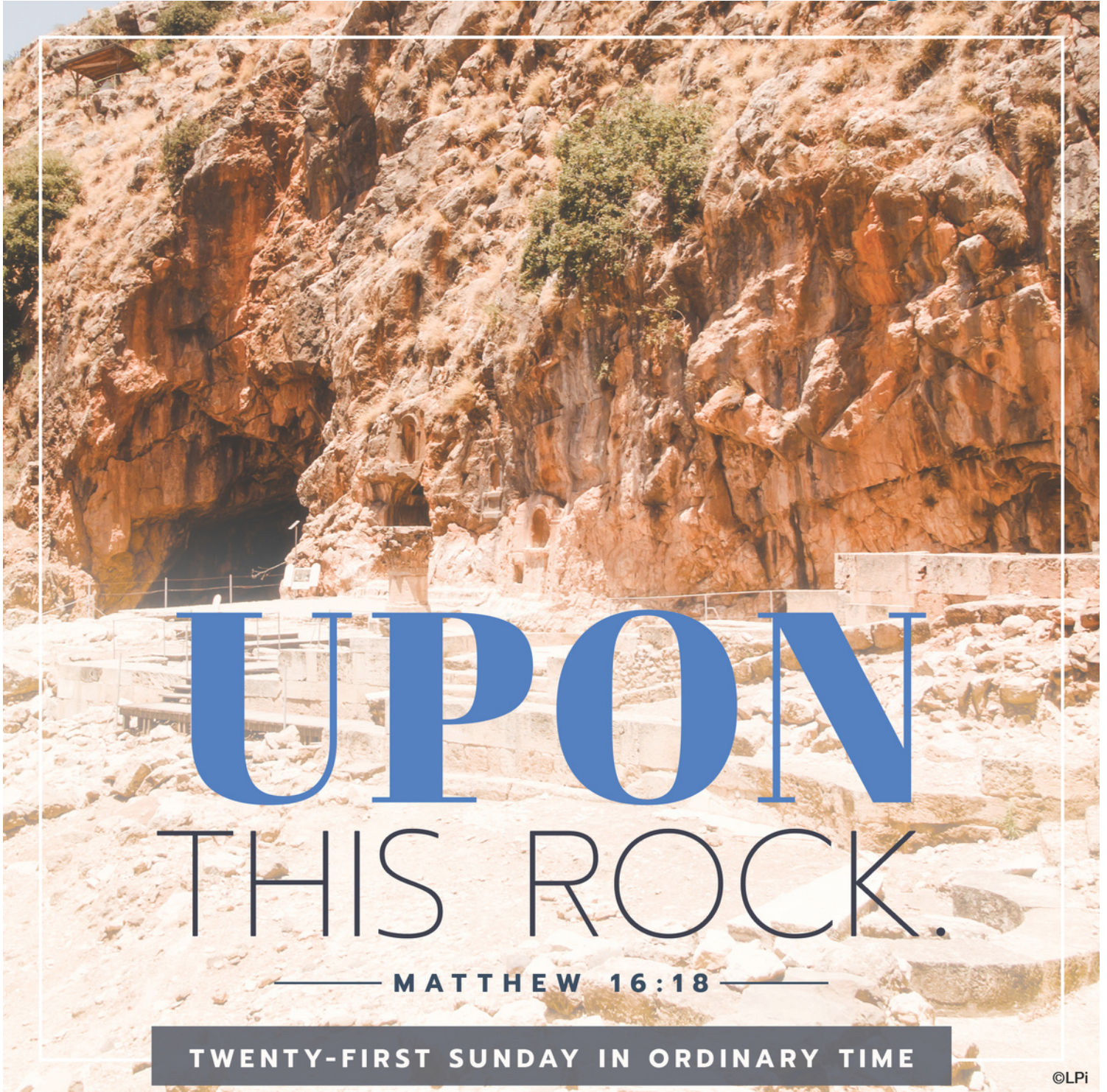


SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 23, 2026



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WEEKLY PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

05:00pm †Soul of Willie Crowe.....Maria Crowe

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

08:00am †Soul of Gary Williams.....Sr. Antoinette Purcell, OSB

10:00am †Souls of Sean Archambault & Shawn Perry.....

