

Saint Stephen Catholic Church

Portland, Oregon

Sunday, January 5th, 2025



Sanctissimi Nominis IESU

The Most Holy Name of JESUS

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	1/4	N/A (no morning Mass) Yasra Karam
Sun	1/5	Fr. Joseph Levine People of the Parish Maria Ailil B. Alvarez
Mon	1/6	Cathleen Ciri
Tue	1/7	+Marcelina Legaspi
Wed	1/8	+Leander Butt
Thu	1/9	Archbishop Alexander Sample
Fri	1/10	Ray Robert Stone
Sat	1/11	+Wai-Kuen Wong Stanley James Andersen
Sun	1/12	Amy Mulcaster People of the Parish +Judith Dizon

MASS READINGS (Traditional Latin Mass - 1962 Missal)

Saturday	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:15-20
Sunday	Acts 4:8-12	Luke 2:21
Monday	Isa 60:1-6	Matt 2:1-12
Tuesday	Isa 60:1-6	Matt 2:1-12
Wednesday	Isa 60:1-6	Matt 2:1-12
Thursday	Isa 60:1-6	Matt 2:1-12
Friday	Isa 60:1-6	Matt 2:1-12
Saturday	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:15-20
Sunday	Col 3:12-17	Luke 2:42-52

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wed & Thurs: 5:30-6:30 pm; **Friday:** 11 am-12 Noon; **Saturday:** 10-11 am.
BEGINNING JAN 5TH, SUNDAY CONFESSIONS ARE DISCONTINUED

SUNG DIVINE OFFICE SCHEDULE (1960 Antiphonale Romanum)

Please consult weekly schedule for changes/cancellations each week

Sunday:	7:15 am Lauds; 4 pm Vespers
Monday:	7 am Lauds
Tues-Friday:	7 am Lauds; 5 pm Vespers
Saturday:	8 am Lauds; 4 pm Vespers

This week's liturgical schedule:

Sat, Jan 4th: Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday (4th Class) – First Saturday

- **No Morning Mass, Confessions, or Vespers today**
- 5 pm: Latin/English Mass (Missal of Paul VI - Vigil of the Epiphany)

Sun, Jan 5th: The Most Holy Name of Jesus (2nd Class)

- 7 am: Church doors open
- 7:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass
- 10:30 am: Sung Latin Mass
- 2 pm: Epiphany Water Blessing
- **4 pm: No Vespers today due to Epiphany Water Blessing**
- 5 pm: Low Latin Mass

Mon, Jan 6th: The Epiphany of the Lord (1st Class)

- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 7 pm: Sung Latin Mass with Blessing of Chalk

Tues, Jan 7th: Feria in Epiphanytide (4th Class)

- 7 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers

Wed, Jan 8th: Feria in Epiphanytide (4th Class)

- 7 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:30-6:30 pm: Confessions

Thurs, Jan 9th: Feria in Epiphanytide (4th Class)

- 7 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:30-6:30 pm: Confessions

Fri, Jan 10th: Feria in Epiphanytide (4th Class)

- 7 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- 11 am: Confessions (until 12 Noon)
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers

Sat, Jan 11th: Saturday of the BVM in Epiphanytide (4th Class)

- 8 am: Adoration and Sung Lauds **Comm: St. Hyginus, Pope/Martyr**
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass
- 10:15 am: Confessions
- 4 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5 pm: Latin/English Mass (Missal of Paul VI - The Baptism of the Lord)

Sun, Jan 12th: The Feast of the Holy Family (2nd Class)

- 7 am: Church doors open
- 7:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass
- 10:30 am: Sung Latin Mass
- 4 pm: Sung Vespers
- 5 pm: Low Latin Mass

LESSONS AT MATINS (Traditional Roman Breviary - 1962)

Find online at [Divinum Officium](http://DivinumOfficium.com) or as an app (Breviarium meum)

Saturday	Rom 7:1-6; Epistle of St. Ambrose to Pope Siricius
Sunday	Acts 3:1-16; Acts 4:5-12; Sermon of St. Bernard; Homily of St. Bernard on Luke 2:21
Monday	Isa 55:1-4; Isa 60:1-6; Isa 61:10-11; 62:1; Sermon of St. Leo; Homily of St. Gregory on Matt 2:1-12
Tuesday	Rom 9:1-16
Wednesday	Rom 12:1-16
Thursday	Rom 13:1-10
Friday	Rom 14:1-13
Saturday	Rom 15:1-16; Epistle of St. Ambrose to Pope Siricius
Sunday	Col 3:12-25; 4:1-2; Apostolic Letter of Pope Leo XIII: "Neminem fugit"; Homily of St. Bernard on Luke 2:42-52

