

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23, 2022

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30,11:00 AM and 5:00 PM

Reconciliation: Friday at 9:15 AM & Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM

or by Appointment (Call Main Office)
Eucharistic Adoration See Calendar pg 2

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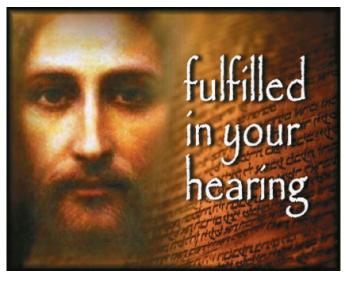
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See a listing of Parish Staff on the back inside

The Synagogue Sermon

The mission of Jesus is expressed with great force in today's Gospel. The Spirit that had come upon him in the Jordan River was leading him to proclaim a message and a way of life to teach. He had moved away from home, and had made such an impression that word about him had got back to his home place of Nazareth. We are told that he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, as he usually did... and announced the start of a new age!

His sermon would be understood by anyone who was familiar with the words of the prophets. Isaiah had stated clearly what would happen when the Messiah came. Jesus read that wonderful passage to them, then rolled up the scroll and announced "Today these words are coming true even as I speak." When he announced that he had come to replace the old Jewish love of law with a new law of love, it caused quite a commotion. At first we are told that everyone was pleased with his basic message; but in next Sunday's gospel, we hear how this encounter ended up. Not too well, actually, but you'll have to tune into the next episode next week!



Human nature has some in-built resistance to God that results from original sin. There is some basic rebelliousness within us, a stubborn pride leading to the blindness and the oppression spoken of in today's gospel. By myself it is impossible for me to lift myself out of the quicksand of my own selfishness. But Jesus has come to join me, to lead me, to save me, and this is the powerful Good News announced in the Nazareth Synagogue.

From: https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2022/01/23-january-2022-third-sunday-of-ordinary-time/

Sunday of the Word of God

https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2021/01/19/sunday-of-the-word-of-god-24-january-2021/

In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, Aperuit illis Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. He had already proposed something similar at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

The Sunday assembly gathering to celebrate the Eucharist is the unique moment in the week where a community gathers in a particular place and when their communal identity is nourished by Word and Sacrament. An important advance in 20th century theological reflection is that every sacramental celebration is founded and constructed upon the Word of God, and that every proclamation of the Word of God is sacramental.

Sunday of the Word of God is not a new feast! After all, the Word of God is proclaimed at every Sunday Eucharist, and one of the great blessings of the liturgical reform and renewal flowing from the Second Vatican Council is a greater appreciation of the foundational role of the Word of God in every liturgical celebration. The reform of the lectionary has led to much more scripture being proclaimed during our liturgical gatherings and a greater awareness of the role of the Word of God in the life of faith.

This Sunday builds on the texts and prayers of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and is conscious that it comes just after the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. While we are not yet united around the table of the Eucharist, we do share on many Sundays of the year the same scriptural readings in our different Christian assemblies. Pope Francis urges us to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to continue our prayer for Christian unity.

This Sunday is a time when the community is called to give greater attention not just to the Word of God. It is also urged to reflect on how we honor that Word in our celebrations, the books that we proclaim the Word from. Is the Gospel book carried in procession? Is it a well-made book that shows forth its life-giving content? Is it honored with incense, and do we sing during the Gospel procession? Are the readers who proclaim the Word formed in the art of proclamation, and the knowledge of what they are announcing?

Pope Francis suggests in his letter that this Sunday is an ideal time to reflect on these issues. For presiders, it is also a call to reflect once again on their preaching of the Word of God. This Sunday has in the past offered an appropriate opportunity to commission and bless those who serve the community as readers, and initiate new ones to this essential ministry. If the parish community does not enthrone the Word of God every Sunday, maybe today is an opportunity to start. Another way of nourishing the role of scripture is praying quietly together in a lectio divina style of prayer.

10:00 – 11:45a 6:30p - 7:15p	Monday Food Bank (Drive by only) Mass - Live-streamed
6:30p - 7:15p	Tuesday Mass - Live-streamed
4:00p – 5:45p 6:30p - 7:15p	Wednesday Food Bank (Drive by only Mass - Live-streamed - Adoration and Confessions available after Mass until 9:00 PM. Come spend time with Jesus! Sign-ups are not necessary.
8:30a - 9:15a 9:30a - 9:45a	Thursday Mass - Live-streamed Distribution of Holy Eucharist
8:30a - 9:15a 9:30a - 9:45a 10:00 –11:45a	Friday Mass - Live-streamed Distribution of Holy Eucharist Food Bank (Drive by only)
8:30a - 9:15a 9:30a - 9:45a 5:00p - 6:00p	Saturday Mass - Live-streamed Distribution of Holy Eucharist Vigil Mass
8:30a – 9:30a 11:00 – 12:00p 5:00 – 6:00p	Sunday Mass (Live-streamed) Mass (Live-streamed) Mass

When Visiting Our Church

Thee chapel is limited to 10 people at one time. Some areas may be closed or noisy on occasion for maintenance work. Reminder: the parish phone is answered from 9 AM - 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

Open Church Hours

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 8 PM Saturday 8 AM - 10 AM and 2 PM - 8 PM Sunday 8 AM- 3 PM

Masks Requirements for Mass

Please, out of care for those most vulnerable among us, if you have any symptom of illness please do not come to church.

