

SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 2, 2018

TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



✠ MASS SCHEDULE ✠

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM ✠ Latin Mass [1962 Missal]

10:30 AM ✠ Sung Parish Mass

MONDAY through SATURDAY

posted weekly inside bulletin

✠ DIVINE OFFICE ✠

SUNDAYS

5:00 PM ✠ Sung Latin Vespers [1962 Breviary]

✠ SACRAMENTS ✠

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Sundays, 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Thursdays, 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Pastor. Wedding dates will be set after beginning marriage preparation with the priest.

INFANT BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office or see one of the priests after Mass.

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US

PARISH MINISTRIES

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MASS READINGS

(Ordinary Form)

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5 / Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16 / Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9 / Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23 / Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5 / Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Mi 5:1-4a / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal in chapel
	11:30 am	Coffee and Donuts in gym
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Ladies Holy Heart Potluck in rectory basement
Thursday	10:00 am	RCIA in rectory classroom (Group 1)
	7:00 pm	RCIA in rectory classroom (Group 2)
Saturday	8:00 am	Confirmation Retreat and Hike (all day event) - begins in church
Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal in chapel
	11:30 am	Coffee and Donuts in gym

OFFERTORY REPORT

	Aug 26	Fiscal Year-to-Date*
Regular Collections	\$2,798.95	(*Beginning July 1st)
Electronic Giving	\$...620.00	
Total	\$3,418.95	\$33,913.26
Budgeted	\$4,800.00	\$45,600.00
Budget +/-	-\$1,381.05	-\$11,686.74

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

15th Sunday after Pentecost Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 2

15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i>) (People of the Parish)
9:00 am	Confessions
10:30 am	Sung Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i>) (People of the Parish) (+Owen Peyton)
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary - <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i>)

Monday, September 3

*Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
Labor Day (USA)*

9:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>St. Pius X, Pope & Confessor</i>)
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Tuesday, September 4

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am	No Mass
Noon	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>Votive Mass of St. Peter</i>) (Therese Ruesink)

Wednesday, September 5

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am	Votive Mass of Saint Peter (McIntyre Family)
6:00 pm	Confessions
6:45 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>St. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop & Confessor</i>) (Scott Stewart) followed by Ladies Holy Heart Adoration with Retreat Talk and Benediction

Thursday, September 6

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am	Votive Mass of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest (+Bob Shipp)
6:30-7:00 pm	Confessions

Friday, September 7

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with First Friday Devotions
6:00 pm	Confessions
7:00 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>Votive of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with First Friday Devotion</i>)

Saturday, September 8

Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast

8:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am	Mass (Kyle Family)
9:30-10:30 am	Confessions

Sunday, September 9

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i>) (Scott Stewart)
10:30 am	Mass (People of the Parish)
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary - <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i>)

FROM THE DESK OF FR ERIC ANDERSEN

As I write this letter, I am thinking back to a time when I was undisturbed by events happening in the hierarchical Church. As a priest I pay a lot of attention to the political side of the Church, but I imagine that most Catholics go about their lives only aware of the major events in the Church, and not so interested in the minutiae of daily goings-on in the hierarchy. Priests tend to pay attention to the daily stuff, and because of that, many of us have seen trouble coming for a long time. Perhaps we talked about it among ourselves but avoided talking about it publicly for fear that it was just gossip. Being so far away from Rome, and hearing things second or thirdhand, it is hard to know whether something is true or just gossip.

It comes as no surprise, therefore, when such big stories are breaking now. Some of these stories have been floating around for a year or two (or more) but didn't garner a lot of attention at the time. They might have sounded like conspiracy theories, or gossip, or political sensationalism. But now it is hard to dismiss them for anything but the truth. We do not wish to attribute ill will or deceit toward anyone, but many Catholics are feeling abandoned by the Holy Father, and betrayed by his silence. It is a pattern we have seen from him. When asked a question, he doesn't answer. Does he hope that the people will forget they asked the question? They don't forget and they do keep waiting.

Last Saturday, a story broke in the news about an 11 page testimony written and published by the former Apostolic Nuncio for the USA, Archbishop Viganó. He revealed a series of events and people who interfered with justice in the Church. He named names and even implicated Pope Francis. Viganó called upon the Holy Father to resign. When questioned, the Holy Father said that he would not say one word about it. He seemed to have been caught off guard.

Over this past week, there has been a flurry of news stories revealing new information as well as resurrecting various stories that have been hanging out there waiting to garner some attention. The pieces all seem to fit together and this appears to be a great tragedy in our time. The faithful are now caught up in this crisis. Even non-Catholics are paying attention. Will the Pope speak? Will the Pope acknowledge the crisis in the Church? Will the Pope acknowledge the anger of Catholics who feel abandoned and betrayed? Will the Pope resign? Who knows the answer to any of these questions?

The story is being passed off by some as being merely an attack of conservatives against liberals. An outsider might see it that way, but we Catholics know that this is not about political parties or whether one is conservative or liberal. We also understand that our faith is not in the Pope. Our faith is in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is LORD and GOD. He alone is the Savior and He is the true Head of the Church. The Pope is to be the Vicar of Christ and a source of unity for all Christians. I can speak for myself and say that I feel abandoned by the Pope and I see that the Church is more divided than ever. But I do not feel abandoned by God. I am praying to God for the Pope. I am praying that he will have the courage to speak truth, to do the right thing, and restore justice in the Church. Maybe that will mean that he does resign. Perhaps that is the only way to restore faith at this point.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

AFTER 10:30 AM MASS TODAY IN GYM

To contribute, please sign up in the narthex of the church.

