

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary
Time September 13, 2020**

Weekend Masses: Sunday 9:00, 11:00 AM
Reconciliation: By Appointment (Call Main Office)
Eucharistic Adoration See Calendar pg 2

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See a listing of Parish Staff on the back inside page



...how often must I forgive?

Jesus is mercy. Jesus is the face of God's mercy for humanity. He came for the forgiveness of sins, our own before God as well as between persons. Forgiveness is the ultimate healing, as evidenced in the healing of the paralytic lowered through Jesus' roof in Mark 2:5. It would have been obvious to Jesus why this man was brought to him in such a dramatic way, yet He doesn't immediately address the man's paralysis. No, Jesus goes to the heart of the matter, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Here is the heart of Jesus' mission to the human race. Have we accepted it?

To forgive we must be forgiven. Remember the principle, "Nemo dat quod non habet" (You can't give what you ain't got) We must receive Jesus' forgiveness on an habitual basis, lest the spirit of the world insert lies and discouragement into our hearts and minds. This reception is done primarily for Catholics in the Holy Mass. Attending the Eucharist and receiving Holy Communion gives you forgiveness for all your venial sins. Each and every time you go to Mass you have gained a new lease on life. But, do we return to our old self or remain in His love?

We enter Mass with baggage; attachments, wounds and unforgiveness. Mass is meant to deliver us and heal us of all that encumbers our walk with Jesus. We have to be open to this encounter for it to be fully effective. God will not save us without our cooperation. He never forces us to grow. We must surrender time and time again until we are fully sanctified and ready for heaven. Only saints go to heaven. (Thank God for purgatory)

One helpful prayer for this grace is the Novena of Surrender, which you can find at:
<https://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p03530.htm>. Another prayer that can help us to forgive is quite simple:

In the name of **Jesus**,

I forgive _____ (fill in the blank with a name, even your own) for _____ (how you have been hurt or have hurt your self).

The power of Jesus' holy name will heal your heart and mind, cleansing the memory, the intellect and the will. Jesus longs to heal us. Let us surrender to His desire to forgive.

Fr. Jockim

As I announced this past weekend, we are losing our beloved vicar because he was found to have "violated ministerial boundaries". While I have the greatest confidence in Fr. Jockim's character and intentions, the Church's policies protect people from both inappropriate behavior and behavior the might be construed as inappropriate. This is a double layer of protection for the priesthood and all who we minister to. Sadly, this is leading Fr. Jockim to return to his community of Heralds of Good News in India. Know that he greatly loved our parish and all whom he ministered to and has apologized for any hurt that he has caused.

Many of you have asked to write to him or offer a testimony to his character. Currently you can write to him via the Vicar for Clergy Office:

Fr. Jockim Xavier Dasan
C/O Vicar for Clergy
710 9th Ave
Seattle, WA 98104

If you would like to send a character reference for his future ministry, you may write to his Provincial Superior at: [E-Mail:frinnasi@gmail.com](mailto:frinnasi@gmail.com) or:

Provincial Superior
Mary Queen of Apostles Provincialate
5/204, Poolangulathupatti (Post)
Trichy 620 009
Tamil Nadu, INDIA

Fr. Jockim will be flying back to India on Friday the 11th. During this sad time for us as a parish, I would invite you to pray the St. Michael prayer for all of our priests:



Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

*Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits
who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.*

We will begin a Novena to St. Michael on September 20th in preparation for the Feast of the Archangels on September 29th when we will consecrate our parish to St. Michael the Archangel.

J. Ed

Sep 14
10:00 – 11:45a
6:30p - 7:15p
7:30p - 7:45p

Monday
Food Bank (Drive by only)
Mass (Reservation Required) **Live-streamed**
Distribution of Holy Eucharist

Sep 15
6:30p - 7:15p
7:30p - 7:45p

Tuesday
Mass (Reservation Required) **Live-streamed**
Distribution of Holy Eucharist

Sep 16
4:00p – 5:45p
6:30p - 7:15p
7:30p - 7:45p
7:30p - 9:00p

Wednesday
Food Bank (Drive by only)
Mass (Reservation Required) **Live-streamed**
Distribution of Holy Eucharist
Church Open for Private Prayer

Sep 17
6:30p - 7:15p
7:30p - 7:45p

Thursday
Mass (Reservation Required) **Live-streamed**
Distribution of Holy Eucharist

Sep 18
8:30a - 9:15a
9:30a - 9:45a
10:00 – 11:45a

Friday
Mass (Reservation Required) **Live-streamed**
Distribution of Holy Eucharist
Food Bank (Drive by only)

