

Saint Stephen Catholic Church

Portland, Oregon

Sunday, December 31st, 2023



Simeon and Anna with the Christ Child

Stained glass detail from the church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs in Cambridge.

(ph. Lawrence OP)

Dominica Infra Octavam Nativitatis
Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	12/30	Intention of the Celebrant +Fr. Ronald Stone
Sun	12/31	Tyson Family People of the Parish Shauna Koster
Mon	1/1	Intention of the Celebrant Louis Joseph Sicurezza
Tue	1/2	+Christopher Huling President Donald J Trump
Wed	1/3	Ivy Tyson Fraternity of St. Joseph
Thu	1/4	Archbishop Alexander K. Sample Ron Watkins
Fri	1/5	Ging & Shannon Ma & Family Jan Watkins
Sat	1/6	Immaculate Heart of Mary Intention of the Celebrant
Sun	1/7	Ying Rousseau People of the Parish +Christopher Huling

MASS READINGS (Traditional Latin Mass - 1962 Missal)

Saturday	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:15-20
Sunday	Gal 4:1-7	Luke 2:33-40
Monday	Titus 2:11-15	Luke 2:21
Tuesday	Acts 4:8-12	Luke 2:21
Wednesday	Titus 2:11-15	Luke 2:21
Thursday	Titus 2:11-15	Luke 2:21
Friday	Titus 2:11-15	Luke 2:21
Saturday	Isa 60:1-6	Matt 2:1-12
Sunday	Col 3:12-17	Luke 2:42-52

This week's schedule:

Sat, Dec 30th: 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas (2nd Class)

- 7:15 am: Adoration and Lauds, Prime, Terce
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass
- 10:00 am: Confessions
- 4 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5 pm: English Mass (Feast of the Holy Family)
- **8 pm: No Public Compline tonight**

Saturday	
Matins and Lauds	6:30 AM
Prime and Terce	8:15 AM
Vespers	4:00 PM
Compline	8:00 PM

Sunday, Dec 31st: Sunday in the Octave of Christmas (2nd Class)

- 8 am: Low Latin Mass *followed by Te Deum*
- 9:15 am: Confessions
- 10:30 am: Sung Latin Mass *followed by Te Deum*
- 4 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5 pm: Low Latin Mass *followed by Te Deum*
- **8 pm: No Public Compline tonight**

Sunday	
Matins and Lauds	5:30 AM
Prime and Terce	7:00 AM
Vespers	4:00 PM
Compline	8:00 PM

Monday, January 1st: Octave of Christmas (Circumcision of the Lord – 1st Cl)

- 8 am: Church opens
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass
- 11 am: Low Latin Mass

Tuesday, January 2nd: The Most Holy Name of Jesus (2nd Cl)

- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- 12 Noon: Low Latin Mass
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers

Wednesday, January 3rd: Feria in Christmastide (4th Cl.)

- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- 5 pm: Adoration and Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:40 pm: Confessions (Public Rosary at 6 pm)
- 6:30 pm Benediction
- 6:45 pm: Low Latin Mass followed by Compline

Tuesday - Friday	
Matins and Lauds	5:30 AM
Prime and Terce	7:15 AM
Vespers	5:00 PM
Compline	8:00 PM

Thursday, January 4th: Feria in Christmastide (4th Class)

- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5:40 pm: Confessions
- 6:45 pm: Low Latin Mass followed by Compline

Friday, January 5th: Feria in Christmastide (4th Class); Comm. St. Telesphorus

- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- 11 am: Confessions
- 12 Noon: Low Latin Mass
- 5 pm: First Vespers of Epiphany
- 7 pm: Blessing of Epiphany Water followed by Compline

Sat, January 6th: The Epiphany of the Lord (1st Class)

- 7:15 am: Adoration and Lauds, Prime, Terce
- 9 am: Sung Latin Mass
- 10:00 am: Confessions
- 4 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5 pm: English Mass (Feast of the Epiphany)

Saturday	
Matins and Lauds	6:30 AM
Prime and Terce	8:15 AM
Vespers	4:00 PM
Compline	8:00 PM

Sunday, January 7th: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph (2nd Class)

- 8 am: Low Latin Mass
- 9:15 am: Confessions
- 10:30 am: Sung Latin Mass
- 4 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5 pm: Low Latin Mass

Sunday	
Matins and Lauds	5:30 AM
Prime and Terce	7:00 AM
Vespers	4:00 PM
Compline	8:00 PM

LESSONS AT MATINS (Traditional Roman Breviary - 1962)

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

Saturday	Rom 2:1-13
Sunday	Rom 3:19-31; Homily of St. Ambrose
Monday	Rom 4:1-17
Tuesday	Acts 3:1-16, 4:5-12; Sermons of St. Bernard
Wednesday	Rom 6:1-18
Thursday	Rom 7:1-9
Friday	Rom 8:1-11
Saturday	Isa 55:1-4, 60:1-6, 61:10-11; 62:1; Sermons of St. Leo; Homily of St. Gregory
Sunday	Col 3:12-25; 4:1-2; Letter of St. Leo; Homily of St. Bernard

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

Offertory +/- budget

- Envelopes/Cash: \$5,862.52
 - Online: \$1,240.00
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| Total WTD: \$7,102.52 | Budget: \$7,812.00 | -\$709.48 |
| Total MTD: \$30,806.05 | Budget: \$31,248.00 | -\$441.95 |