.....Kim & Mike Archambault

12:00pm †Souls of Rosana Juseppe Galvan, Dolores Galvan

Chavez and Carmen Miranda MirandaOlga Medina

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

12:00pm †Soul of Ralph Payne.....Diana Young

07:00pm †Soul of Ildefonso Rodriguez Alгарin.....Maria Rivera

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

12:00pm †Poor Souls in Purgatory.....Nicholle Germain

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

12:00pm †Poor Souls in Purgatory.....Gudrun Poertner

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

12:00pm †Soul of Lide Barrett.....Eric & Rita Johanson

07:00pm †Soul of Messilia Joseph.....Alexandra Japa

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00pm For Martina Garcia Torres.....Noe Camacho

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

05:00pm Special Intentions for the Anaco Family.....Carmen Cruz
Lanner

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

08:00am †Soul of Guy Berg.....Paula Berg

10:00am Our Parish Community

12:00pm Those affected by Natural Disasters

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WEEKLY READINGS

WEEK OF AUGUST 23

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6
and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13,
17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10,
11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps
128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-
7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-
11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-
19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6,
8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Axel Bateman	Janice Robertson	Nellie Orta
Michael Thomas	Tom & Jeannine Wing	Angela Wheeler
Maria Crowe	Nancy Hill	Merle Stroud
Jaoquina Meno	June Holt	Renee Millner
Iris	Leslie Shaw	Larry Harris
Alaia Sanmiguel Barrero	Stacy Fletcher	Dottie Cozier
Zulma Rivera	Sandra Powell	Fred Hand
Angel Rivera	Joyce Elliott	Iris Potett
Cheryl Birthrong	Laurie Elliott	Mary Huffman
Susan Marie	Doug Walker	Joan Rambach
Jimmy Marchini	Hettie Johnson	Chambers Family
John H.	Dillion Bovinger	Jane Chatman
Richard & Christine	Summer Jones	Gudrun Poertner
Williams	Robert JoVan	Cindy Gray
David Weeks	Lounell Scott	Ethin Nettle
Sara J. Wheeler	David Weeks	Bonny Pecenak
Joe & Pat Johnson	Walter Helmick	Amy Smith
	Andre McCall	

Observances for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz,
Priest

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Monica

Friday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Saturday: The Passion of St. John the
Baptist

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time

WORD OF LIFE

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: WHO IS GOD FOR YOU?

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah...' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter said in reply, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Jesus said to him in reply, 'Blessed are you, Simon... And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.'" (Mt 16:13-18)

Jesus' question to His disciples about people's opinion of Him seems as current as the surveys that are continually conducted in a society like ours, subject to the dictates of what the majority thinks. But, in reality, Jesus is interested in knowing what each one of us thinks about Him.

Jesus asks us directly: Who am I for you? And He is not satisfied with a rhetorical or theoretical book answer. It is of little use to say: "you are first in my life" when in practice the most important thing for us is our job, entertainment, or the TV, judging by the hours we spend with each compared to the limited time we spend in prayer with the Lord. When we acknowledge, with deeds and not just with words, God's Lordship in our life, only then can Christ entrust to us the work of evangelization, of being His witnesses, and the solid rocks upon which the Church can be built. Meanwhile, no matter how many qualities we have and how much need there is, He cannot count on people for whom God is just one more thing and sometimes not even that. God needs us but, in order to entrust to us the work He has in store for us, He wants to be first in our hearts. If we cannot do that, the fault will be ours.

Purpose: This week, reflect on how much time you spend in prayer and works of charity compared with the time you spend watching TV or on social media. If God truly comes first in your life, make more time for prayer and attend Mass.

PALABRA DE VIDA

DOMINGO XXI DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO: ¿QUIÉN ES DIOS PARA TI?