Sep 19
8:30a - 9:15a
9:30a - 9:45a
5:00p - 6:00p

Saturday
Mass (Reservation Required) **Live-streamed**
Distribution of Holy Eucharist
Mass (Reservation Required)

Sep 20
9:00a – 10:00a
11:00 – 12:00p
12:30p - 12:45p

Sunday
Outdoor Public Mass (Reservation Required)
(Live-streamed)
Outdoor Public Mass (Reservation Required)
See **Outdoor Public Masses** below
Distribution of Holy Eucharist

Outdoor Public Masses! We're so excited to offer outdoor public Masses on a limited basis at St. Stephen the Martyr! **Sunday Masses will be held at 9:00 and 11:00 AM.** Please subscribe to Flocknote (see this page) and watch ststephenslife.com for more details. **Our Masses will be limited to a maximum of 200 pre-registered attendees, and take place in our lower Church parking lot area.**

We now offer a 5:00 PM Saturday Night Vigil Mass! Be sure to register to attend!

Registration is mandatory as we are required to have a record of all who attend our public Masses. As much as it pains us, we strongly encourage those who are 65 and older, or who may have underlying health conditions, to remain home until it is safe for you to come back to public Mass.

Our registration process for attending Mass at St Stephen's has changed. Both weekend Masses and weekday Mass registration are conducted via a simple new, online form. The new form will show the number of spaces available for each liturgy and allow you to select your preferred Mass time. Registration will now be on a first come, first served basis. Links to the new registration forms will be published in advance of their activation via Flocknote and the parish website at <https://ststephenslife.com/>. Those without internet access can register by calling Betty Mencke at 253-631- 1940. **Important Note: Our Sunday live-streamed Mass will present the outdoor public Mass at 9:00 AM.**

St. Stephen the Martyr Grounds are Open

Our Church is closed most hours of the week in communion with the Archbishop's directives. We do have the Church **OPEN for PRIVATE PRAYER on Wednesday from 7:30pm - 9pm.**

We are gradually reopening our adoration program one hour at a time. All this is being done with "best practices"; which means physical distance/handwashing/face masks. We ARE able to provide the Sacraments of Anointing, Confession and Holy Communion whenever possible. Call the office at 253-631-1940 ext 100 for information on how to access Sacraments.

Parish Offices are closed for now, but accepting phone calls 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. We are available for you, so don't hesitate to call! Staff are working from home most of the week, but will be checking emails and phone calls left on their office phones. If you have trouble reaching staff call the main office number and Betty will help you to get in touch with that staff person. We love you, are praying for you and miss you, - Fr Ed

The Current Live-Stream Mass Schedule is: Sunday at 9:00 AM; Monday through Thursday 6:30 PM; Friday & Saturday 8:30 AM.

Distribution of Holy Eucharist following Masses - Communion is offered in the Church plaza (near front doors) one hour following the start time of weekday Masses. Monday – Thursday 6:30 PM Mass, distribution at 7:30 PM; Friday & Saturday 8:30 AM Mass, distribution at 9:30 AM. Sunday distribution at 12:30 PM.

Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick will be available only through appointment. Contact the main office at 253-631-1940. If your loved one is in need of anointing, please call the St. Stephens parish office to make arrangements for Fr. Ed or Fr. Jockim to visit. If the person in need of anointing has or is suspected of having COVID-19, we will assist you in connecting with one of the dedicated Priests the Archdiocese has commissioned to administer sacraments to COVID-19 patients. \

Please Continue Your Financial Support

The suspension of public Masses will seriously impact our weekly collection. Like most parishes, 90% of our revenue comes from the generous support of our faith community. This generosity supports the many ministries of the church as well as maintenance of the building and grounds, utilities, insurance, and payroll. Please remember our parish in your prayers and by making your regular donation. You may donate through the mail or Consider signing up for electronic giving through the "Donate Online" link on our parish website www.ststephenslife.com.



Parish Communication With Flocknote!

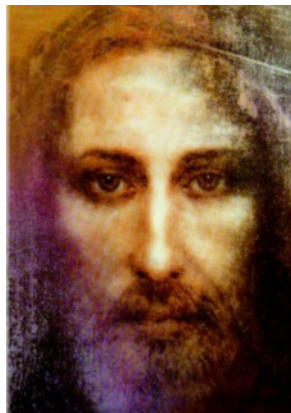
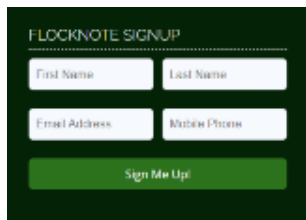
You are invited to sign up to receive news, reminders, special announcements, etc. by subscribing to one or more lists, specific to your interests. Choose your preferred mode of receiving messages such as email, text message. To get started use the easy direct link on the front-page of our parish website www.ststephenslife.com. Choose any or all of our ministries you'd like to hear from!

