

Saint Stephen Catholic Church

Portland, Oregon

Sunday, December 29th, 2024



Dominica Infra Octavam Nativitatis
Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	12/28	+Nora Margaret Ryan Nichols Lawrence & Elizabeth Yarbrough
Sun	12/29	+Francisca Borlongan People of the Parish Isaura Barajas & Family
Mon	12/30	Claudia Perez
Tue	12/31	Larry Ward
Wed	1/1/25	Fraternity of St. Joseph (FSSJ) People of the Parish
Thu	1/2	Archbishop Alexander Sample
Fri	1/3	Jeffrey Hude
Sat	1/4	N/A Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sun	1/5	Fr. Joseph Levine People of the Parish Maria Ailil B. Alvarez

MASS READINGS (Traditional Latin Mass - 1962 Missal)

Saturday	Apoc 14:1-5	Matt 2:13-18
Sunday	Gal 4:1-7	Luke 2:33-40
Monday	Tit 3:4-7	Luke 2:15-20
Tuesday	Tit 3:4-7	Luke 2:15-20
Wednesday	Tit 2:11-15	Luke 2:21
Thursday	Tit 2:11-15	Luke 2:21
Friday	Tit 2:11-15	Luke 2:21
Saturday	Ecclus 24:14-16	Luke 11:27-28
Sunday	Acts 4:8-12	Luke 2:21

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wed & Thurs: 5:30-6:30 pm; **Friday:** 11 am-12 Noon; **Saturday:** 10-11 am.
Sunday: 9:30 am until 10:15 am (**discontinued as of Sunday, January 5th**)

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 Adoration and Lauds; 4 pm Vespers

This week's liturgical schedule:

Sat, Dec 28th: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (1st Class)

- 7 am: Adoration and Sung Lauds • 8:15 am: Sung Prime
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass
- 10:15 am: Confessions
- 4 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5 pm: Latin/English Mass (Missal of Paul VI - Feast of the Holy Family)

Sun, Dec 29th: Sunday In the Octave of Christmas (2nd Class)

- 7 am: Church doors open
- 7:15 am: Sung Latin Lauds
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass
- 9:30 am: Confessions
- 10:30 am: Sung Latin Mass
- 4 pm: Sung Vespers
- 5 pm: Low Latin Mass

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

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

Tues, Dec 31st: Day 7 in the Octave of Christmas (2nd Class)

- 7 am: Sung Latin Lauds **Comm: St. Sylvester, Pope/Confessor**
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers with Te Deum (Plenary Indulgence)

Wed, Jan 1st: Octave Day of Christmas—Circumcision D.N.I.C. (1st Class)

- 8:30 am: Church opens **Holy Day of Obligation**
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass
- 11 am: Sung Latin Mass
- **No other services or Confessions today**

Thurs, Jan 2nd: Feria in Christmastide (4th Class)

- 7:30 am: Church opens
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- **No other services or Confessions today**

Fri, Jan 3rd: Feria in Christmastide (4th Class) – First Friday

- 7:30 am: Church opens
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- **No other services or Confessions today**

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 water blessing**
- 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	Jer 31:15-23; Sermon of St. Augustine; Homily of St. Jerome
Sunday	Rom 1:1-19; Homily of St. Ambrose on Luke 2:33-40
Monday	Rom 2:1-13
Tuesday	Rom 3:19-31
Wednesday	Rom 4:1-17; Sermon of St. Leo; Homily of St. Ambrose
Thursday	Rom 5:1-12
Friday	Rom 6:1-18
Saturday	Rom 7:1-9; Letter of St. Ambrose to Pope Siricius
Sunday	Acts 3:1-16; 4:5-12; Sermon of St. Bernard; Homily of St. Bernard

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

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

• Envelopes/Cash: \$8,104.63		
• Online: \$3,115.54		
Total WTD: \$11,220.17	Budget: \$12,832.00	\$1,611.83
Total MTD: \$51,755.88	Budget: \$51,328.00	\$427.88

Special Collections

- Christmas/End-of-Year: \$3,115.54

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

NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR ONLINE GIVING

Our online donations site, <https://www.saintstephenpdx.com/donate> has added options for **ApplePay**, **GooglePay**, and **Venmo** to the usual credit/debit cards and ACH (checking accounts). You also now have an option to help offset the card processing fee we are billed for each transaction.

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 501(c)(3) public charity, and your gifts and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law (please consult your tax expert). We will send tax receipts/acknowledgements in early January: by US Mail for offertory donations, and by Email for online donations. Thank you in advance for considering St. Stephen Parish in your financial plans!

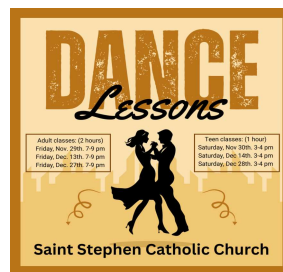
THANK YOU FROM YOUR PRIEST

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

BALLROOM DANCING LESSONS

Prepare for the New Year's Eve Ball! Learn to Waltz, Rumba, & Hustle in Carmody Hall, Beginner to Intermediate. Adult classes (post High School age 18 and over) on Fridays from 7-9 pm. Teen classes (age 14-18 [including high school seniors]) on Saturdays from 3-4 pm.



