

*Saint Stephen Catholic Church*  
*Portland, Oregon*

*Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024*



*Dominica III Adventus*  
*3rd Sunday of Advent*

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### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Sat</b>	12/14	+James Benner, Leonard Kitt, Janet Petersen Helene Marie Spacek
<b>Sun</b>	12/15	+Robert Taylor People of the Parish Peggy Luch
<b>Mon</b>	12/16	Cathleen Ciri
<b>Tue</b>	12/17	Mark Traeger
<b>Wed</b>	12/18	Paul Emrich
<b>Thu</b>	12/19	Archbishop Alexander Sample
<b>Fri</b>	12/20	Macario Zacarias
<b>Sat</b>	12/21	Mike Porter Carolyn Callaghan
<b>Sun</b>	12/22	Diane Swenson People of the Parish Cameron Traeger

### **MASS READINGS (Traditional Latin Mass - 1962 Missal)**

<b>Saturday</b>	Rom 15:4-13	Matt 11:2-10
<b>Sunday</b>	Phil 4:4-7	John 1:19-28
<b>Monday</b>	2 Cor 1:3-7	Matt 16:24-27
<b>Tuesday</b>	Phil 4:4-7	John 1:19-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	Isa 2:2-5; Isa 7:10-15	Luke 1:26-38
<b>Thursday</b>	Phil 4:4-7	John 1:19-28
<b>Friday</b>	Isa 11:1-5	Luke 1:39-47
<b>Saturday</b>	Eph 2:19-22	John 20:24-29
<b>Sunday</b>	1 Cor 4:1-5	Luke 3:1-6

### **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

**BEGINNING JAN 5TH, SUNDAY CONFESSIONS WILL BE DISCONTINUED**

### **SUNG DIVINE OFFICE SCHEDULE (1960 Antiphonale Romanum)**

*Please consult weekly schedule for changes/cancellations each week*

<b>Sunday:</b>	7:15 am Lauds; 4 pm Vespers
<b>Monday:</b>	7 am Lauds and Prime
<b>Tues-Friday:</b>	7 am Lauds and Prime; 5 pm Vespers
<b>Saturday:</b>	7:15 am Lauds; 8:15 am Prime; 4 pm Vespers

## ***This week's liturgical schedule:***

### **Sat, Dec 14th: Feria of Advent (3rd Class)**

- 7 am: Sung Rorate Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 8:30 am: Sung Lauds and Prime
- 9:45 - 11 am: Confessions
- 4 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5 pm: Latin/English Mass (Missal of Paul VI - 3rd Sunday of Advent)

### **Sun, Dec 15th: Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday (1st 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 16th: St. Eusebius, Bishop/Martyr (3rd Class) Christmas Novena begins**

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

### **Tues, Dec 17th: Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Class)**

- 7:30 am: Church opens - No Lauds/Prime today
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers [O Antiphon]

### **Wed, Dec 18th: Ember Wednesday of Advent (2nd Cl) FAST/PART. ABST. Christmas Novena**

- 7 am: Sung Latin Lauds and Prime
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon); Comm. Expectation of the BVM
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers [O Antiphon]
- 5:30-6:30 pm: Confessions

### **Thurs, Dec 19th: Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Class) Christmas Novena**

- 7 am: Sung Latin Lauds and Prime
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers [O Antiphon]
- 5:30-6:30 pm: Confessions

### **Fri, Dec 20th: Ember Friday of Advent (2nd Class) FAST/ABSTINENCE Christmas Novena**

- 7 am: Sung Latin Lauds and Prime
- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- 11 am: Confessions (until 12 Noon)
- 5 pm: Sung Latin Vespers [O Antiphon]

### **Sat, Dec 21st: St. Thomas, Apostle (2nd Class) FAST/PART. ABSTINENCE Christmas Novena**

- 7 am: Adoration and Sung Lauds
- 8:15 am: Sung Prime
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass **Comm: Ember Saturday in Advent**
- 10:15 am: Confessions
- 4 pm: Sung Latin Vespers [O Antiphon]
- 5 pm: Latin/English Mass (Missal of Paul VI - 4th Sunday of Advent)