Faith Formation Programs

FALL REGISTRATION FOR K-12 PROGRAMS:

This year, we will follow our local school districts, starting fall programs with remote-learning only. We're still working on logistics and approved guidelines from the Archdiocese and expect to have registration information available by September. Please continue to watch for registration emails from our team, and keep an eye on the bulletin and our website. We're looking forward to connecting with all of you this Fall!

Parents: Please remember to sign-up for Flocknote so you can get program and parish news, as well as emergency updates! To sign up for Flocknote, go to the first page of our website: ststephenslife.com. Look at the dark green section on the left side of the page.



ARE YOU THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

- Do you have questions about the Catholic faith and its teachings?
- Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Are you a Catholic who needs to complete their Sacraments? [Learn why you should consider becoming a Catholic!](#)

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR INQUIRY SESSIONS:

Starting on Thursday, September 24th, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, By Zoom Meeting or in a Meeting Room with social distancing. For more information or questions contact; Anne Merklin at ssmassociate@gmail.com or call the office at 253-631-1940.



Our baptism classes are currently on hold. Please contact Teresa Wright at ssm.baptism@gmail.com for an alternative format. She will send information on how to complete the classwork as well as forms to complete and documents you must provide. Once you have completed preparation you will be put on our list of families who have prepared. We regret that we cannot guarantee when we will be able to schedule baptisms as the Archdiocese, acting in an abundance of caution, is asking parishes to forbear scheduling baptisms until it is safe to do so. Thank you for your kind patience.



The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God. Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!



St. Stephen Legislative Advocacy meets Monday, September 14th, 7:30pm. We meet monthly because religious liberty, free speech, the family, marriage, parental rights, children, and life itself are under attack. E-mail LegislativeAdvocacy@yahoo.com for meeting details. All are welcome! <https://ststephenslife.com/legislative-advocacy>

Will You Stand in Prayer for 1 Hour to Help save a Life? CareNet mobile units draw clients when prayer is nearby. A CareNet mobile medical unit, with ultrasound, will park near Kent Planned Parenthood one day each week, once Sidewalk Prayer Partners commit to pray at Kent Planned Parenthood on that day. Respect Life Ministry has a list of lone Sidewalk Prayer Warriors seeking Prayer Partners to stand 1-hour vigils with them at Kent Planned Parenthood on Wednesdays and Fridays (especially Fridays). Please contact Mary at 253.217.6817, mariworks1@comcast.net or ststephenchooseslife@yahoo.com to schedule your hour and for more info. <https://ststephenslife.com/respect-life>



Praying For Sick

Marie Peacock Albers, Nela Pacleb, Irene Bauman, JoAnna Bailey, Jim Dougherty, Brian W. French, Lydia Franada, Chad Horkey, Mary Byersdorf, Leila Abada, Kelley Chazes, April Sedall, Nicole Paulsen, Shelby Talley, Christina Rafferty, Antonio San, Nicolas Nenita, San Nicolas, Rolf Ju, Emelita Joyosa, Leonora Bernabe, Roselyn Corpuz, James Vaccaro, Marlene Hill, Teresa Wright, Precilla Del Rosario, Yvonne (Dawn) Kunkle, Jesse Boyovich, Jan Sykes, Phyllis Beaver, Joel Rivera, Julie Fernandez, Saksithan Hak, Lan Buck, Joshua Hecox, Rose Herlya, Manny Gutierrez, JJ Conavad, Jim Steckler, Cam-Tu Fulong, Ngan Nguyen, Adam Bynum, Xavier Mascaren, Ester Hansen, Jesusa Cadalina, Henry de Guzman, Nicomedes Rodriguez, Molly Dinsmore, Baby Nyhla Wallace, Angelina Rivera, Alexander, Charito Rubis Galindo, Diachenko, Adrian Abada, Art Condes, Leticia Dela Cruz Reyes, Douk Ko, Bill Pie' Sr., Thelma Varona

Serving in the Military

Major Patrick Warfel, Captain Philip Clay LT Luke Carpenter (deployed) Stephen Snelling, Jack Cullers US, Zenaida Roth, Sydney Munn, Daniel Dobbs Japan

Deaths

Molly Douglas, Jerry Mayer, Amparo Lopez, Rodney Maxie
John McEnroe, Ely Castro, Marie Anderson, Mother of Carol Williams

To add names to the box. please e-mail ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940.
To contact the Prayer Chain please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

St Stephen Gabriel Project Angels and PREPARES Volunteers Need your HELP!! Join us to help.

Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did to the least of these, you did to me.' **Matthew 25 v45**

Gabriel Project Angels & PREPARES Volunteers assist Families from Pregnancy to when children are 5 years old. Partner "Angel/s" or "Companion/s" are assigned to the family. Our team members help with spiritual, emotional, resource and practical needs as needed. With Covid-19 complications, we also care for older children who will not be receiving the usual meals, clothing, and supplies at schools. We are currently helping 6 Moms with 2 pregnancies, a 4 month old, a 1 year old, a 4 year old girl, a 9 year old boy, and a 10 year old girl. Please help us help them by being generous and praying.



WEEKLY LAUNDRY: Please collect quarters for them to use in the Laundromat. One load takes 10 to 14 quarters. Donate laundry detergent pods please.

GAS TANK: Please Donate a gift card from Fred Meyer to use to fill up the car tank.



DIAPERS: Babies use 7 to 10 diapers a day, that is 49 to 70++ diapers a week. We need size 3 & 4 plus wipes

PHONE & UTILITIES: Moms need working phones and utilities which cost is \$40 to \$90 monthly.



learning



SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils, crayons, learning games & books especially bi-lingual Spanish.

RENT: One bedroom apartments cost \$1000 to \$1800 per month in Renton and Kent. Money and writing to our representatives asking for affordable housing helps.



Last week when we visited 9 year old Antony, we brought him a pair of new donated bright blue sketched. After checking fit, he was so excited he hugged us. Although contact during pandemic is discouraged, his thank you touched our hearts. Antony came with his Mom from Guatemala two years ago when very sick. He is a happy healthy boy now with English skills that assist Mom.

Moms use apartment & public Laundromats to wash clothes weekly. When one of our "Angel - Companions" sent a message to a few St. Stephen friends for quarters, she was touched to hear, three children emptied their "piggy" banks and gave all their saved change to our families.

¿Hola, hablas español? ¡Te queremos!

Thank you for helping this ministry Please place your donated quarters, gift cards or checks in envelopes labeled Gabriel-PREPARES and leave in collection baskets in narthex. If you have diapers, laundry pods detergent or school supplies, please leave by food bank collections. If you want to help with your heart and hands, more "Angle-Companions" are needed.

Contact Robertajorgensen@comcast.net or Kathleen psj1350@comcast.net or 253-653-6074

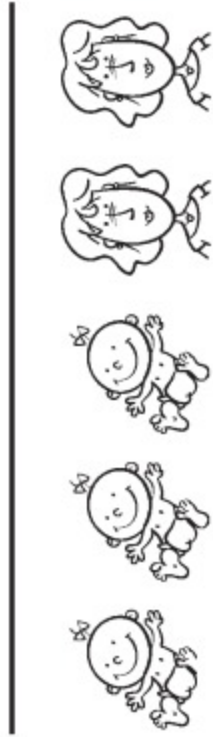
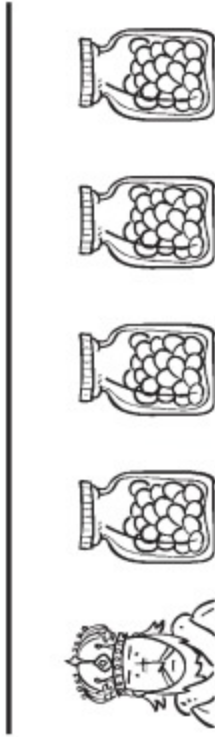
GROWING ⁺ WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE A



PUZZLE

Circle the group in each row that has **more**. Then color in all the pictures.