OFFERTORY COLLECTION (*this week and month to date*)

Offertory (*includes Maintenance/Restoration, Music, etc.*) +/- budget

- Envelopes/Cash: \$6,082.20
 - Online: \$5,683.26
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| Total WTD: \$11,765.46 | Budget: \$12,832.00 | \$1,066.54 |
| Total MTD: \$63,521.34 | Budget: \$64,160.00 | \$638.66 |

Special Collections

- Christmas/End of Year: \$5,605.92

Online giving: <https://www.saintstephenpdx.com/donate>

...or visit our giving kiosk in the narthex/lobby of the Church to donate now.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

1/5/2025: Church Centennial Collection - Side Chapel

1/19: Sacred Music Fund

DONATION STATEMENTS GOING OUT SOON

We will send donation statements for 2024 to donors this week. Because we use two different systems for tracking donations, the statements will process differently, and you may receive statements for both types of donations.

- Offertory donations by cash or check: sent via US Mail.
- Online donations (website or the kiosk): sent via Email.

Please notify the parish office if you see any errors in your statement.

RCIA (OCIA) CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

At 6:30 pm the class will begin in the Parish Office. Those interested in becoming Catholic or taking the steps to learn more about the Catholic Faith can email jsalazar@archdpdx.org.

THANK YOU FROM YOUR PRIEST

Fr. Andersen wishes to thank all those who so generously provided their time, talent, and treasure for a beautiful Christmas celebration here at St. Stephen's. Thank you also to those who remembered me with cards, gifts, and goodies. My very best wishes to you all for a blessed New Year.

NEWS & EVENTS AT ST. STEPHEN

EPIPHANY SCHEDULE: WATER BLESSING, MASS & CHALK BLESSING

Sunday, Jan. 5th, 2025

- 2 pm: Epiphany Water Blessing

Monday, Jan. 6th, 2025

- 5 pm: Sung Vespers of the Epiphany
- 7 pm: Sung Latin Mass w/blessing of chalk

33-DAY PREPARATION FOR CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

According to the method of St. Louis de Montfort. Begin **January 9th** to finish on February 10th. **Consecration on February 11th:** The Feast of the Apparition of the BVM at Lourdes. Complimentary booklets are available in the Narthex. Donations accepted to help cover printing costs.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—OFFERING YOUR WORK TO THE LORD

Do you live in the Portland Metro area? Are you available to get more involved in the parish? Father Andersen needs assistance with various duties in the office, church, sacristy, garden, etc. The ideal candidate is one who lives within 30 minutes from the church and is able to attend daily Mass or prayer. If you would like to meet with Fr. Andersen to explore how you can best put your talents to work for the Lord at St. Stephen's, please email Fr. Andersen at eandersen@archdpx.org and please also copy the parish office: saintstephen@archdpx.org

MOVIE NIGHT: BABETTE'S FEAST

Saturday, January 18th. Potluck begins at 6:15 pm. Movie begins at 7 pm. A perfect family film for the season of Carnival. During the late 19th century, a strict religious community in a Danish village takes in a French refugee named Babette from the Franco-Prussian War as a servant to the late pastor's daughters. After winning the lottery, Babette wants to repay the sisters for their kindness and offers to cook a French meal for them and their friends on the 100th anniversary of their father's birth. It proves to be an eye-opening experience for everyone. Nordisk Film - Denmark. 1987. 102 Minutes. Danish/French with English Subtitles. Suggested ages 12 and up.

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY AND MAKE FRIENDS

The Legion's main purpose is the holiness of the members. It improves our "vertical" relationship we have with God and the Blessed Mother, but it also enriches the "horizontal" relationship of friends we gain as we live the Legion way of life. The Legion can help develop wonderful life-long friendships with like minded Catholics. It is also a great place to meet a future spouse. One Legion council in Cork, Ireland reported five marriages from one Legion group alone. It soon became the most popular group in all of Ireland. Another Legion group in Virginia (USA) reported 6 marriages in two years—equal to over half its average membership over those two years. (taken from: Ten Benefits of Legion of Mary Membership).

We meet in Carmody Hall Thursdays 7-8:30 pm. Visitors are welcome.

2025 CALENDARS ARE A GIFT TO YOU FROM ST. STEPHEN'S

These calendars feature historical photos of St. Stephen's in celebration of the centennial anniversary of the "New" church building dedicated in 1925.

