

SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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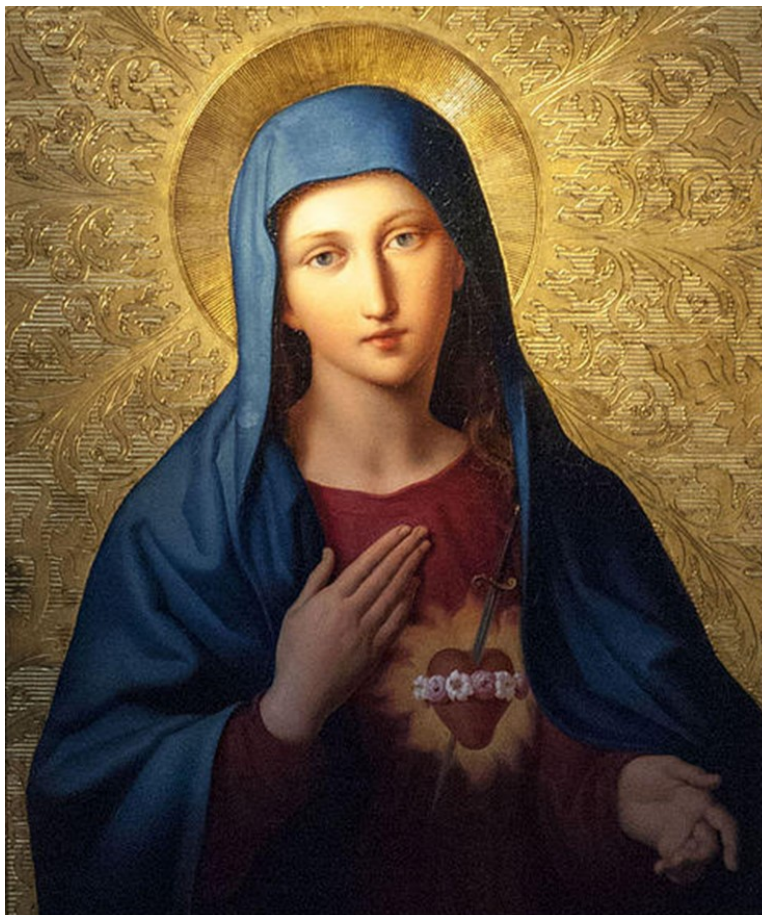
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August 26, 2018

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
14TH 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

Pastor	Rev. Eric Andersen eandersen@archdpdx.org
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Organ/Choir and Altar Server Coordinator	Coulter McIntyre coulter.mcintyre@gmail.com

MASS READINGS

(Ordinary Form)

Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 / Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 / Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 / Mk 6:17-29
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9 / Mt 42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25 / Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 25:14-30

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal in chapel
	11:30 am	Coffee and Donuts in gym
	Noon	Art Exhibit Closing Reception in rectory basement
Saturday	10:30 am	Rosary Walk #2 (meet in church)
Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal in chapel
	11:30 am	Coffee and Donuts in gym

OFFERTORY REPORT

	Aug 19	Fiscal Year-to-Date*
Regular Collections	\$3,617.70	(*Beginning July 1st)
Electronic Giving	\$...420.00	
Total	\$4,037.70	\$30,494.31
Budgeted	\$4,800.00	\$40,800.00
Budget +/-	-\$762.30	-\$10,305.69

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.

HEADSETS AVAILABLE DURING MASS IN THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH

LITURGY AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Lectionary Year B / Weekday Lectionary II
Eucharistic Prayer I with Preface IV

Sunday, August 26

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>) (+Gertrude Manly)
9:00 am	Confessions
10:30 am	Mass (People of the Parish)
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary - <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>)

Monday, August 27

Saint Monica

6:45 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>St. Joseph Calasance, Confessor</i>)
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Tuesday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7:30 am	No Mass
Noon	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor</i>) (Sr. Joseph Marie, CH)

Wednesday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:30 am	No Mass
6:45 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - <i>Beheading of St. John the Baptist</i>) (+John Arcurio)

Thursday, August 30

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am	Mass (Scott Stewart)
6:30-7:00 pm	Confessions

Friday, August 31

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am	Mass for Persecuted Christians (The Victims of Abuse)
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Saturday, September 1

Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

8:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am	Mass (Therese Ruesink)
9:30 am	First Saturday Devotion with Recitation of the Rosary
9:30-10:30 am	Confessions

Sunday, September 2

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	Mass (+Owen Peyton)
5:00 pm	Sung Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary - <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i>)

FROM THE DESK OF FR ERIC ANDERSEN

Last week, I asked you, the parishioners, for help in discernment. In the face of grave depravity and decadence at the highest levels of the Church, every faithful priest needs to take his call to holiness very seriously. How are we to respond to such a crisis in the Church? The faithful are discouraged, demoralized, and suffering. The crisis is nothing new but the LORD is bringing this to our attention in a public and urgent manner. Let us recall the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima in October of 1917: "People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our LORD any more, for He is already too much offended!" The scales of Divine Justice cannot withstand such a grave imbalance forever. Almighty God will not be mocked without there being a grave consequence. Divine Justice is at hand. We should give thanks to God for that.

