

July 12, 2020

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sea Sunday Message 2020, From the Vatican

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, beloved chaplains, volunteers, friends and supporters of the Stella Maris,

The celebration of this year’s Sea Sunday should have been a joyous one in view of the October centenary celebration in Glasgow – Scotland (now postponed to 2021). Rather it is going to be celebrated in an exceptional and challenging time, which Pope Francis has expressed in these words: *“Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us”*.

You are not alone: the Stella Maris Chaplains and volunteers are with you wherever you are, not necessarily at the top of the gangway but with a “virtual chaplaincy” keeping in touch with you through social media, always ready to answer your call, to lend you a compassionate ear and praying for your wellbeing and the safety of your families.

You are not forgotten: the Stella Maris Chaplains and volunteers will be with you in the next months when your resilience will be put to test and we will try to respond to your material and spiritual needs. We will be always at your side, raising your concerns, upholding your labour and human rights and preventing discrimination

You are not alone. You are not forgotten: because this coming month of August the universal prayer intention that expresses the great concern for humanity and the mission of the Church of Pope Francis, is dedicated to The Maritime World. All the Catholic communities around the world will be invited to pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishers and their families.

We entrust to Mary, Star of the Sea, the wellbeing of the people of the sea, the commitment and dedication of the Chaplains and volunteers and we pray Our Lady to protect us from all dangers, especially from the evil of COVID-19.

Cardinal Peter A. Turkson

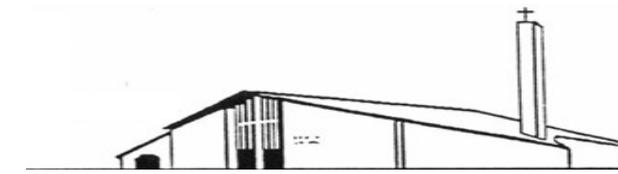
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ST. STEPHEN’S PARISH SCHEDULE

<p>SUNDAY MASSES Saturday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Sunday Morning - 10:30 A.M.</p>	<p>PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER FOR MASSES IN ADVANCE ST. STEPHENS - Thurs/Fri: 9am-4pm 649-1957 MARIA REGINA - Thurs/Fri: 10-12/2-4 648-2533</p>
<p>MARIA REGINA PARISH SCHEDULE</p> <p>SUNDAY MASSES Saturday - 4:30 P.M. Sunday - 9:00 A.M.</p>	<p>REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES Online Daily Due to COVID-19 ROSARY Saturdays at 11:00 am RECONCILIATION By Appointment</p>

MARRIAGES. Six months notice is required; a year’s notice is recommended.
BAPTISM PREPARATION- *Please call to register.*

PRAYER MEETINGS:
St. Stephen’s Prayer Group — Wednesday at 7:45 P.M. in the Parish Meeting Room.
Word & Spirit Prayer Group — Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. in St. Anne’s Hall.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, FRIDAY - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM **CLOSED DAILY 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

SCENT-FREE: Please be aware that some people have allergic reactions to perfumes and other scents. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

St. Anne's Oil

Our parish has available small bottles of St. Anne's oil. This oil is often used to bless people who are seeking protection from harm or are looking for relief from sickness or injury. Bottles cost \$5.

MASS INTENTIONS, July 13- July 17

MONDAY July 13, 7:00 P.M.

For the late Ellen Stratton
For the intentions of Mark Langille

TUESDAY July 14, 10:00 A.M.

For members of the Benoit family, living and deceased

WEDNESDAY July 15, 7:00 P.M.

For the late Bruce Pellerin

THURSDAY July 16 9:30 A.M.

For the late Bridget Keating
For the intentions of Mary White

FRIDAY July 17, 9:30A.M.

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

EXTRA MASSES

We can offer extra Masses if necessary. If enough people wish to attend the Sunday Masses of obligation, we can add an extra Mass. This need will be gauged based on how many people phone in to register.

REGISTRATION SPACES

St. Stephen's Parish is currently restricted in the number of people who can register by government order. Maria Regina Parish on Sunday morning at 9am has had extra spaces available. For some people, this may be an excellent option.

EMAIL MONEY TRANSFERS

Our parish still welcomes your financial support. Many people have dropped off their envelopes in the mailbox and we appreciate that. Now you also have the option to make donations via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is stephensparish@gmail.com, also include your envelope # in the comments section if you have one, if not please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you.

OUR FAMILIES

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

"Each of us has a vision of good and of evil. We have to encourage people to move towards what they think is good... Everyone has his own idea of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight evil as he conceives them. That would be enough to make the world a better place."
[Pope Francis](#)

VOUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

In order to keep the church open during the COVID 19 pandemic, and to keep the Masses running, we require many volunteers. St. Stephen's is currently stretched to its limit. We need assistance for meeting people at the door, and to sanitise the church after Mass. We are looking for a 15-30 minute commitment. Would you consider it?

Feast of Saint Anne: As always, we celebrate the feast of St. Anne on July 26th. This is a special time for our parish and specifically for our St Anne's Guild. Please remember them in your prayers.

NOTE OF THANKS

A very special thanks you to th Saint Anne's Guild for their special contribution of \$ 6200.00 to St. Stephen's Parish. Keep up your good works. You have always been a great support to our parish.

*Good St. Anne,
you were especially favoured by God
to be the mother of the most holy Virgin
Mary, the Mother of our Saviour.
By your power with your most pure daughter
and with her divine Son,
kindly obtain for us the grace and the favour
we now seek.
Please secure for us also
forgiveness of our past sins,
the strength to perform faithfully our daily
duties
and the help we need to persevere
in the love of Jesus and Mary.
Amen.*



Prayer to the Virgin Mary For Protection:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey
As a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
Joy and feast might return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
To conform ourselves to the Father's Will,
And to do what Jesus tells us:
He Who took our sufferings upon Himself,
And bore our sorrows to bring us,
Through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God,
Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

WEATHER LORE

St. Swithin's Day is 15 July, a day on which people watch the weather for tradition says that whatever the weather is like on St. Swithin's Day, it will continue so for the next forty days. There is a weather-rhyme is well known throughout the British Isles since Elizabethan times.

*'St. Swithin's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St. Swithin's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain nae mair.'*