### **Sun, Dec 22nd: Fourth Sunday of Advent (1st Class) Christmas Novena**

- 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 [O Antiphon]
- 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)

<b>Saturday</b>	Isa 25:1-12
<b>Sunday</b>	Isa 26:1-14; Homily of Pope St. Gregory the Great
<b>Monday</b>	Isa 28:1-7,16-18; Eulogy of St. Eusebius
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isa 30:18-20,22-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homily of St. Ambrose, Bishop
<b>Thursday</b>	Isa 33:1-6,14-17
<b>Friday</b>	Homily of St. Ambrose, Bishop
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Cor 4:1-15; Eulogy of St. Thomas the Apostle; Sermon of Pope St. Gregory the Great; Homily of Pope St. Gregory the Great
<b>Sunday</b>	Isa 35:1-10; 41:1-4; Homily of Pope St. Gregory the Great

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

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

- Envelopes/Cash: \$12,499.05
  - Online: \$4,125.27
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|------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Total WTD: \$16,624.32 | Budget: \$12,832.00 | \$3,792.32 |
| Total MTD: \$28,454.73 | Budget: \$25,664.00 | \$2,790.73 |

### **Special Collections**

- Security/Lighting: \$2,397.30

**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

12/24-25: Christmas Collection - Year end catch up

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

## NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR ONLINE GIVING

Our online donations site has now added options for **ApplePay**, **GooglePay**, and **Venmo** to the usual options of 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. See <https://www.saintstephenpdx.com/donate>.

## 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!

## CCD SCHEDULE OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK

There will be **no** CCD classes during Christmas Break on December 22nd and 29th.

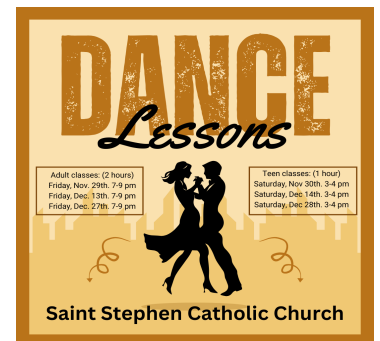
## **NEWS & EVENTS AT ST. STEPHEN**

### **ADVENT RORATE MASSES - SATURDAY DEC 14th**

7 am. High Mass. A “Rorate Mass” is a votive Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary during Advent. The Mass begins while it is dark. The church is lit only by candlelight, and the faithful hold tapers. As the Mass progresses, the sun rises and the light slowly increases through the windows of the church. It is a reminder that Advent awaits the coming of the Light of the World: Jesus Christ.

### **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. 13th. 7-9 pm**

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

**Teen classes: (1 hour)**

**-Saturday, Dec 14th. 3-4 pm**

-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.

### **ADVENT MOVIE NIGHT - SATURDAY, DEC 14TH**

Frank Capra’s “It’s a Wonderful Life” (1946. 2 hours, 10 min. In glorious Black & White). Starring James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore. The film stars James Stewart as George Bailey, a man who has given up his personal dreams in order to help others in his community and whose thoughts of suicide on Christmas Eve bring about the intervention of his guardian angel, Clarence Odbody. Clarence shows George all the lives he touched and what the world would be like if he had not existed. Bring a favorite dish to share for a Potluck Dinner. Dinner at 6 pm. Movie begins at 6:30 pm.



## **UPCOMING HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

12/25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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

## **CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO THE CHRIST CHILD**

**December 16th - 24th.** Take a copy of the Advent Family Devotions home to pray this novena. Praying the Novena is a Nativity gift to the Baby Jesus.

