## A LETTER FROM SEMINARIAN MR. ZACH MUNOZ

Praised be Jesus Christ! I pray this finds you and your families well and healthy.

I give thanks to God for my second year in priestly formation, and am profoundly grateful and thankful for the opportunity to be here resulting from your generosity and prayers. This year I have continued my studies is philosophy, and have had many occasions to persevere in the spiritual life. I have a wonderful spiritual director and formation director who have helped me to deepen my love for the Eucharist, and have aided me in growing in the priestly identity. In being here, I have come to truly appreciate how wonderful St. Stephen's is, and how formative it was in preparing me to discern the priesthood.

We just completed a mid-semester retreat, focusing on the virtues, and deepening our devotion to our Lord and our Mother. Please be assured that you were in my prayers, and that I think of you often. I look forward to seeing you all face-to-face when I return for the Christmas break. Thank you for helping me to discern the priesthood, and for being an important part in my vocation. Please pray for us seminarians, and know that you are in our prayers.

In Christ through Mary,

Zach Munoz

#### **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.

## 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

# St. Stephen Catholic Church, Portland, Oregon Sunday, November 22nd, 2020

## This week's schedule:

#### 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

## Monday, Nov 23rd: St. Clement I (3rd Class)

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

#### Tuesday, Nov 24th: St. John of the Cross (3rd Class)

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

## Wednesday, Nov 25th: St. Catherine of Alexandria (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

#### Thursday, Nov 26th: St. Sylvester, Abbot (3rd Class) (THANKSGIVING DAY)

- 8:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 9 am: Sung Latin Mass
- No other Masses today. No Confessions. No Vespers.

#### Friday, Nov 27th: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (4th Class)

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

## Saturday, Nov 28th: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday (4th 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
- 6 pm: English Mass (Ordinary Form-1st Sunday of Advent)

#### Sunday, Nov 29th: 1st Sunday of Advent (1st 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

## **PARISH STAFF**

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 11/22: + Margaret Towner
People of the Parish

+ Kevin Harris

Monday 11/23: + Donald Weyker

Tuesday 11/24: Katarina Betz (Ivezic) Homo

Wed 11/25: Clementine Malena McTaggart-Ivezic

+ Jimmy McIntosh

· Thursday 11/26: + Janice Dorr

+ William Patrick Shaffer

• Friday 11/27: + Susan Harrington

Saturday 11/28: + Mrs. Johanna Mitchell

+ Edward William Marthaller

+ Shari Andersen

Sunday 11/29: + Fr. Cyril (John) Marthaller

+ James Tyndale-Biscoe People of the Parish

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

Envelopes/Cash: \$5,755.00 +/- budget

Online: \$2,937.00

Total WTD: \$8,692.00 Budget: \$4,800 + \$3,892.00

Total MTD: \$22,695.96 Budget: \$14,400 + \$8,295.96

Maintenance/Restoration: \$405.00 MTD: \$1040.00

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



#### 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.<sup>90</sup>

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

Advent is just around the corner. What are you going to need for Advent? Here is a checklist of suggested items:

- A book for spiritual reading. Here are some suggestions:
  - Meditations for Advent by Bossuet (Sophia Institute Press)
  - The Liturgical Year. Vol I: Advent. by Dom. Prosper Gueranger
  - Sermons of St. Francis de Sales for Advent and Christmas (Tan)
  - Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Conquest of Darkness by Warren H. Carroll. (Christendom Press)
- Be sure to take a copy of the Advent Family Prayer pamphlet with you. These pamphlets are in the brochure rack in the narthex of the church.
- Advent music. Try one of these (available on iTunes):
  - Advent at Ephesus. Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles
  - Advent Promise: Songs and Music for the Season of Advent
  - Veni Domine: Advent and Christmas at the Sistine Chapel
- Come to Vespers on Sunday or any day of the week (not Mondays)

Mother & Child Education Center (MCEC) offers hope, support, education and guidance to families during their parenting journey to help build a community of competent, confident parents. Established in Portland in 1971, MCEC offers a judgment-free space for anyone who is parenting including expectant women, single fathers, and families facing challenges such as lack of housing, poverty, fleeing domestic violence, refugee or immigration status, DHS involvement, substance abuse, or trauma.

MCEC provides prenatal & parenting classes, supplies such as diapers, clothing and food, and access to additional resources through community partners. We strive to empower clients to gain healthy parenting habits, to understand safe sleeping for infants; and to achieve personal goals such as self-sufficiency, a healthy environment for children, and a voice for advocating for themselves and their children.

DONATIONS: Our donation needs change frequently and we may not be able to accept all donations.

Donations by appointment. Please call (503)-249-5801 during business hours (M-Th 10-5, Fri 10-3) to schedule an appointment for donation drop off.

## 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

## PHILOSOPHY NIGHT THIS 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, 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.

#### THANKSGIVING DAY

*Thursday, November 26th. 9 am Low Latin Mass.* There will be no Masses at Noon or 6:45 pm. No Vespers or Confessions today.

## THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Friday, November 27th. Sung Latin Mass at 12 Noon.

## **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.

## RITE OF BETROTHAL

Thursday, Dec. 3rd. 6:45 pm. Levi Barros and Isabella Johnson

## MASS READINGS (Extraordinary Form)

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

Monday: Phil. 3:17-21; 4:1-3; Matt. 16:13-19

Tuesday: 2 Tim. 4:1-8; Matt. 5:13-19

Wednesday: Ecclus (Sirach) 51:1-8, 12; Matt. 25:1-13

Thursday: Ecclus. 45:1-6; Matt. 19:27-29 Friday: Apoc. 12:1,5,14-16; John 2:1-11 Saturday: Ecclus. 24:14-16; Luke 11:27-28 Sunday: Rom. 13:11-14; Luke 21:25-33

## LESSONS AT MATINS (Extraordinary Form) find online at

## http://divinumofficium.com or as an app (Breviarium meum)

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

Monday: Nahum 1:1-10; Eulogy of St. Clement I

Tuesday: Habacuc 1:1-10; Eulogy of St. John of the Cross

Wednesday: Sophonias 1:1-9; Eulogy of Catherine of Alexandria

Thursday: Aggai 1:1-10; Eulogy of St. Sylvester, Abbot

Friday: Zacharias 1:1-6 1-11

**Saturday:** Malachias 1:1-11; St. Basil on the Prophet Isaias **Sunday:** Isaias 1:1-9; Homily of St. Gregory on Luke 21:25-33

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Saint Stephen Catholic Church PDX. <a href="https://">https://</a>

www.youtube.com/channel/UCenluv9m Zo\_8lvGRz\_72A

## 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. jsalazar@archdpdx.org