Please remember:

- Do not come to Mass if you are feeling ill.
- Do not come if you have a temperature.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Avoid close contact with people outside your family, (15 minutes of face-to-face contact within 6 feet of an infected person. Please wear a mask.

Parish Website Updated

All are invited to visit ststephenslife.com to see the revised design of our parish website. We will continue to refine details so that our parish site becomes a more effective and pleasing tool for our community.



Our Stewardship of Talents

annual renewal continues. You will see blue flyers in the pews to mark the areas you volunteer and ministries you are interested in. If you are currently sharing your talents at St. Stephen's, thank you! If not, please consider sharing your gifts with one ministry for one year. To explore your ministry interests

https://ststephenslife.com/talentspledge-form Don't forget to turn in

your blue Stewardship of Talents flyer in the Narthex and pick **up a Ministry book.** A huge thank you to those who are currently serving and those who are interested in sharing their talents at St. Stephen's. Stop by the Welcome Table for more information.

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

12:00 AM to 8:00 AM; 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Monday:

5:00 AM to 6:00 PM; 7:00 PM to 11:59 PM

Tuesday:

4:00 AM to 6:00 PM; 7:00 PM to 11:59 PM

Wednesday:

12:00 AM to 6:00 PM; 7:00 PM to 11:59 PM

Thursday:

4:00 AM to 8:00 AM: 9:00 AM to 11:59 PM

5:00 AM to 8:00 AM; 9:00 AM to 11:59 PM

Saturday:

6:00 AM to 8:00 AM: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM: 6:00 PM to 11:59 PM.



Parish Financials

For the weekly bulletin collections report, we will be showing the last weekend's collection, the weekend before that, and the fiscal year to date through the last full month.

Weekly Collections	_		
	Jan. 08 & 09 2022	Jan. 01 & 02 2022	FY To date July 1 2021-Dec 31 2021 **
Collections-actual	17,515	15,581	541,957
Collections-Budge t	16,286	13,959	462,995
Variance	1,229	1,622	78,962
*EFT-Actual	8,613	8,073	265,429
*EFT-Budget	10,770	10,770	283,769
Variance	(2,157)	(2,697)	(18,340)

^{*}EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections)

^{**}Includes additional Year End contributions not previously reported

Faith Formation Programs



Our Fall 2021-22 K-12th Grade Programs Have Started for the Year. For information on our programs please contact our Faith Formation office at (253) 631-6175, ext. 115. For K-5th grade contact Maria or Shannon at sstm.yfmoffice@gmail.com. For 6-12th grade contact Debbie at sstm.youth@gmail.com. We will continue to follow the Archdiocesan safety guidelines. Parents, if you have questions, please let us know we want to help!

Our Baptism Classes Are Currently on

Hold. Please contact Teresa Wright at sstm.baptism@gmail.com for an alternative format. She will send information on how to complete the classwork as well as forms to complete and documents you must provide.



Once you have completed preparation your family will be put on our waiting list. We regret that we cannot guarantee when we will be able to schedule your child's baptism. Thank you for your kind patience.

Parents: Please sign-up for Flocknote so you can get program and parish news, as well as emergency updates! To sign up for Flocknote, go to the first page of our website: ststephenslife.com. Look at the dark green section on the left side of the page.





Are you a Baptized Catholic Who Has Never Received Confirmation?

Wouldn't it be a great blessing to receive the Supernatural GIFTS of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation? Adult Confirmation Sessions Begin January 18th; 7-9 PM; in the Social Hall with safe social distancing and masks. Learn more about our Adult Confirmation Program (adults over the age of 19 years) OR if you are interested in Becoming a Catholic; by calling or emailing, Anne Merklin, 253-480-7108, ext. 126, or at sstmassociate@gmail.com.



Don't Miss Pathfinders' Pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey Including a Four Night Cruise!

