lethal form of skeletal dysplasia. Despite her petite stature, she is leaving a big impact on our hearts and is a loved and cherished member of our family. Please don't hesitate to ask or speak with us about her; we love her and love to talk about our time with her in this life.

By the grace of God, Zach, the children, and I are all doing very well. God's goodness is overwhelming even, and especially, in the midst of suffering. "We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:3-5). We have brought Elizabeth's body home for a three-day vigil and will bury her this Tuesday, November 10th at Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery.

Please find comfort knowing how incredibly joyful we are for the this time and the gift of Elizabeth's brief life in this world. Now, we entrust her to the arms of Our Blessed Mother and the mercy of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We ask that you pray for Elizabeth's soul and for Our Lord's continued comfort for our family. Whatever our lot, Thou has taught me to say "It is well with my soul"—and so it is, it is well with our souls.

God Bless you.

Love,
The Brehm Family

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INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Those interested in becoming Catholic or taking the steps to learn more about the Catholic Faith can contact Joseph Salazar to get started. Options for Classes meeting either Tuesday afternoons or Friday evenings. jsalazar@archdpx.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

- Sunday 11/15: Aunnah Karavias
People of the Parish
Br. Eric Faris C.R.I.C
- Monday 11/16: + Donald Weyker
- Tuesday 11/17: +Leonard Kitt
- Wed 11/18: + Luka Ivezic
+ Nancy Thorpe
- Thursday 11/19: + Monica Carr Wycoff
+ John Gomes
- Friday 11/20: + Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Saturday 11/21: + Reginald D. Light
Mr. Zach Munoz
+ Frank Royce
- Sunday 11/22: + Margaret Towner
People of the Parish
+ Kevin Harris

SIGN UP TO ATTEND MASS (online or call parish office)
<https://www.saintstephenpdx.com/covid-19-update>



5th Annual **HOLY LEAGUE**
Catholic Men's Conference
GO TO ST. JOSEPH
our model to true
Christian Masculinity
150th anniversary year of St. Joseph
as Universal Patron of the Church
Saturday, December 5th, 2020
6am to 4pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church
721 Chemeketa St NE
Salem, OR 97301
Register at holyleaguenorthwest.org
SPEAKERS
Fr. Don Calloway Bear Woznick Fr. Stephen Kenyon Fr. Eric Anderson
Mass, confession, and inspiring talks that will motivate husbands, fathers, and sons to be the Godly men they are called to be.

CCD CLASSES POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEW YEAR

Our Mass attendance numbers will be limited for at least four weeks in Multnomah county, so we will not be able to fit our CCD families into the Sunday morning Masses. As a result, beginning next Sunday, November 22nd, our CCD classes will be taking a break that will extend through Thanksgiving and Christmas. After the new year we hope to resume classes and try to accommodate our CCD families into Masses once again.

INDULGENCES FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Holy Mother Church offers us two special indulgences this month:

1) **A Visit to a Cemetery** (*Extended to the entire month of November*)

An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial.

Prayer at the cemetery:

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace. Amen.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
rest in peace, Amen.*

Our Father & Apostles Creed for the intentions of the Holy Father

2) **A Visit to a Church or Oratory on All Souls Day** [November 2]

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of all the faithful departed piously visit a church, a public oratory or-----for those entitled to use it -----a semipublic oratory.

In visiting the church or oratory, it is required that one *Our Father* and the Creed be recited.

What is an Indulgence? (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

¶1471 "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." (*Indulgentiarum doctrina*)

"An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead.

Obtaining indulgence from God through the Church

1478. An indulgence is obtained through the Church who, by virtue of the power of binding and loosing granted her by Christ Jesus, intervenes in favor of individual Christians and opens for them the treasury of the merits of Christ and the saints to obtain from the Father of mercies the remission of the temporal punishments due for their sins. Thus the Church does not want simply to come to the aid of these Christians, but also to spur them to works of devotion, penance, and charity.⁹⁰

1479. Since the faithful departed now being purified are also members of the same communion of saints, one way we can help them is to obtain indulgences for them, so that the temporal punishments due for their sins may be remitted.

FROM THE DESK OF FR ERIC ANDERSEN

Why pray the novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal? Here are some good reasons: Firstly, In this apparition, Our Lady introduced herself to St. Catherine Labouré as "The Immaculate Conception". Secondly, Our Lady also held out her hands and rays of light streamed from the jewels in the rings on her fingers. These rays of light were described as the graces that people ask for. Some of the jewels were dark. Our Lady explained that those were the graces that nobody asked for. From this, we understand that Our Lady is the Mediatrix of all Graces. Thirdly, the Miraculous Medal is known for having converted the atheist Alphonse Ratisbonne. Fourthly, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal saved the convent on the Rue de Bac during the French Revolution. Fifthly, we need a good prayer to lead us up to Thanksgiving and prepare us for Advent. The novena will begin this coming Wednesday, May 18th and continue through Thanksgiving Day, November 26th. The feast itself will be celebrated on Friday, November 27th commemorating the date of the first apparition: November 27th, 1830. Pick up a copy of the novena and join us on the YouTube channel to pray along. **Saint Stephen Catholic Church PDX.** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCenluv9m_Zo_8lvGRz_72A