"¿Quién dice la gente que es el hijo del hombre?" Ellos contestaron: 'Unos que Juan el Bautista, otros que Elías....'. Él les preguntó: 'Y vosotros, ¿quién decís que soy yo?' Simón Pedro tomó la palabra y dijo: 'Tú eres el Mesías, el hijo de Dios vivo'. Jesús le respondió: '¡Dichoso tú, Simón, Ahora yo te digo: Tú eres Pedro, y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia, y el poder del infierno no la derrotará'". (Mt 16, 13-18)

La pregunta de Jesús a los discípulos sobre la opinión de la gente sobre él parece tan actual como lo son las encuestas que continuamente se están haciendo en una sociedad como la nuestra, sometida al dictado de lo que piense la mayoría. Pero, en realidad, lo que a Cristo le interesa es saber lo que piensa sobre él cada uno de nosotros.

Jesús nos pregunta directamente: ¿Quién soy yo para ti?. Y no se conforma con una respuesta de libro, teórica y retórica. Porque de poco sirve decir: "Eres el primero en mi vida", si luego, en la práctica, lo más importante es la televisión -a juzgar por el número de horas que pasamos ante ella en comparación con los escasos minutos que dedicamos a estar con el Señor rezando- o el trabajo o las diversiones.

Sólo cuando reconocemos, con obras y no con palabras, el señorío de Dios en nuestra vida, sólo entonces Cristo puede confiarnos la tarea de evangelizar, de ser sus testigos, de ser piedras sólidas sobre las que poder construir el edificio de la Iglesia. Mientras tanto, por muchas cualidades que tengamos y por mucha necesidad que haya, Él no puede contar con personas para las cuales Dios es una cosa más y a veces ni siquiera eso. Dios te está necesitando, pero para poder encargarte el trabajo que te tiene encomendado quiere ocupar el primer lugar en tu corazón. Si no lo puede hacer, será culpa tuya.

Propósito: Compara esta semana el tiempo dedicado a la oración y a las obras de caridad con el que pasas ante el televisor o en las redes sociales. Si Dios es lo primero, reza más y ve más a misa.



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Franciscans of Mary

Missionaries of Gratitude

PRAYER

Jesus, I trust in you.

I know that whatever happens to me is a fruit of your love.

Jesus, I love you.

You are first in my heart.

Jesus, I adore you.

You are more important than my job, my money or any other thing.

Jesus, I GIVE YOU THANKS

For having created me, for having become man, for having died and risen from the dead, for the Eucharist and Confession, for the Church, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints, for the things that I have had, for the things that I have, because I am able to help others, and for the affection that I receive.

Jesus, I ask for your forgiveness.

For the evil that I have committed and for the good I have failed to do.

Jesus, I ask for your help.

I ask for spiritual graces, such as the overcoming of my defects and for material help, for me, for others and for society.

Jesus, I offer myself to you.

You can count on me for whatever you want.

LIKE MARY.

With the tenderness of your mother and through Her way of living by living the virtues.
Amen.



Worship, trust
and love
Christ



***“You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church”
Mt 16:18***



DARÉ MI VIDA POR TI

“Tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia, y los poderes del infierno no prevalecerán sobre ella, dice el Señor” Mt 16,18

PARISH PULSE

SAVE THE DATE

August 23rd 9 a - First Day of Faith Formation Classes and Parent Meeting, please register online asap if your having your child(ren) attend.

September 4th First Friday Mass at 5:30 in English and 7pm in Spanish

Septmeber 5-6th : Second Collection for the Building Fund

September 7th Labor Day - Office Closed

September 8th CCW - Council of Catholic Women meet and greet at 6pm in the social hall. Please see flyer for more information.

September 12th - National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children - Please join us for this special time of prayer and support of personal losses beginning at 9am in the Church.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

JOIN US IN WISHING A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE CELBRATING THIS WEEK

8/24- Katherine Cubi, Belen Latag, Joshua Mattison, Crystal Young

8/25- Alyssa Belgrave, Rodrigo Castanon Zuniga, Jessica Garcia, Keysia Hinds

8/26- Harriet Paulk

8/27- Diana Malave

8/28- Dorothy Scott

8/30- Rose Patino, Thiha Pham, Angel Rivera

*Happy
Birthday*



National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

This is our 5th year to pray for Aborted children and for those who are mourning and healing from their losses.

A bilingual Pro-Life Rosary begins @9:15 followed by silent reflection before the Mass @10:00. After mass, participants will receive a single rose and a Pro-Life prayer as they proceed to the Meditation Garden.

