

*Saint Stephen Catholic Church
Portland, Oregon*

Sunday, December 22nd, 2024



Midnight Mass at St. Stephen's

*Dominica IV Adventus
4th Sunday of Advent*

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	12/21	Mike Porter Carolyn Callaghan
Sun	12/22	Diane Swenson People of the Parish Cameron Traeger
Mon	12/23	+Roland Naylor
Tue	12/24	+Susana Mariscal Guzman
Wed	12/25	People of the Parish
Thu	12/26	Archbishop Alexander Sample
Fri	12/27	+Zachary Taylor
Sat	12/28	+Nora Margaret Ryan Nichols Lawrence and Elizabeth Yarbrough
Sun	12/29	+Francisca Borlongan People of the Parish Isaura Barajas & Family

MASS READINGS (Traditional Latin Mass - 1962 Missal)

Saturday	Eph 2:19-22	John 20:24-29
Sunday	1 Cor 4:1-5	Luke 3:1-6
Monday	1 Cor 4:1-5	Luke 3:1-6
Tuesday	Rom 1:1-6	Matt 1:18-21
Wednesday	Tit 2:11-15 Tit 3:4-7 Heb 1:1-12	Luke 2:1-14 (Midnight) Luke 2:15-20 (Dawn) John 1:1-14 (Daytime)
Thursday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-60	Matt 23:34-39
Friday	Ecclus 15:1-6	John 21:19-24
Saturday	Apoc 14:1-5	Matt 2:13-18
Sunday	Gal 4:1-7	Luke 2:33-40

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wed & Thurs: 5:30-6:30 pm; **Friday:** 11 am-12 Noon; **Saturday:** 10-11 am.

Sunday: 9:30 am-10:15 am (to be discontinued Sunday, January 5th, 2025)

This week's liturgical schedule:

- 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
- Mon, Dec 23rd: Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Class) Christmas Novena**
- 7 am: Sung Latin Lauds
 - 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
- Tues, Dec 24th: Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (1st Cl) Christmas Novena**
FAST AND ABSTINENCE
- 7 am: Sung Latin Lauds
 - 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)
 - 4 pm: Sung Latin First Vespers of Christmas
 - 5 pm: Latin/English Mass (Missal of Paul VI - Vigil of the Nativity)
- Wed, Dec 25th: Nativity of Our Lord (CHRISTMAS) 1st Class)**
- 12 am: Sung Latin Mass (Mass at Midnight)
 - 9 am: Low Latin Mass (Mass at Dawn) **Comm: St. Anastasia, Martyr**
 - 11 am: Low Latin Mass (Mass During the Day, with music)
 - *No Confessions or other public services this day*
- Thurs, Dec 26th: St. Stephen, Protomartyr (2nd Class) PARISH SOLEMNITY**
- 11 am: Sung Latin Mass
 - *No Confessions or other public services this day*
- Fri, Dec 27th: St. John, Apostle/Evangelist (2nd Class)**
- 7 am: Sung Latin Lauds
 - 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon) with blessing of wine
 - *No Confessions or other public services this day*
- Sat, Dec 28th: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (1st Class)**
- 8 am: Adoration and Sung Lauds
 - 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

LESSONS AT MATINS (Traditional Roman Breviary - 1962)

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

Saturday	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
Sunday	Isa 35:1-10; 41:1-4; Homily of Pope St. Gregory the Great
Monday	Isa 41:8-16
Tuesday	Homily by St. Jerome, Priest on Matt. 1:18-21
Wednesday	Isa 9:1-6; Isa 40:1-8; Isa 52:1-6; Sermon of St. Leo the Great; Homily of St. Gregory; Homily of St. Ambrose; Homily of St. Augustine
Thursday	Acts 6:1-10;7:59; Sermon of St. Fulgentius; Homily of St. Jerome on Matt 23:34-39
Friday	1 John 1:1-10; 1 John 2:1-5; St. Jerome on Ecclesiastical Writers; St. Jerome on Galatians; Homily of St. Augustine on Jn 21:19-24
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

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

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

• Envelopes/Cash: \$7,997.66			
• Online: \$4,183.32			
Total WTD: \$12,080.98	Budget: \$12,832.00		\$751.02
Total MTD: \$40,535.71	Budget: \$38,496.00		\$2,039.71

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, <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!

NEWS & EVENTS AT ST. STEPHEN

CCD SCHEDULE OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK

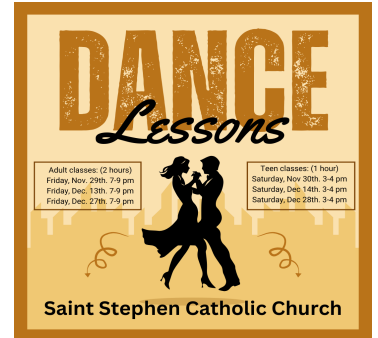
There will be **no** CCD classes during Christmas Break on December 22nd and 29th.

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 classes on Dec 25 and Jan 1st.

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.

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

12/21: Ember Saturday 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.

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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (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 (The Nativity of the LORD): 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."

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.

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.

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.

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
- 4 pm: First Vespers of the Epiphany

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

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. His Holiness 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 provided as we get closer to the date. This is an ideal devotion for families to pray together at home.

THE LEGION OF MARY KEEPS ITS MEMBERS YOUNG

This can't be found in Canon Law but it can be shown nonetheless. For example, the late **Fr Aedan McGrath**, official Legion visitor to the Far East, at 92 years of age was still active and looked to be about 75.

Frank Duff, founder of the Legion, was still riding his bicycle at the age of 91. (in fact, he never drove a car after his first ride, when the engine exploded!) The Legion kept him young in spirit and in body.

And there were the "little old lady" legionaries in Philadelphia who, in their nineties, were still doing their Legion work of door to door evangelization! The Legion seemed to keep them young! (taken from: Ten Benefits of Legion of Mary Membership).

We meet in Carmody Hall **Thursdays 7-8:30 pm. Visitors welcome.** You can try it out as a probationary member for 3 months before deciding to become a full member. You can also be an auxiliary member and pray for the Legion at home while not required to take on active works.

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@archdpdx.org and please also copy the parish office: saintstephen@archdpdx.org

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.

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.

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