ST. STEPHEN FESTIVAL ART EXHIBITION

Exhibition through September 2nd

In honor of St. Stephen and his martyrdom, a second annual group exhibition is open this summer from July 29th to September 2nd. While considering the saint's last words in Acts 7:56, "*Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God*", how do artists and writers respond with a heart of a martyr in a world gone wrong? A collection of visual art and poetry from young to emerging artists is on view in the rectory basement open for parish events. For questions email: amanda.quirroz@gmail.com.

SUNG VESPERS: THIS SUNDAY EVENING

Join us **this Sunday at 5:00 pm** as we offer Vespers, the Church's ancient prayer for early evening, using the Latin-texted Roman Breviary of 1962. Come and sing the psalms with us, or just listen and pray along with the words and melodies which have nourished the saints and praised God for millennia. We provide booklets with all the chants, texts, and side-by-side English translations.

HOLY HEART MINI-RETREAT

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 5TH

Attention Catholic Women – single, married, moms, daughters, widows and girls – are invited to a Holy Heart Mini-Retreat. Wednesday, September 5th 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/vw5yo8>

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS

St. Stephen's offers a monthly First Friday Mass at 7:30 am in the Ordinary Form and at 7 pm in the Extraordinary Form, both followed by the praying of the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (by St. Margaret Mary Alcoque), and the Litany of the Sacred Heart. The evening mass is preceded by Confessions at 6:00 pm. Please join us this month on **Friday, September 7th**.

FINANCE & PASTORAL

COUNCIL MEETING

The members of the pastoral and finance councils will meet together on **Tuesday, Sept 11th** to share information and initiatives and hear a presentation by a representative of our Catholic cemeteries and funeral home. 7 pm in the Rectory Basement.

COAST-TO-COAST ROSARY OCTOBER 7TH

Save the Date.

St. Stephen's will participate with a Sung Latin Mass at 10:30 am followed by a formal Marian Procession through the neighborhood with the praying of the Rosary.

CCD CORNER

Fall is right around the corner, and we will be having a **sign up day for CCD on September 23, 2018 after each Mass**. We will have a wonderful group of new and returning teachers in our classrooms. For those families who may be new to CCD, let me assure you that 100% of our teachers are trained in the Called to Protect curriculum recommended by the Archdiocese of Portland. We also will have a parent overview of CCD and the training we all receive. Additionally, Mrs. Mears will visit each classroom early in the fall to discuss with all of the children personal safety. These lessons are age appropriate and aimed at keeping all of our kids safe wherever they are.

Upcoming activities include two retreats for those young people who are to be confirmed on September 8th and 15th. Confirmation is on September 18th at 7:00 PM. This is an exciting month of preparation to be fully confirmed in the Church, please keep our young people in your prayers.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be held on **September 18th** at St. Stephen at 7:00 pm.

- **September 8th** Retreat and Hike (all day event)
Sponsors should plan to attend if possible.
- **September 15th** Practice and Saint presentation (morning) Sponsors should plan to attend if possible.

This year confirmation will take place in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite in Latin and promises to be a beautiful event for our confirmation class.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

The Parish Bible Study Program will reconvene on **Thursday, September 13th** from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in the rectory classroom. Join Sister Rose Mesa, FSE as we continue the reflection on "The Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible" with Dr. Brant Pitre found on FORMED.org.

PHILOSOPHY NIGHT WITH ROY FRIEND

Roy Friend, guest speaker will present: "Thomistic Personalism: The Anthropology of St. John-Paul the Great." Join us on **Thursday, Sept 20th** at 7 pm. "For nearly 800 years the Church has held the work of St. Thomas Aquinas as its philosophical foundation. In the last two centuries movements inside and outside of the Church have challenged the prominence of Thomism. Karol Wojtyla, the future Pope John Paul II, responded by developing Thomism to address modern concerns on the value of the human person. Under the name Thomistic Personalism this work has been influential in the ethical philosophy and theology of the Church, most notably in the "Theology of the Body". Join us for a survey of Wojtyla's work. No reading is necessary." Snacks provided. Ages High School and up. Philosophy Night will be from 7-9 pm in the Rectory Basement.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

2018 Fall campaign Sept 26th to Nov 4th

Sign up now!

40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, helping people in local communities end the injustice of abortion.

Prayer & Fasting • Community Outreach
Peaceful Vigil

Be a part of the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN
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OPENING MASS

Saturday Sept 22nd, 5:30 pm

St. Rose of Lima Church

2727 NE 54th 97213 Portland

Bishop Peter Smith, Msgr. Gerard O'Connor, Fr. Matt Libra, Fr. Eric Andersen, and Fr. John Boyle

OPENING PRAYER VIGIL

Sunday, Sept 23rd, 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Lovejoy Surgicenter

933 NW 25th Ave. Portland

www.40daysforlifecom/portland

MEN'S HOLY LEAGUE

Wednesday, Sept 26th. 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.

6:00 pm Confessions and public Rosary

6:45 pm Low Latin Mass

7:20 pm Adoration and Retreat Talk

8:00 pm Fraternal Meal and Social

INQUIRING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Adults and teens that would like to learn more about the Catholic faith are invited to join Fr. Eric Andersen for a weekly class. **Two options for classes will be offered on Thursday mornings at 10 am and Thursday evenings at 7 pm beginning September 6th.** Choose which time works best for you. RCIA is an acronym for "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults". RCIA is a series of rites to prepare people for Baptism and Confirmation in the Catholic Church. It begins by learning what we believe about God; our relationship with Him; how we worship Him; what we receive from Him; and how that informs the way we must live. If you are interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith or in joining the class, please contact Fr. Eric Andersen at andersen@archdpdx.org.