Join Fr. Brooks Beaulaurier, Fr. Michael Kelly, and Dr. Timothy Mullner, September 7-17, 2022, for the trip of a lifetime through Greece & Turkey. Follow in the Footsteps of St. Paul & the Early Church while visiting sites such as Thessaloniki, Athens, Patmos, Santorini, and MORE! Register TODAY: https://bit.ly/3FAvTru Questions? info@pathfinders.me Download the Brochure at

https://www.groupminder.com/cstPathTours/documentCatalog/Beaulaurier_Brochure_-_Greece-Turkey_2022.pdf



Girlfriends - Please join the Girlfriends at our upcoming events. All women (age 18+) are invited! The Lit & Lattes group is meeting virtually via Zoom. The next virtual gathering will be Tuesday, February 8th at 7 pm. to discuss Anxious People by Fredrik Backman. New members are welcome to join in the Zoom call! Please contact Vicki at vkennerud@comcast.net to RSVP or for any questions.



January 23: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." In the month of December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 24 families, providing \$6,552 in food, rent, utility bills, etc. Thank You!



Sunday Night Mass! We are so excited to be offering Sunday evening Masses in January at 5:00 pm! The music will be contemporary, to keep consistent with with the Life Teen tradition we've had at St Stephen's for so many years. If you've been waiting for this Mass to return we'll see you Sunday night!

Weekly Readings

January 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

January 24 Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

January 25 Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

January 26 Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:1-20

January 27 Thursday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

January 28 Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

January 29 Saturday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

January 30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary TimeJer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15-17; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30

Adult Confirmation

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Adult Confirmation Sessions Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM

We will meet in the Social Hall with safe social distancing and masks.

Learn more about our fldult Confirmation Program (adults over the age of 19 years)
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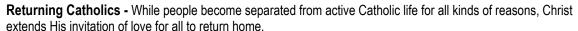












- Our parish community welcomes anyone looking to rediscover their Catholic Faith!
- It is our hope and prayer that you'll feel welcome to join us for a time of rediscovery.
- Sessions will use safe social distancing and masks and/or by Zoom meeting.
- Contact Bill Swedberg at billswedberg@gmail.com or 253-631-1940 ext 121 to learn about our group meetings beginning soon!

Next year in Jerusalem!! Journey with Kathleen Tansey for her 6th time in the Holy land for Advent 2022. For details psj1350@comcast.net.

Are You Interested in Sending Your Child to St. Anthony School?

Applications are now available for 2022/23 All families interested in sending their children to St. Anthony School for a quality, Catholic education, should call the school office at 425-255-0059 or e-mail Jean Dang at dang@sasr.org. Applications for families new to the school are available at www.sasr.org and are due by February 8, 2022. There will be an open house on Sunday, January 30th, sign up at www.sasr.org.

Agape Prayer Ministry - God encourages us to intercede in prayer for others. As we lift up our burdens in prayer, we begin to experience how compassionate and merciful our God truly is. We invite you to join us every Saturday after 5 pm Mass in the chapel, as we pray for the deep desires of our hearts, the needs of our families, friends, and our parish community. Come and experience the love God has for us as we see our prayers answered and our needs met. Join us on Flocknote https://ststephens.flocknote.com/AgapePrayerMinistry opportunities include: Prayer ministers available first 30 minutes, Rosary, Gospel reading, Lectio Divina, Intercessory Prayers, Thanksgiving

Respect Life

January 19-27 — 9 Days for Life The U.S. Bishops are appealing to all Catholics to pray a 9-day novena for life beginning January 19th using the resources found at this link: https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life.

Come Join Our Exodus 90 Men's Group This Year. We begin at 6:30am on Saturdays. Morning prayer will be held at the church. After morning prayer, we will head down to the social hall at approximately 7:45am to provide more details. Please contact Rob Pacleb at rpacleb2000@hotmail.com or Peter Tabuntschikow at petertabuntschikow@gmail.com.

Terrific Tuesday meals wishes to thank all those who have donated coats, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, blankets, sleeping bags, hand warmers and toiletries. These items are greatly appreciated and handed out to the homeless guests we serve December through March. WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT ANY OTHER ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE NARTHEX OR ANNEX FOR TERRIFIC TUESDAY MEALS. WE ALSO CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT WOMEN'S CLOTHING AT THIS TIME AS ALMOST ALL OF THOSE WE SERVE ARE MEN. Thank You for Understanding: Please Find Another Good Place for Your Donations.

Little Saints Preschool Registration Open

Registration for Little Saints Preschool is underway! If you are interested in our Catholic preschool here at St. Stephens, contact Abbie Nelson at sstm.littlesaints@gmail.com. We have space in all sessions (MWF mornings 3-4 year olds, TTh mornings 3 year olds, M-Th afternoons 4 year olds) for Fall, 2022.

Mission Update - Fr. Martin Stuart, whose support for his education came from our parish, serves a large parish, with 9 sub-parishes. From Nov 30 to Dec 22 of 2021, it was his responsibility to hear first confessions and celebrate First Communions for 720 (seven hundred twenty) students. He was exhausted by the long hours in the confessional and is now taking a well deserved vacation in Western Uganda. Please direct questions to Diane Cooper at iamdcooper@gmail.com

Pictures below feature First Communions of 2021!