Let this be a time of hope for us. Historically, the greatest saints have always arisen in the darkest periods of the Church. It is no different today. The smoke of satan entered the Church long ago, but the gates of Hades will not prevail against the Church. Judas Iscariot does not define the Church. Scandals, heretics and betrayers do not define the Church. Saints define the Church. Now is the time to step up and exercise heroic virtue. Now is the time to commit to becoming a saint.

Have you ever knelt in prayer and seriously asked God to make you a saint? Does the thought of that prayer terrify you? Do not be afraid. There is nothing to fear in surrendering all to the LORD. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the Name of the LORD" (Job 1:21).

There is a real desire among many of us to do penance and make reparation. We are obliged, as Christians, to do penance and make reparation for our own sins; but we should humble ourselves and strive to make reparation also for the sins of others. As a priestly people, we must offer ourselves to the LORD, individually as well as corporately, in reparation for the outrages and offenses committed against God. In doing so, each of us can live with peace in our own soul and we make the world, and the Church, a better place.

How can we priests best do so? We need to be praying faithfully daily Mass and Divine Office; daily Holy Hour; daily Rosary; fasting; living in a spirit of simplicity; chaste and continent and practicing some mortification of the flesh. The best penance is to live the Christian life well: with regular and consistent practices and discipline. Here are some suggestions for the laity: go to daily Mass; pray the Rosary daily; abstain from meat every Friday; go to Confession every 2 weeks or at least once a month; attend Sunday Vespers at the church or pray it at home with your family. Additionally, pray for our Archbishop and all of our priests. We need your prayers and we are praying for you. Pray for holiness, obedience, faith, purity, and courage: for the priests and for yourselves. Let this time of crisis be a turning point of hope for the future.

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

Closing Reception: Today, August 26, 12 pm

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 along with a closing reception and live reading at noon on August 26. For questions email: amanda.quiroz@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.

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, September 1st**.

ROSARY WALK #2

Saturday morning Sept 1st

We will meet in the church at 10:30 am after Confessions to pray and prepare and then to set off at 11 am. The walk is 6.8 miles long. Bring a Rosary and a sack lunch.

NOTE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Sr. Anne-Thérèse Nguyen will be out of the office **Tuesday, September 4th, 2018**. the office will be closed until then. If you have any urgent or immediate office needs or email urgency, you can email Fr. Eric Andersen, pastor, directly at andersen@archdpdx.org. Thank you.

SUMMER CCD CORNER

Wanted: A few good teachers for the fall through spring!

We plan to begin CCD at the end of September or beginning of October and run through the end of May. Are you able to help with one of our classes? In order to make this work, we need as many people to pitch in as possible. We have classes for pre-K (age 4) – 1st grade; 2nd – 4th grade; 5th – 7th grade; and 8th – 12th grade. Some of our teachers are returning, but we are especially in need of assistance for the 5th – 7th grade, and our very littlest CCD-ers! It is a great way to get to know many of the families in our parish. Each teacher is trained formally in the Called to Protect curriculum prior to teaching, which is required by the Archdiocese. Please contact me if you are interested in helping: Victoria Mears at drvamears@yahoo.com or 503-998-6063. Without willing volunteers our program cannot happen! So thanks for considering this opportunity in advance.

NFP CLASS SERIES

When: **September 4th, 18th and October 4th** from 7-9pm
Where: Northwest Family Services, 6200 SE King Rd., Portland, OR 97222

Northwest Family Services is pleased to offer their Fall 2018 series for learning Natural Family Planning through their SymptoPro Fertility Education program. The Sympto-Thermal method of NFP is scientifically based and can be up to 99% effective when learned and applied under the guidance of an instructor. NFP can be used to avoid pregnancy, achieve pregnancy, or to understand cycle health! One-time class fee of \$110 includes 6 months of comprehensive support.

To register visit: www.symptopro.org or contact Lauren Fuller at lfuller@nwfs.org.

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, July 11th 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>

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

The study group will take a summer break in July and August. We will reconvene on **Thursday, September 13th** at 1:30 pm in the rectory basement.

CULTURE OF LIFE

As faithful Christians, we have a responsibility to witness to the culture of life! Come out and see how God will use YOU to help mothers and save the lives of unborn children. The "no-show" rate for having abortions is as high as 75% when people are present praying on abortion day. Please join us at Planned Parenthood at 3727 NE MLK Jr. Blvd on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m. and from 1:30 to 5 pm. Also, at The Lovejoy Surgicenter at 933 NW 25th on Thursdays from 6:30 to 9 a.m., and Fridays from 8 to 10 a.m. For more information, contact Therese at ruesinktherese@comcast.net or (503) 997-1884.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

- **September 8th, 2018** Retreat and Hike (all day event) Sponsors should plan to attend if possible.
- **September 15th, 2018** 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: SAVE-THE-DATES

The Opening Mass will be on **Saturday, Sept 22nd** at St. Rose of Lima Catholic church at 5:30 p.m. with Bishop Peter Smith.

The Opening prayer vigil will be the following day on **Sunday, Sept 23rd** at 2 pm, at Lovejoy Surgicenter.

DISCERNMENT EVENINGS **SEPT–DEC 2018; JAN–MAY 2019**

Are you discerning the diocesan priesthood? Interested in finding out more? Feel free to contact the Office of Vocations at 503-233-8368 or vocations@archdpdx.org to find out when the next Discernment Evening will be.

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 eandersen@archdpdx.org.

SEPTEMBER INTENTION OF THE POPE

That young people in Africa may have access in their own countries to education and work.