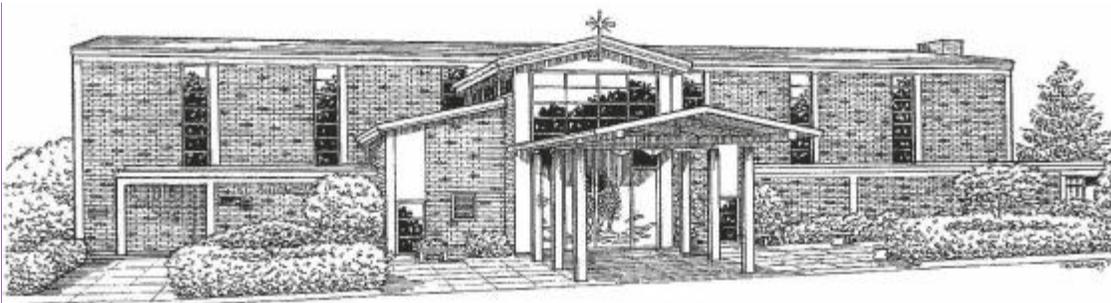


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Open Monday—Friday
8:00 AM—4:00 PM



CHURCH IS OPEN! JOIN US. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.
Please call (206)878-8709 to reserve.

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM
Misa en Español 6:30 AM, 1:00 PM



Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 7:30 AM
Tuesday 7:30 AM
Wednesday No Morning Mass
Misa en Español 7:00 PM
Thursday 7:30 AM
Friday 7:30 AM

Please wear a mask and observe social distancing.



EMAILS NEEDED

We now have updates available by email for our church families.
Please call or email Michelle at the Parish Office (206)878-8709 or adminassist@stphil.com

From the desk of
Kara Montplaisir
kara@stphil.com
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CONFIRMATION

Letters have been mailed out to all the Confirmation parents and sponsors with their date of Confirmation. Please call the parish office if you did not receive a letter or have questions.

Our last class is January 10, 2021. Check with your student to make sure all their work has been turned in, including their Saint Report.

Our Confirmation retreat is Friday January 15, 2021 from 5:30pm - 10:00pm, then again on Saturday January 16th from 8:30pm - 4:00pm. Please watch the bulletin for more details about the retreat.

On behalf of the Teen Confirmation team we wish all of our Candidates, their parents, families and sponsors a very blessed Christmas season.



Miss Kara

Mass Schedule

Reservations are still required to attend weekend Masses. Our numbers are increasing every week with more parishioners deciding to venture out. Please call the parish office 206-878-8709 by noon Friday to secure your spot.

The weekend Mass schedule will be as follows:

Monday/Tuesday &
Thursday/Friday 7:30 am
Wednesday 7:00pm Spanish
Saturday 5:30pm English
Sunday:
6:30am Spanish
8:30am English
10:30am English
1:00pm Spanish
5:30pm English
7:00pm Spanish
No Saturday Morning Mass

In order to attend Weekend Masses, you must make a **reservation** by calling the parish office, during office hours. **206-878-8709** We must have your **reservation** by 12pm Friday before the Sunday desired. We do this in order to facilitate 'contact tracing'. Those who simply 'show-up' for Mass, unfortunately may not be admitted.

No reservations are necessary for weekday masses, but there will be a sign-up sheet for those attending.
At this time there will be no Mass on Saturday mornings.

**Confession available by appointment:
206-878-8709**

Christmas schedule and procedures Reservaciones para las misas navidenas y como hacerlas

People have been asking about how we are going to manage Christmas masses this year. My response has been, "With extreme caution." The Christmas schedule will be as follows.

Christmas Eve / Vigilia Navidena December 24th

4:00 pm Vigil Mass
7:00 pm Vigil Mass in Spanish/
Misa vigilia en Espanol
10:00 pm "Midnight" Mass in English/
Misa de gallo

Christmas Day, December 25th

8:30 am English / ingles
10:30 am English/ ingles

1:00 pm Spanish / espanol

Reservations will be required.
Reservations for Christmas will **NOT** be received until Monday **December 14th**.
Please remember that the obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed (suspended) until the end of the pandemic, whenever that may be. Please make generous use of the many livestreamed masses online or on television.

Tienen que reservar para las misas navidenas. Las reservaciones se empezaran a recibir a partir del 14 de diciembre, hasta que llenemos el cupo. Recuerden que la obligación de asistir a la misa esta dispensada durante este tiempo de la pandemia. Las pueden vivir en línea o por la television.



The Religious Education office and all of our volunteer staff wishes each and everyone of you a holy, blessed Christmas season. May the innocence of the Infant Jesus touch each of your children. through your attendance at Mass and the example of the life you lead as their parents modeling Mary and Joseph.

If this year has you asking questions, scratching your head, and wondering what happens next, if you are searching for Catholic companionship to navigate the 2021, come and meet other seekers. You can join at anytime for discussions, scripture reflections and prayer. Call the office for more details.

Classes will resume on January 5th, 2021.



Religious Education Classes resume at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 4th, 2021.



Pre-Baptism Classes

English Baptism classes are normally offered the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of the month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Next classes:

English-

(English, 2 parts)

January 6th. and 13th.

Both English classes must be attended.

Español-

La Sigiente Clase Enero 2nd.

(Español, Una Clase Desde 5:45-9PM)

Parents & Godparents are required to attend.



My dear friends,



You don't need me to tell you what a strange year this has been. I won't catalogue the oddness that Covid has wrought upon us; you know it all better than I.