Parish Information

New to St. Stephen's? Welcome! Learn more about our vibrant community by visiting our web site at www.ststephenslife.com. Registration forms are online or may be obtained from the ushers and put in the collection basket or mailed in. **Bulletin Notices:** The **article deadline is 12:00 PM on the Friday** a week before the weekend you wish it to appear (8 days in advance). Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email notices to: ourbulletin@gmail.com.

Main Office Phone: TEL 253-631-1940 / FAX 425-255-2943 Ten digit phone numbers listed below are direct lines.

Pastor	Fr. Edward G. White	For Fr. Ed contact his a	assistant, Betty Mencke 253-480-7103 (100)
Deacon	Dec. Carl Chilo		sstmdeaconcarlchilo@gmail.com
Deacon	Dec. Sonny Ungco		sonny.ungco@gmail.com
Deacon	Dec.lke Tarabi		ike.tarabi@outlook.com
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Little Saints Preschool Director	Abbie Nelson	253-480-7105 (123)	sstm.littlesaints@gmail.com
Faith Formation Support Coordinator	Maria Trejo	253-631-6175 (115)	sstm.yfmoffice@gmail.com
Child Care Nursery	Liese Diachenko		StStephensChildCare@gmail.com.
St Stephen Housing Association		253-480-7122	office@ststephenhousing.org
SVDP Help-Line		206-767-6449	
Custodial Support	Brian Guenther, Soo Kim		briang.sstm@gmail.com

Marriage: Couples seeking Marriage must contact the church 9 months before their wedding date. Some preparation and Parish Registration are required before a date can be set. Contact Teresa Wright for details concerning marriage at (253) 631-6175, Ext. 120.

Annulments: (for those who are divorced): For compassionate and confidential answers to your questions and for help through the annulment process, please contact our parish Tribunal Advocate, Veronica Smith-Casem, at vsmithcasem@gmail.com or 425-301-0356.

Baptism: Preparation and Parish Registration are required for both Parents and Godparents/Sponsors. Baptisms are held monthly. Contact the Faith Formation Office for details (253-631-6175).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For adults desiring to become Catholic, including those needing baptism. Contact Anne Merklin 253-631-1940 ext 126. sstmassociate@gmail.com

Praying For Sick

Marie Peacock Albers, Nela Pacleb, Irene Bauman, JoAnna Bailey, Jim Dougherty, Brian W. French, Lydia Franada, Chad Horky, Mary Byersdorf, Leila Abada, Jaime Zara, Kelley Chazes, April Sedall, Nicole Paulsen, Shelby Talley, Christina Rafferty, Antonio San, Nicolas Nenita, San Nicolas, Rolf Ju, Emelita Joyosa, James Vaccaro, Marlene Hill, Teresa Wright, Precilla Del Rosario, Yvonne (Dawn) Kunkle, Romeo Velarde, Cristian Anthony Dinh, Jesse Boyovich, Jan Sykes, Joel Rivera, Julie Fernandez, Saksithan Hak, Lan Buck, Joshua Hecox, Rose Herlya, Manny Gutierrez, JJ Conavad, Adam Bynum, Xavier Mascaren, Ester Hansen, Henry de Guzman, Nicomedes Rodriguez, Molly Dinsmore, Baby Nyhla Wallace, Angelina Rivera, Alexander, Charito Rubis Galindo, Diachenko, Art Condes, Leticia Dela Cruz Reyes, Douk Ko, Nick Montecalvo, Joe Buss, Bernadette DeMarc, Jim Steckler, Felix Tarnate Jr, Marcia Hall, Gabriel Schafer, Teresraj Zacharia, Renee Walker

Serving in the Military

Captain Patrick Warfel, Captain Philip Clay LT Luke Carpenter (deployed) Stephen Snelling, Jack Cullers US, Zenaida Roth, Daniel Dobbs Japan, Joey Buslon Poland

Death

Molly Douglas, Jerry Mayer, Amparo Lopez, Rodney Maxie, Ely Castro, Marie Anderson, Mother of Carol Williams, Bill Pie' Sr., Wayne Delahanty, Ben Castillo, Rolando Valdez, Adrian Abada, Thelma Varona, Thomas Goff Sr.

To add names to the box, please email ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940. To contact the Prayer Chain, please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

Rachel's Corner: Hope and Healing After Abortion The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who are bowed down. - Psalm 146: 7-8 When thoughts come to your mind regarding the day you were involved in an abortion decision, do they make you feel blind to hope, entrapped in regret and burdened with shame? Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation, and be free again. Registering now for our Virtual Healing Series. English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814 Email projectrachel@ccsww.org Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. You are loved with an everlasting love!



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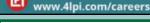
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