

PREP NEWS

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SAINT FOCUS

St. Stephen

Patron Saint of Altar Servers and
Headaches

Feast Day: December 26th

St. Stephen was born in 5 AD and is known as the first Martyr. He preached in the Synagogue about God and His teachings, and about how God is not just in the synagogues but is everywhere. He was stoned to death in Jerusalem after being accused of blasphemy by the members. Acts Chapter 7 contains the speech he made to the Sanhedrin (supreme court) during his trial.



AN ADVENT PRAYER

Father, this Advent, we eagerly await Jesus drawing near to us again. In a world that can feel overcome by the sins of violence, poverty, and injustice, we pray that we can be instruments of peace and healing in Your name.

Amen.

UPCOMING DATES

- December 6-Class 6:45 to 7:45 PM
- December 13-Class 6:45 to 7:45 PM
- December 20-Class 6:45 to 7:45 PM
 - Fr. David Hemann visiting
- December 24-Christmas Eve
- December 25-Christmas Day
- December 27-NO CLASS- Christmas Break
- January 3- CLASS 6:45 to 7:45 PM

The Season of Advent

Advent is a time of preparation. As we prepare for Jesus' coming, we open our hearts and love each other more fully. We give as Jesus gave, we welcome the hope and grace that the birth of Jesus celebrates, and we prepare space in our hearts for Jesus.



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