## **“O ANTIPHONS” DECEMBER 17TH – 23RD**

The “Greater Days of Advent”. On each night during this time the Magnificat Antiphon at Vespers is a famous “O Antiphon”. These antiphons inspired the hymn, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”

Dec 17: O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

Dec 18: O Adonai

Dec 19: O radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)

Dec 20: O clavis David (O Key of David)

Dec 21: O Oriens (O Day-Spring)

Dec 22: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Gentiles)

Dec 23: O Emmanuel

## **FAST/ABSTINENCE DAYS IN ADVENT (*not obligatory*)**

12/18: Ember Wednesday Fasting & Partial Abstinence

12/20: Ember Friday Fasting and Full Abstinence

12/21: Ember Saturday/*Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle*  
Fasting and Partial Abstinence

12/24: Christmas Eve Fasting and Full Abstinence

## **HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

- **Saturday, December 21st** following the Morning Mass. Bring a sack lunch. We will put up the Christmas trees and string them with lights (we won't light them until Christmas Eve). We will assemble the Nativity scene and prepare it for the LORD's coming.
- **Tuesday, December 24th** at 9:30 am, after the morning Mass. We will put the finishing touches on things today, placing the poinsettias upon the gradines of the high altar, and side altars, and elsewhere around the church.

## **ADVENT CHRISTMAS CAROLING - AT PEACOCK LANE**

**Saturday Dec 21st** from 6-9 pm. It's Ember Saturday, so bring a favorite meatless dish to share for a Potluck Dinner. We will meet for dinner at 6 pm. Depart for caroling after dinner. We have caroling books for everyone.

## **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](mailto:jsalazar@archdpdx.org). No class on Dec 25 and Jan 1st.

## **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

### **Vigil of Christmas: Tuesday, Dec. 24th**

- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (Vigil of Christmas)
- 4 pm: Sung First Vespers of Christmas
- 5 pm: Latin/English Mass (Missal of Paul VI, Vigil of Christmas)

### **Christmas Day: Wednesday, Dec 25th**

- 12 Midnight: Missa Cantata - Sung Latin Mass
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass (second Mass of Christmas "At Dawn")
- 11 am: Low Latin Mass with music (third Mass "During the Day")

## **SOLEMNITY OF ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR**

Thursday, December 26th. Latin Sung Mass at 11 am. No other public services this day.

## **BLESSING OF WINE ON THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

Friday, December 27th. Low Mass at 8 am. Bring a bottle of wine to be blessed in his honor. A toast is made: "I drink you the love of St. John."

## **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.

## **EPIPHANY SCHEDULE: WATER BLESSING, MASS & CHALK BLESSING**

### **Sunday, Jan. 5th, 2025**

- 2 pm: Epiphany Water Blessing

### **Monday, Jan. 6th, 2025**

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

## **THE LEGION OF MARY CAN HELP GROW HAIR?**

A true story concerns the late Father Francis Ripley of Liverpool, England. During World War II Father wanted to start the Legion in a military hospital and was recruiting members. One German patient had been in an explosion in a tank and had lost all his hair which had never grown back. When Fr. Ripley asked him to join the Legion of Mary, the soldier asked if he joined would the Blessed Mother help his hair grow back. Fr. Ripley said that he would not be surprised if that happened. Three months later the new German legionary had the most handsome head of blond hair.

The principle is that Our Lord and Our Lady are never outdone in generosity. If we sacrifice some time, effort or energy doing their work, they will always give something in return to us or to others. Perhaps a child or grandchild away from the Church would come back. There will always be some special grace because of your Legion membership. (taken from: Ten Benefits of Legion of Mary Membership).

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

## **CALL TO ACTION: SERVE IN CHARITY THIS ADVENT!**

On the evening of December 21st, our parish will host a fundraiser to support the church by offering parking for visitors enjoying the lights of Peacock Lane.

**Time:** 5 PM - 10 PM (Gates lock at 10 PM)

**Donation:** \$10 per vehicle

We are seeking 6 men of the parish to volunteer their time to assist with collecting donations, safeguarding the premises, and guiding vehicles in the spirit of service.

This is a beautiful opportunity to give of your time and talents during the Advent season. To volunteer, please sign up by contacting David Norman at 503-407-2444 (text or signal message preferred) or email at [gsetter60@gmail.com](mailto:gsetter60@gmail.com)

## **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](mailto:vocations@archdpdx.org).

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