Adult classes: (2 hours)

-Friday, Dec. 27th. 7-9 pm

Teen classes: (1 hour)

-Saturday, Dec 28th. 3-4 pm

Each adult lesson will be covering 3 dance styles in a two hour lesson at \$20 per lesson. Teen classes are 1 hour at \$10 per lesson.

EPIPHANY NOVENA DEC 28–JAN 5

Join Fr. Andersen in a new video series preparing for the Solemnity of the Epiphany. We will pray the novena prayers after Low Masses. The prayers are available in the narthex.

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

1/1: Octave Day of Christmas (Circumcision of the Lord)

CCD SCHEDULE OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK

We will not have CCD classes during Christmas Break on December 29th.

33-DAY PREPARATION FOR CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

According to the method of St. Louis de Montfort. Begin **December 31st** to finish on February 1st. **Consecration on February 2nd:** The Purification of the Blessed Virgin (Candlemas). Complimentary booklets are available in the Narthex. Donations accepted to help cover printing costs.

PLENARY INDULGENCE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

A plenary indulgence is offered to the faithful for the singing or saying of the "Te Deum" as a song of thanksgiving on the last day of the calendar year. For the gaining of the indulgence, we will recite the *Te Deum* at the end of morning Low Mass and sing the *Te Deum* at the End of Vespers. By tradition, the Te Deum was composed by St. Ambrose and St. Augustine the eve before St. Augustine's baptism.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

Tuesday, December 31st. 7-10 pm in Carmody Hall. Ages 14 and up. \$20 admission. Dress: modest formal. Ballroom dancing.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Low Mass at 9 am; Sung Mass at 11 am.
A plenary indulgence is offered to the faithful for the singing or saying of the hymn, *Veni Creator Spiritus*, on New Year's Day.

MODIFIED SCHEDULE JANUARY 1-4TH

There will be no Sung Divine Office or Confessions between January 1st-4th. There will be no morning Mass, Adoration or Confessions on Saturday. The church will open at 8:30 am on Wednesday, January 1st (New Year's Day). The Church will open at 7:30 am on Thursday and Friday, January 2-3. Please consult with the weekly schedule for details about each day.

EPIPHANY SCHEDULE: WATER BLESSING, MASS & CHALK BLESSING

Sunday, Jan. 5th, 2025

- 2 pm: Epiphany Water Blessing

Monday, Jan. 6th, 2025

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

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. **No class on Jan 1st.**

THE LEGION OF MARY TEACHES THE CATHOLIC FAITH

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

“During the weekly Legion meeting spiritual formation is found in the rosary, the Legion prayers, the spiritual reading and discussion, and the talk by the spiritual director. Additional help comes from Catholic doctrine, and apostolic techniques learned from the Legion handbook and the work reports presented and discussed.

Every time legionaries come together for a meeting it is as if they are gathered at the cenacle with Our Lady, as in the days of the first apostles. Every Legion meeting becomes the Upper Room where modern-day apostles gather together in a cenacle of prayer with Mary, asking the Holy Spirit to come upon them so that they can do great things for the glory of God and the salvation of souls” (taken from: Ten Benefits of Legion of Mary Membership).

If you are unable to join us, you may decide to become an Auxiliary Member who prays for the Legion at home. Ask Fr. Andersen for more details.

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 will be made available in the Narthex of the Church as the week approaches.


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EVENTS ELSEWHERE

ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT: JAN. 3-5, 2025

Open to single men ages 18–50 who are asking, “Is the Lord calling me?” The weekend includes prayer, reflection, and conversation with Archbishop Alexander K. Sample. Registration forms are available on our vestibule counter. Cost is \$50. For more information contact Fr. Peter Julia, Vocations Director. Please register by December 20th by phone: (503) 233-8368 or email: vocations@archdpdx.org.

WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE - SAN FRANCISCO, CA.

• Friday, Jan 24th:

Walk for Life Prayer Vigil. St. Dominic’s Church, 2390 Bush Street, San Francisco, 5 pm. Hosted by the Dominican Friars at St. Dominic’s Church. Vespers at 5 pm, Mass at 5:30pm and Holy Hour with Confessions 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Adoration for Life. Saints Peter and Paul Church, 666 Filbert Street, San Francisco, 8 pm-10 pm. After 9 pm, enter through parish office. The parking lot will be open.

• Saturday, January 25th, 2025:

Silent No More Awareness Campaign. 10:45 am to 12:15 pm – Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco. Georgette Forney and Frank Pavone from Priests for Life will be here to lead the Silent No More Awareness Campaign.

Walk for Life Main Event. Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco. Rally: 12:30 to 1:30pm. Walk: 1:30pm.

• Sunday, January 26th, 2025

Traditional Latin High Mass. 11:30 am. Star of the Sea Parish. 4420 Geary Blvd. San Francisco, CA. 94118.

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