In the Meditation Garden, before our Monument for the Unborn, Father will lead the Pro-Life prayer and Final Prayer.

Roses will be placed in the Vases before exiting the Garden to the Social Hall for Light Refreshments.

Please join us for this special time of prayer and support of personal losses.

Inspiration *OF THE WEEK*

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." ©LPi

Inspiración *DE LA SEMANA*

"¿Quién dices que soy?" Jesús pregunta a sus apóstoles. Pedro es el primero en responder. Él sabe quién es Jesús. ¿Nosotros lo sabemos? En todo lo que hacemos y en todo lo que somos, digamos junto a Pedro: "Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios Vivo." ©LPi

MINISTRIES IN ACTION



Bible Study

St. Stephen

Tuesday's, 10-11:30am.
All are welcome to come to the social hall for our Bible Study discerning on the liturgy for the upcoming week.



Grief Support Ministry

—You are not alone—

Grief Support Meeting
1st and 3rd Tuesday's at 7pm. Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.



The Prayer Ministry provides prayer support to our parishioners and to the community through prayer. To

be a member please email sshprayers@gmail.com and get added to the prayer chain emails. There is a Prayer Intention book at the back of the church for you to write your prayer request or you can make a prayer request by email: sshprayers@gmail.com



Thursday's 6-8:00 pm Saint Stephen Social Hall

The Youth Ministries purpose is to inspire other young people by making a positive impact on our Christian community, bringing joy, hope, comfort, and faith. We focus on the teachings of Jesus and take Blessed Carlo Acutis as our role model, who said: "Let yourself be found by God, and you will see a change in your life." "Sow a seed, and you will reap many fruits." Open to Youth Ages 14 to 23.

Jueves de 6-8:00 pm Salon Social San Esteban

El propósito del Ministerio Juvenil es inspirar a otros jóvenes, generando un impacto positivo en nuestra comunidad cristiana, brindando alegría, esperanza, consuelo y fe. Nos centramos en las enseñanzas de Jesús y tomamos como modelo a seguir a San Carlo Acutis, quien dijo: "Déjate encontrar por Dios y verás un cambio en tu vida. Siembra una semilla y cosecharás muchos frutos".

Abierto a jóvenes de 14 a 23 años.

School of Gratitude

Father Estrada is hosting a School of Gratitude for Adults on Thursday's after 12pm Mass and for Young Adults Thursday's at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join!



Escuela de Gracitud

El Padre Estrada está impartiendo una Escuela de Agradecimiento los lunes después de la Misa. ¡Todos son bienvenidos a unirse!



ST. STEPHEN
FIRST MARTYR
CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION

Growing in Faith Together



CLASSES BEGIN
AUGUST 23, 2026
AT 9:00 AM

with a parent meeting during first class.



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER!



BUILDING FAITH • STRENGTHENING FAMILIES • SHARING CHRIST
We look forward to walking this faith journey with you!



Council of Catholic Women
Faith. Fellowship. Service. Growing together in Christ.

SAVE THE DATE

September 8th



SIGN IN BEGINS

6:00 PM



MEETING BEGINS

6:30 PM



MEET & GREET



PLANNING SESSION



LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

All women of the parish are welcome!

Come share your ideas, your faith,
and your heart for our parish community.

JOIN US FOR THE MASS OF BEATIFICATION

FRIAR PEDRO DE CORPA & COMPANIONS



SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 31, 2026



11:00 AM



SAVANNAH
CONVENTION CENTER



St. Stephen First Martyr
is preparing to attend this
historic celebration!

INTERESTED IN JOINING US?

Information packets are now
available with details about:



PARISH TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED YET.

We are exploring all options to travel together as a parish.

Information packets will include
updates on the final travel decision
and how you can sign up when ready.



POSSIBLE
CARPOOLING
We are exploring
carpooling options.



POSSIBLE
CHARTER BUS
TRANSPORTATION
We are exploring the
possibility of a charter bus.



ALL DETAILS
INCLUDED
Registration information
and schedule for the day
will be included.

