

Saint Stephen Catholic Church

Portland, Oregon

Sunday, December 17^d, 2023



Saint John the Baptist Pointing to Christ
Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617-1682)

Dominica III Adventus

Third Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Sat | 12/16 | +Helen Wester Intention of the Celebrant |
| Sun | 12/17 | Martin Weeks People of the Parish Sofia Anna |
| Mon | 12/18 | Peace in Israel & Palestine Thomas Rousseau |
| Tue | 12/19 | Peter Rousseau Noah Traeger |
| Wed | 12/20 | Steve Hackman Gabriella Eisenbacher |
| Thu | 12/21 | Archbishop Alexander K. Sample Francis Rousseau |
| Fri | 12/22 | Terese Eisenbacher Fr. Rowe & St. Anne TLM Community, Perth, AUS |
| Sat | 12/23 | +Helen Wester Intention of the Celebrant |
| Sun | 12/24 | Theodore Rousseau People of the Parish Steve Hackman |

MASS READINGS (Traditional Latin Mass - 1962 Missal)

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| Saturday | 2 Cor. 1:3-7 | Matt 16:24-27 |
| Sunday | Phil 4:4-7 | John 1:19-28 |
| Monday | Phil 4:4-7 | John 1:19-28 |
| Tuesday | Phil 4:4-7 | John 1:19-28 |
| Wednesday | Isa 7:10-15 | Luke 1:26-38 |
| Thursday | Eph 2:19-22 | John 20:24-29 |
| Friday | Isa 11:1-5 | Luke 1:39-47 |
| Saturday | Isa 19:20-22; Isa 35:1-7; Isa. 45:1-8; Dan. 3:47-51; 2 Thess. 2:1-8; | Luke 3:1-6 |
| Sunday | Rom 1:1-6 | Matt 1:18-21 |

This week's schedule:

Sat, Dec 16th: St. Eusebius, Bishop/Martyr (3rd Class) **Christmas Novena begins Dec 16-24th**

- 5:30 am: Matins and Lauds
- 7 am: Sung Rorate Mass, Comm. St. Eusebius
- 8:45: Sung Prime and Terce
- 9:15 am: Confessions
- 4 pm: Sung Latin Vespers
- 5 pm: English Mass (3rd Sunday Advent)
- **Compline will be sung after Christmas Caroling event**

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

Sunday, Dec 17th: 3rd Sunday of Advent (1st 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
- 8 pm: Sung Compline

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

Monday, Dec 18th: Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Class)

- 8 am: Low Latin Mass (no sermon)

Tuesday, Dec 19th: Greater Feria of Advent (2nd Class)

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

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

Wednesday, Dec. 20th: Ember Wednesday of Advent (2nd Class) **FAST/PART. ABSTINENCE**

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

Thursday, Dec. 21st: St. Thomas, Apostle (2nd 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, Dec. 22nd: Ember Friday of Advent (2nd Class) **FAST/ABSTINENCE**

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

Sat, Dec 23rd: Ember Saturday of Advent (2nd Class) **FAST/PART. ABSTINENCE**

- 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 (4th Sunday Advent)
- 8 pm: Sung Compline

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

Sunday, Dec 24th: 4th Sunday of Advent (1st Class)

- 7:00 am: Sung Prime and Terce
- 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 (4th Sunday of Advent)
- 8 pm: Sung Compline

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

Monday, Dec 25th: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas - 1st Class)

- 12 Midnight: Solemn Latin Mass
- 8:30 am: Church opens
- 9 am: Low Latin Mass at Dawn; Comm. St. Anastasia, Virgin/Martyr
- 11 am: Low Latin Mass in the Day

LESSONS AT MATINS (Traditional Roman Breviary - 1962)

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

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| Saturday | Isa 25:1-12; Eulogy of St. Eusebius |
| Sunday | Isa 26:1-14; Homily by Pope St. Gregory |
| Monday | Isa 28:1-18 |
| Tuesday | Isa 30:18-28 |
| Wednesday | Luke 1:26-38; Homily of St. Ambrose |
| Thursday | 1 Cor 4:1-15; Eulogy of St. Thomas; Sermon of St. Gregory |
| Friday | Homily of St. Ambrose |
| Saturday | Homily of St. Gregory |
| Sunday | Isa 35:1-10; Isa 41:1-4 |