A priest friend of mine in California with whom I regularly correspond (okay, text...) told me something that resonated with me. He said that he felt that he was in this strange, straddling place between ambition and hope for the future on the one hand, and a sort of paralysis in the face of our current reality. I agreed with him, and I expect that many in our parish family feel the same way.

We begin our Advent readings by an extensive oracle from the prophet Isaiah. He was writing to the Jewish community held in bondage in Babylon. They were ambivalent as we are. On the one hand, their homeland and temple had been laid waste by the Babylonians, and were kidnapped and brought to Babylon in a sort of urban renewal scheme by the King. When he conquered a place, he brought back to Babylon the best and the brightest of the conquered peoples. In truth, the Jews did not do badly in Babylon. They laid down roots, and got around to the momentous task of actually writing down what became the first five books of the Old Testament. But they still pined for their 'normal', which was to return to Jerusalem and their temple.

Isaiah wrote words that were meant to give encouragement to the captives; he wanted them to know that God had not forgotten them, that he had pardoned their sins, and was always with them. These words echo down the centuries to us in our 'at-home captivity':

"Comfort, comfort my people;

---it is the voice of your God;

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and tell her this, that her penalty is paid; she has received at the Lord's hand double measure for all her sins...

You who bring Zion good news, up with you to the mountain-top;

Lift up your voice and shout,

you who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift it up fearlessly;

Cry to the cities of Judah, 'Your God is here'. . .

He will tend his flock like a shepherd, and gather them together with his arm;

He will carry the lambs in his bosom, and lead the ewes with care. (Isaiah 40 1-2, 9-11 NEB)

In our current distress we must never lose sight of the fact that we are the objects of God's love and care. With the vaccine on the horizon, and more stable national leadership coming, we have much to hope for. In the light of this hope, I wish you and your families a most blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2021.

All my love,

Rev. Stephen Woodland



Want to help out those in need during the upcoming holidays? Why not consider taking part of **SCRIP with Heart**? Many families in the St. Philomena School and Parish are struggling to make ends meet. As hard as it is for some of us to imagine, we have families who receive food stamps, use the Food Bank as a source for feeding their families and live in subsidized housing. You can bring hope to these families and make a difference in their lives, by giving to SCRIP with HEART. When you are buying SCRIP, please consider buying an extra gift card for groceries or gas that will be distributed to these families anonymously. All purchases go into the SCRIP with HEART account and are distributed equally to those families in need. Please have a HEART!!

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Mondays from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Wednesdays from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Fridays from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

You can order Scrip by choosing one of the following options:

- Print and fill out order form and bring with you to pick up order
- Email order to scrip@stphil.com
- Text order to 206-396-8451
- Order online through Presto Pay, Pay by check or credit card

Now is a great time to start purchasing Scrip for Christmas!!

The Splash Auction will once again be an online auction. The dates are set for Thursday, March 18th, 2021 through Saturday, March 20th 2021 with item pick up on Sunday, March 21, 2021.

We need sponsors for our Splash Auction. If you or anyone you know owns a business and would like to be a sponsor please contact Pam Blood at development@stphil.com.

Our goal is to secure enough support to cover the expenses of the SPLASH Auction so that all proceeds from the auction can go directly towards tuition assistance, technology upgrades, improving our school facilities and safety, and securing the heritage and tradition of St. Philomena School for many years to come. Your support will help us realize these goals! We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and your donation may be tax deductible. (Check with your tax advisor.) Paperwork and money for being a sponsor to claim on this year's taxes need to be to Pam by Dec. 18th.

Mass Intentions

December 20th, 2020



Readings for the next week ...

Saturday, December 19th

5:30pm Augusto Francisco RIP
Robert Bentler RIP

Sunday, December 20th

8:30am All the Faithful SI
10:30am All the Faithful SI
5:30pm All the Faithful SI

Monday, December 21st

7:30am Primitiva Capitrano RIP

Tuesday, December 22nd

7:30am Fe and Rene Herradura SI
Moises DeLaCruz RIP
Maria DeLaCruz RIP
Carbs Herradura RIP

Wednesday, December 23rd

7:00pm Por Todos los Fieles SI

Thursday, December 24th

7:30am All the Faithful SI

Friday, December 25th

7:30am All the Faithful SI

Saturday, December 26th

5:30pm All the Faithful SI

Monday, Dec 21st

Advent Weekday
Song of Songs 2:8-14
Luke 1:39-45

Tuesday, Dec 22nd

Advent Weekday
1 Samuel 1:24-28
Luke 1:46-56

Wednesday, Dec 23rd

Advent Weekday
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:57-66

Thursday, Dec 24th

Advent Weekday
Genesis 49
Matthew 1:1-17

Friday, Dec 25th

Advent Weekday
Jeremiah 23:5-8
Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday, Dec 26th

Advent Weekday
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Luke 1:5-25

Sunday, Dec 27th

Forth Sunday Of Advent
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Weekly Collection Recap

Our budget is based on an expectation of \$798,000.00 in collection donations for the fiscal year (July '19-June'20).

We need an average of \$15,346.15 per week.

How are we doing?

For December 6th.

Envelope Collection: \$ 6,641.00
Loose Collection: \$ 5,236.50
EFT: \$ 2,966.00
Total: \$ 14,843.50
Under (\$502.65)



For these Special Intentions and all Intentions in our Book of Prayer.

Doreen Smith
Christopher Lewis

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Beatrice Flores Garrido
Robert Bentler
Marcela Zuevela

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