ANNUAL SEMINARIAN APPEAL

St. Stephen's has given three seminarians to the Archdiocese of Portland in the last two years, and two other seminarians to other dioceses, plus two young ladies to religious life since 2017. Though we are a small parish with limited financial resources, the Lord has blessed us with an abundance of vocations in these past few years. Let us consider what we can give back to the Lord, especially to assist in the expense of educating these men to become priests. It costs the Archdiocese of Portland up to \$50,000 annually for education and formation of each seminarian. Would you consider a gift of \$250 or \$500 to contribute towards the education of just one man? or triple that for the three men from St Stephen's currently studying for the Archdiocese of Portland? Please consider what you can render back to the Lord for all He has given to you. Commitment weekend Nov 15.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS AND RELIGIOUS

Br. Eric Faris, Coulter McIntyre, Erik Morris, Zach Munoz, Neal Smith, Sr. Lisa Hezmalhalch, Sr. Abigail Theresa Irigoyen

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOV 18-26TH

Pray at home and at church after the Masses, plus watch daily video reflections on the novena on our parish YouTube channel:

Saint Stephen Catholic Church PDX. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCenluv9m__Zo_8lvGRz_72A

MEN'S HOLY LEAGUE PDX NOV 18TH

Gentlemen, join us for Holy League Men's Night on Wednesday Nov 18th at St. Stephen's. Vespers at 5 pm. Confessions 5:30. Rosary 6:15. Low Latin Mass at 6:45. Adoration and Sermon 7:30 pm. Be sure to sign up for Mass. Call or email Joseph Salazar to be put on the list.

PHILOSOPHY NIGHT TUESDAY NOV 24TH AT 7 PM

This month, Fr. Eric Andersen will discuss the book "**Progress and Religion**" published in 1929 by **Christopher Dawson**. The book is available through CUA Press, [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), ABE books and more. "Dawson was writing in the period between the two great wars of the twentieth century, a time when some thought that the idea of progress had finally been discredited by the carnage and barbarism of the First World War. Progress and Religion was clearly intended to challenge the doctrine of progress, the rather naive but persistent belief that 'in every day and in every way the world grows better and better.'" (book jacket notes). No reading is necessary. Ages high school and up. 7 pm in Carmody Hall. Sign up on the event page of the webpage or with Joseph Salazar in the office.

ROSARY WALK

Saturday, November 28th. 11:15 am gather in front of the church. The Feast of St. Catherine Labouré of the Miraculous Medal. 6.8 miles. No pets. Please bring a rosary and a sack lunch with a bottle of water.

MASS READINGS (Extraordinary Form)

Sunday: 1 Thess. 1:2-10; Matt. 13:31-35

Monday: 2 Cor. 10:17-18; 11:1,2; Matt 25:1-13

Tuesday: Ecclus. 44:16-27; 45:3-20; Mark 11:22-24

Wednesday: Apoc. 21:2-5; Luke 19:1-10

Thursday: Prov. 31:10-31; Matt. 13:44-52

Friday: 1 Cor. 4:9-14; Luke 12:32-34

Saturday: Ecclus. 24:14-16; Luke 11:27-28

Sunday: Col. 1:9-14; Matt. 24:15-35

LESSONS AT MATINS (Extraordinary Form) [find online at http://divinumofficium.com](http://divinumofficium.com) or as an app (*Breviarium meum*)

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Sunday: Osée (Hosea) 1:1-11; Homily of St. Jerome on Matt.13:31-35

Monday: Osée 4:1-10; Eulogy of St. Gertrude

Tuesday: Joel 1:1-11; Eulogy of St. Gregory the Wonderworker

Wednesday: Joel 3:1-12; Eulogy of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul

Thursday: Amos 1:1-8; Eulogy of St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Friday: Abdias (Obediah) 1-11; Eulogy of St. Felix of Valois

Saturday: St. John Damascene on the orthodox faith

Sunday: Micheas (Micah) 1:1-9; Homily of St. Jerome on Matt. 24:15-35

OFFERTORY COLLECTION (*this week and month to date*)

Envelopes/Cash: \$3,635.70 +/- budget

Online: \$915.00

Total WTD: \$4,550.70 Budget: \$4,800 - \$249.30

Total MTD: \$14,003.96 Budget: \$9,600 + \$4,403.96

Maintenance/Restoration: \$415.00 MTD: \$635.00

Online giving: <https://www.saintstephenpdx.com/special-events>