Special Collections

- Maint/Rest/Heat: \$870.00 Budget: \$2,468.00 -\$1,598.00
- Sacred Music: \$400.00 Budget: \$625.00 -\$225.00
- School Building: \$7,947.00 Goal: \$150,000 Remaining \$140,053.
- Poor Box (Urban Missionaries): \$241.89

Online giving: <https://www.saintstephenpdx.com/special-events>

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- 1/7 Epiphany Collection - School Building - Goal remaining \$140,053.
1/21 Sacred Music Fund

ALTAR BOY ENROLLMENT AND TRAINING

Contact Stephen at: asofsscc@gmail.com

RCIA CLASSES AT ST. STEPHEN - ENGLISH AND SPANISH

Those interested in becoming Catholic or taking the steps to learn more about the Catholic Faith can email jsalazar@archdpdx.org

We are now able to offer RCIA classes in Spanish as well, so please indicate if you prefer the class in Spanish.

As we look to establish a class day and time for RCIA, please let us know if you are available in the daytime or evening, as well as which days of the week you are not available.

NEWS & EVENTS AT ST. STEPHEN

DEATHS

12/13: Joseph Ronald Marshall (funeral Mass celebrated Dec 19th)

NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, Dec 31st: The *Te Deum* will be sung at the end of every Mass for the gaining of a Plenary Indulgence. A game day will be observed at Coffee and Donuts.

Monday, Jan. 1st: The *Veni Creator Spiritus* will be sung at the end of each Mass for the gaining of a plenary indulgence. Low Masses: 9 am & 11 am.

EPIPHANY SCHEDULE: WATER BLESSING AND MASS

Friday, January 5th

- 5 pm: First Vespers of the Epiphany
- 7 pm: Epiphany Water Blessing (*not a Mass*)

Saturday, January 6th

- 9 am: Sung Latin Mass (*with blessing of chalk*)

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE JANUARY 18-25

This octave was established by Pope Benedict XV in 1916 as the "Chair of Unity Octave" beginning on the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter on January 18th and ending on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25th. The pope established this octave of prayer "that Christians who have unfortunately withdrawn from the Catholic Faith should at length be recalled to it as to a forsaken Mother." Indulgences are available for those who participate. A full set of prayers and daily intentions, as published by Pope Pius XII in 1956 for the Octave will be prayed after Mass each day during the Octave.

END OF YEAR GIFTS TO ST. STEPHEN'S

Please consider giving a Christmas gift to St. Stephen's before the end of the year. We are fully funded on the generosity of the faithful. We are a qualified public charity 501(c)(3). Your gifts and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Please consult your tax expert and we will send you a tax receipt and/or acknowledgment. Thank you in advance for considering St. Stephen Parish in your financial plans.

APPROX. EXPENSES FOR THE SCHOOL BUILDING – ONE YEAR

Window Repair:	\$20,000
Floor replacement:	\$20,000
Asbestos removal:	\$20,000
Permitting Process with City:	\$35,000.
Trash area project:	\$20,000.
Monthly maintenance/oil/heat, etc.	

@\$2,500/mo x 12 mos.= \$30,000

Subtotal:\$145,000. Goal: \$150,000. Remaining: \$140,053.

The School furnace is running again. We will wait on a new furnace. We will continue with a monthly 2nd collection to help cover the expense of the school building.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have a change of home address or phone number, please call or email the parish at saintstephenpdx@gmail.com or 503-234-5019. Contribution statements will be mailed out in the new year for your tax purposes.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **FSSJ EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE, August 5-9TH**
Theme: St. Thomas Aquinas.



**SAINT STEPHEN'S
HOLY LEAGUE
GOLF
TOURNAMENT
2024**

SUMMER 2024

LEARN MORE



St. Stephen Catholic Church Holy League Golf Tournament is coming in summer 2024. Priced at \$150 per player or \$500 for teams.

More information coming soon. Scan the QR code or email saintstephengolftournament@gmail.com to express your interest. Stay tuned for updates!

SUBSCRIBE TO THE PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

Saint Stephen Catholic Church PDX.

<https://www.youtube.com/@saintstephenpdx>

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Jan. 5-7, 2024. Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center, Beaverton, OR
For single men ages 18–50 who are asking, “Is the Lord calling me?” A weekend of prayer, reflection, and conversation with Archbishop Alexander K. Sample. For information and a registration form please contact your parish pastor or Fr. Peter Julia, Vocations Director (please register by December 28th) (503) 233-8368 • vocations@archdpdx.org.
Cost: \$50

CELEBRATING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE



YOU ARE INVITED!

2024
February 17



You are cordially invited to join us for a night of celebration, inspiration, and a powerful call to action at the Life Gala hosted by the Archdiocese of Portland.

This special evening is dedicated to embracing and cherishing life in all its forms, spotlighting local initiatives, and uniting our community in a shared commitment to uphold the sanctity of life.

DETAILS

Guest speaker from the Sisters of Life

Keynote speaker: Abby Johnson

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM (doors open)

Venue: Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC)



www.archdpdx.org/lifegala
Tickets go on sale December 15th.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING 2024

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:

+ 20 + C + M + B + 24 +

This represents the year and the initials of the three Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar). The following prayers are then said inside the main entrance of the house:

Leader: (*Head of household*): Peace be to this house.

All: And to all that dwell herein.

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.

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

All: but deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come . . .

All: bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer . . .

All: and let my cry come to Thee.

Leader: 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, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen.

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.

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.

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.