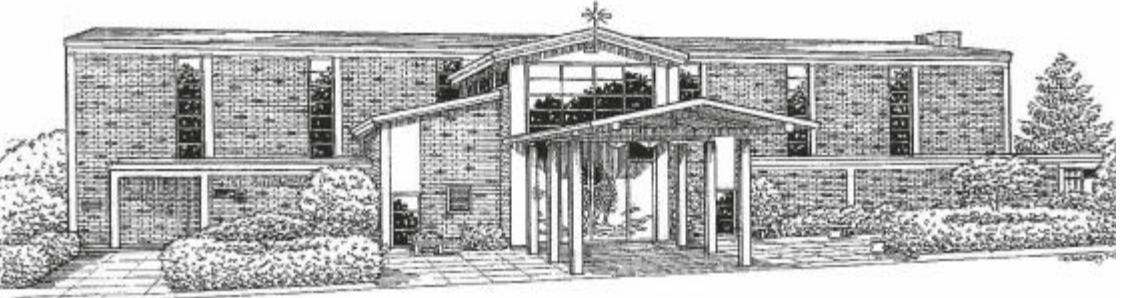


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Open Monday—Friday
8:00 AM—4:00 PM



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
206-878-8709

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.



**God's Blessings
Be Yours
This New Year**

Have A Joy Filled 2021

**Happy New Year from
Father Steve
&
Staff**



The St. Philomena School faculty and staff would like to wish each one of you a very **Merry and Blessed Christmas**. We hope you thank God for all your blessings and thank him for that he has given especially with all that is happening in the world and in our own community. We ask that he keeps you safe and in his loving care. We thank you for your support and dedication to St. Philomena School!!

We offer you this Christmas prayer...
God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word, that we may bring your life to the waiting world.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

In consultation with Father Woodland, the Archdiocese and the King County Health Department, **we are extending our remote learning model of teaching through February 1st, 2021**. The number of Covid cases continues to rise. We need to do our best to keep everyone safe. We will re-evaluate our decision at the beginning of February.

Scrip will be sold:
Mondays from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesdays from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM
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The time to focus on the New Year is now. In our classes, all second year students will begin the process of preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This applies to everyone in the second year of the program.

Because these students meet only every other week, we will be relying on parents to help reinforce and commit to preparing your students.

First year students will follow Jesus as He begins His public ministry. We will learn how to be more Christlike.

Remember that all students must learn their prayers. We don't have anyone entered into our contest as of yet.
So let's get praying.

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



We will be back on Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. We will begin to discuss the tenets of faith, morality, social justice. We will also practice for the Sacrament of Penance.

Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please come and see us about the process. we are here to help you on your faith journey.



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 Siguiente 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

Mass Intentions

December 27th, 2020

Saturday, December 26th

5:30pm All the Faithful

SI



Sunday, December 27th

8:30am All the Faithful

SI

10:30am All the Faithful

SI

5:30pm All the Faithful

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Monday, December 28th

7:30am All the Faithful

SI

Tuesday, December 29th

7:30am All the Faithful

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All the Faithful

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Wednesday, December 30th

7:00pm Por Todos los Fieles

SI

Thursday, December 31st

7:30am All the Faithful

SI

Friday, January 1st.

7:30am All the Faithful

SI

Saturday, January 2nd.

5:30pm All the Faithful

SI

Readings for the next week ...

Friday, Jan 1st

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

Saturday, Jan 2nd

St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop and Doctors of the Church

1 John 2:22-28

John 1:19-28

Sunday, Jan 3rd

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Tuesday, Dec 29th

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:3-11

Luke 2:22-35

Wednesday, Dec 30th

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:12-17

Luke 2:36-40

Thursday, Dec 31st

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:18-21

John 1:1-18

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 13th.

Envelope Collection:	\$ 7,517.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 4,710.00
EFT:	\$ 4,398.00
Total:	\$ 16,625.00
Over	\$ 1,278.85

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

Christopher Lewis
Dan Trujillo

Deaths

Doreen Smith
Beatrice Flores Garrido
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Let your perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord, and may they rest in peace.



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