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

Offertory +/- budget

- Envelopes/Cash: \$4,637.51
 - Online: \$880.00
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| Total WTD: \$5,517.51 | Budget: \$7,812.00 | -\$2,294.49 |
| Total MTD: \$14,045.41 | Budget: \$15,624.00 | -\$1,578.59 |

Special Collections

- Maint/Rest/Heat: \$937.00 Budget: \$2,468.00 **-\$1,531.00**
- Sacred Music: \$200.00 Budget: \$625.00 **-\$425.00**
- School Building: \$20.00

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- 12/24 Christmas Collection - School Building - Goal: \$150,000.
- 12/25 Christmas Collection - School Building - Goal: \$150,000.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

Saint Stephen Catholic Church PDX.

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

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

ADVENT PENANCE AND FASTING:

The current law of the Church requires no penance or fasting during Advent, except the usual abstinence on Fridays. But, going back at least as early as the year AD 480, the practice in France was fasting on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from the feast of St. Martin of Tours until Christmas. By the ninth century, Advent was reduced in the West to four weeks. Likewise, fasting was reduced to abstinence by the 12th century. By the 13th century, only the monks were required to keep the Advent discipline. In 1962, the law of the Church required the faithful to fast and abstinence from meat on December 7th: the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception; and on the three Ember Days of Advent: Wednesday December 20th; Friday, December 22nd, Saturday, December 23rd and Christmas Eve (December 24th). This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, so that no fasting or penance are required since it is the Lord's Day.

The following are suggestions on how to observe Advent:

Sundays and Solemnities: no penance, fasting or abstinence

Advent (Dec 3-24th):

Partial Abstinence every day except Sunday

Fast/Abstinence on Wednesday and Friday

Ember Days (Dec 20, 22, 23): Fast & Partial/Full Abstinence

RORATE MASSES IN ADVENT - SATURDAY, DEC 16TH, 7 AM

Rorate Masses are Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday during Advent. These Masses are celebrated early in the morning in the dark, with the church dimly lit, and the sanctuary and altar illuminated only by candles.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA: DEC 16-24

This year's novena will once again be prayed from the Advent Family Devotions pamphlet. Pick up a copy from the church or print out from the website (available on the bulletin page of the parish website—dated December 16th). A new video series will be posted on the parish YouTube channel. This year we will learn from St. Thomas Aquinas on the perfection of the Christ Child at His Conception; and various considerations on His Nativity.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: DECEMBER 16TH AT 6 PM

Saturday Dec 16th: Christmas Caroling at Peacock Lane. Gather in Carmody Hall at 5:30 pm. Bring dinner items to share. Depart at 6:30 pm for Peacock Lane. Compline will be prayed upon returning to the church.

EMBER WEEK IN ADVENT

Wednesday, Dec 20th - Fast and Partial Abstinence

Friday, Dec 22nd - Fast and Full Abstinence

Saturday, Dec 23rd - Fast and Partial Abstinence

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Volunteers needed Saturday, **December 23rd**, after the 9 am morning Mass. Trees will be set up and strung with lights. The Nativity will be staged for completion on Christmas Eve night.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec 24th: **4th Sunday Advent** (Regular Sunday Schedule)

8 am; 10:30 am; 5 pm.

Dec 25th: **The Nativity of the Lord** (Christmas)

12 Midnight: Sung Latin Mass

9 am: Low Latin Mass

11 am: Low Latin Mass

Dec 26th: **The Feast of St. Stephen** (Parish Solemnity)

9 am: Low Latin Mass

12 Noon: Sung Latin Mass

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*)

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

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| 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.

The School furnace is running again. We will wait on a new furnace. A special collection will be taken up at Christmas to help financially support our efforts to open the school building again for Catholic education.



**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!



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.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI FALL DRAMA AND ADVENT CONCERT

Fall Drama - G. K. Chesterton's The Surprise

December 16 at 2pm at Siena Hall at Holy Rosary Church (375 NE Clackamas St.). Tickets: \$10 or \$25/family.

Join us as our students present a work of comedy that provides a brilliant meditation on human nature and the love of an author for the world he has created, thereby giving insight into the mystery of the Incarnation.

Advent Concert - Emmanuel: The Word Made Flesh

Hymns and meditations on the coming of the Savior on

Tuesday, **December 19** at 7pm at Aquinas Hall at Holy Rosary Church (375 NE Clackamas St.)

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