THE SEASON OF CARNIVAL: JANUARY 6TH UNTIL ASH WEDNESDAY

Maria Von Trappe writes: "Saint Catherine closes the door of the dance hall until the three Holy Kings throw it wide open again." This means that with the feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria (November 25), the Church enters the "closed time." In these weeks, good Christians are not allowed to attend public dances and are not supposed to have a big festive wedding celebration.

There are two such closed times — between November 25 and Christmas, and again between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. To make up for these two periods of abstinence from dancing and merrymaking, there is sandwiched in between a time that is, on the contrary, even dedicated to dancing and feasting of any kind. In Austria these weeks are called Fasching. In Latin countries they are known by the name of Carnevale. The Latin name is usually translated as "Meat, farewell!" (Carne, vale!) As we know, one main feature of fasting is usually abstinence from meat.

Carnival is a season extending over several weeks. It is not equally long each year, depending on whether Easter falls earlier or later; but it always begins January 6 and ends at midnight before Ash Wednesday. It should be our noble right and duty to bring up our children in such a way that they become conscious of high tide and low tide, that they learn that there is "a time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance." (Eccles. 3:4)

Let us put these weeks of Carnival to use and learn to dance together, play together, and sing together. Spent like this, the weeks of Carnival seem to fly. Every day the family is eagerly looking forward to the evening's program, whether it be singing or folk dancing or playing games or masquerading.

The last day of Carnival is Mardi Gras, or Faschingsdienstag, or Fat Tuesday. This should be a big celebration, of the whole parish together, if possible, or a circle of friends, and everything that one did during the previous weeks should be done just once more. "Once more this dance!" "Once more this song!" "Once more this game!"—until twelve o'clock sharp. When the clock strikes twelve, in the middle of the dance, according to the good old tradition, one should stop, and the whole group should kneel and say one Our Father together and then, rising up, say, "I wish you a blessed season of Lent" and go home.

It has to be experienced to be fully believed, but there is a great blessing on such a Carnival time, shared in a family. To have spent a good Carnival will finally prove to the greater honor and glory of God, in enabling us to spend a good Lent!" (*Excerpted from the book: [Around the Year with the Von Trapp Family](#) by Maria Augusta Von Trappe. 1955. Currently published by Sophia Institute Press*)



LENT 2025

HOLY LEAGUE

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LENT 2025 HOLY LEAGUE CONFERENCE COMING TO ST. STEPHEN!

Join us for the Holy League Lent Catholic Men's Conference on March 8, 2025, at St. Stephen Catholic Church. Guest speakers include Exorcist Fr. Dan Reehil, Jesse Romero, Eric Tafoya, and Deacon James Thurman. Prepare your heart for Lent with inspiring talks, Mass, and confessions. Sign up today at [theholyleague.org](https://www.theholyleague.org).

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EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

On Epiphany, chalk is blessed by the priest in the church. The people take it home to use for the blessing of their house. The following is traced with blessed chalk above the front door, on the doorframe, representing the year and the initials of the three Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar):

20 + C + M + B + 25 *or* MM + C + M + B + XXV

The following prayers are then said inside the main entrance of the house:

Father/Leader: (Father, or head of the household): Peace be to this house.

All: And to all that dwell herein.

Father/Leader: From the east the Magi came to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures, they offered costly gifts: gold to the great King, incense to the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial. Alleluia.

All: *(sign yourself with the Cross and say together the Magnificat)*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: From the east the Magi came to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures, they offered costly gifts: gold to the great King, incense to the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial. Alleluia.

Father/Leader: Our Father (then silent until) and lead us not into temptation

All: but deliver us from evil.

Father/Leader: All they from Saba shall come . . .

All: bringing gold and frankincense.

Father/Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer . . .

All: and let my cry come to Thee.

Father/Leader: Let us pray. O God, Who by the guidance of a star did this day reveal thy Only-Begotten Son to the Gentiles, grant that we who now know thee by faith may be brought to the contemplation of thy heavenly majesty. Grant this through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Father/Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

Father/Leader: Nations shall walk in thy light, and kings in the splendor of thy birth. . .

All: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Father/Leader: Let us pray. Bless, O Lord almighty God, this home, that it be the shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the commandments, and thanksgiving to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May blessing remain for all time upon this dwelling and all who live herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with holy water. The same inscription may then be traced with chalk above the doors throughout the house as desired, especially above the children's rooms.