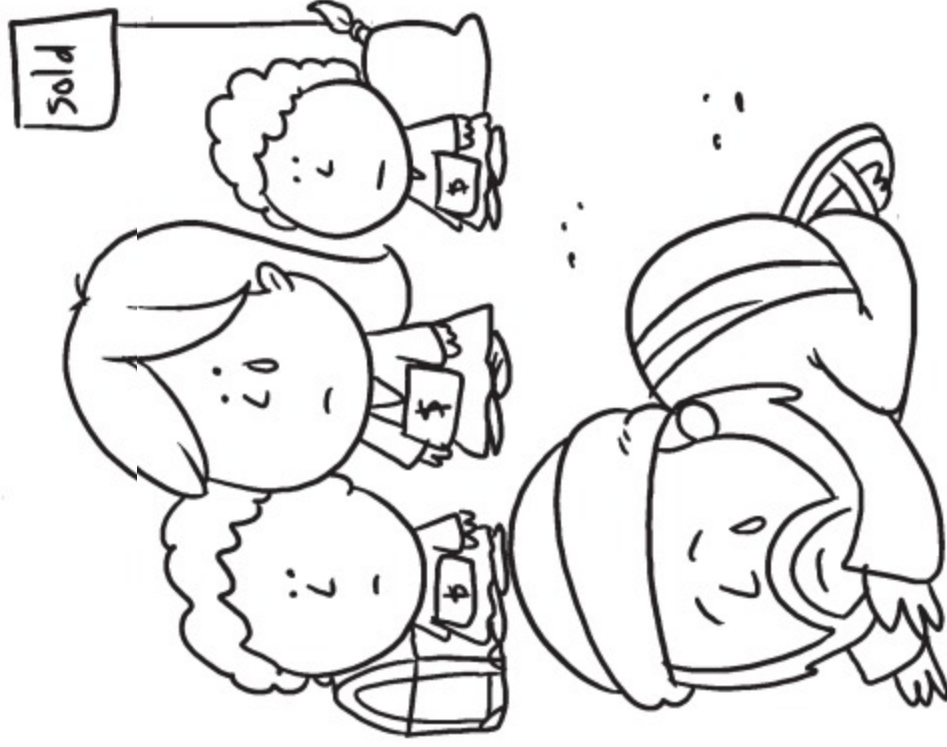
MISSION

I will forgive those who hurt me because God has forgiven me.



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Parish Information

New to St. Stephen's? Welcome! Learn more about our vibrant community by visiting our web site at www.ststephenslife.com or emailing us at WelcomeStStephens@gmail.com. Registration forms are online or may be obtained from the ushers and put in the collection basket or mailed in. Parish Office Hours: Most weeks, Monday - Friday, 9 AM - Noon and 1-5 PM. **Bulletin Notices:** The **article deadline is 12:00 PM on the Friday** a week before the weekend you wish it to appear (8 days in advance). Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email notices to: ourbulletin@gmail.com.

Main Office Phone: TEL 253-631-1940 / FAX 425-255-2943

Pastor	Fr Edward G. White	To contact Fr. Ed please contact his assistant, Betty Mencke
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Child Care Nursery	Liese Diachenko	StStephensChildCare@gmail.com
St Stephen Housing Association		253-638-9798 office@ststephenhousing.org
SVDP Help-Line		206-767-6449

Marriage: Couples seeking Marriage must contact the church 9 months before their wedding date. Some preparation and Parish Registration are required before a date can be set. Contact Teresa Wright for details concerning marriage at (253) 631-6175, Ext. 120.

Annulments: (for those who are divorced): For compassionate and confidential answers to your questions and for help through the annulment process, please contact our parish Tribunal Advocate, Veronica Smith-Casem, at vsmithcasem@gmail.com or 425-301-0356 .

Baptism: Preparation and Parish Registration are required for both Parents and Godparents/Sponsors. Baptisms are held monthly. Contact the Faith Formation Office for details (253-631-6175).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For adults to become Catholic & be baptized. Contact Anne Merklin 253-631-1940 ext 126. sstmassociate@gmail.com

Parish Stewardship - Our Weekly Giving

Here are the collection totals for the week of September 5 & 6 2020

To Our Parish

Our Other Giving

	Budget	Actual	Difference		
Last Weekend	\$20,995	\$19,327	-\$1,668	Maintenance Reserve	\$585
Fiscal Year to Date	\$279,728	\$246,745	-\$32,983	Christian Social Action	\$1,348



Rachel's Corner: Hope and Healing After Abortion Before the retreat my life was full of anger, my cross was heavy, and I was angry with myself; on retreat I went through detox because that is what it is like to be filled with pain, anger, and frustration. Now I am feeling my healing and my resurrection to this new life God has given me. He has fed me with His word, His Mass and His communion. -Testimonial. Your healing after abortion can most certainly be a resurrection to a new life that you thought would never be yours again. Ask Him to give you the courage to take that step towards Him. He will do everything else. Rest in Him on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and come alive again. Call Aleah at 206-920-6413 Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. www.ccsww.org/projectrachel You are loved with an everlasting Love!