PICK UP YOUR INFORMATION PACKET

AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE OR IN THE NARTHEx

*A historic moment.
A shared journey.
A celebration of faith.*



St. Stephen
First Martyr Catholic Church



*Let's go together
as one parish
family in Christ!*



August 6, 2026

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today I am announcing our 2026 Called by Name campaign to identify faithful young men and women in our diocese who could be future leaders in our Church. Our last Called by Name was very successful, putting us in touch with hundreds of young people, many of whom came to events or joined discernment groups. This was a testament to the power of invitation. Sometimes all that is needed is to affirm a young man or woman by saying, "I see something in you. Have you considered what God may be calling you to do?"

In this spirit, please submit the names of at least one (but hopefully several!) faithful young people you know. You can use the card provided at Mass or online at savannahvocations.org. If you submit a person under age 18, please include their parents' names as well.

Note that these men and women do not need to have expressed a desire to be Priests or Religious Sisters. They simply need to love Christ and the Church, exhibit a strong faith, and have a heart for service. I will send each nominee a letter of congratulations and encouragement. In addition, our Vocation Team will offer support as they discern their vocations, especially by inviting them to join small discernment groups and attend various events.

Thank you for your thoughtful participation in this important effort. Your invitation could help a young person discover a vocation that will bless the Church for generations.

May we meet each day in our prayers and *Rejoice in the Lord always!*

In Christ,

+ *Stephen D. Parkes*

Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes

Bishop of Savannah

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MINISTRIES IN ACTION



The Respect Life Ministry reflects "Life" through prayers and work.
Every Life is "Special" and sacred from Conception till Death.
Next General meeting is **September 2nd at 5:30pm.**
Life is a Gift from God! Support Life today and every day!



CREATED WITH PURPOSE
Ephesians 2:10
Craft Ministry

We invite all the crafty individuals to join us for our monthly meeting in the social hall for fellowship and crafts.
Our next craft meeting is **September 12th from 11a-2p** and will be Special Craft for CCD Teachers. You can always work on your current project also.



We have a lovely selection of religious jewelry, spiritual books, candles, decor, and so much more. Come visit our gift shop for your faith based items and gifts. Scan the QR code to go to our FB for updates & hours.



Garden Ministry

St. Stephen's Parishioners;
Did you know that we have a 1 acre meditation garden? However, much like our kitchen it doesn't take care of itself. If you wish to help our gardener would love to hear from you! Please call or text him at 912-610-1184.



KOC members are a community of like-minded Catholic men who challenge each other to grow in faith and put that faith into action. Our local chapter holds meetings the 1st Monday of every month at 7p.



Council of Catholic Women

CCW will begin meeting monthly on the 2nd Tuesday starting September 8th
Join us for a Meet & Greet sign up! Light refreshments will be provided by current members. Sign in begins at 6pm and the meeting will begin at 6:30pm.
Our local CCW is a part of The National Council of Catholic Women which acts through its members to support, empowering and educating all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.



Next Red Wagon Weekend is September 19-20th!

Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP)



SVdP supports our Parish and local community through their Food Pantry. We meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 1:30 PM. Our pantry is open to those in need on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 10a-12p. Donations of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items can be brought anytime and placed in the blue food collection box on the food pantry porch or dropped off at the office during office hours. SVdP also has "Red Wagon Weekends" the 3rd weekend of every month when red wagons are placed in the Narthex to collect donations. If you would like to volunteer and join SVdP, please come to one of our monthly meetings! Thank you for helping us to help others in need!

MEDIA & RESOURCES



PRAYERFUL RESOURCES THE PARISH HAS SUBSCRIBED TO FOR OUR PARISHONERS TO ENJOY!

Hallow

Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace, everyday. [Users can pray alongside Fr. Mike, Sr. Miriam, Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, + many more. The app also offers mental health and sleep content, audiobooks, and sacred music.]

All parishioners – subscribers and those on the free version – are invited to be a part of our parish page. There, you're able to create a profile, share prayer requests, and take part in prayer challenges together.

- Already on Hallow? Visit the Church tab in the app to create your profile and find our parish (search by parish zip code).

Not yet on Hallow? Visit hallow.com/parish (QR code), search by parish zip code, and follow the prompts. You'll be given a special trial which gives access to all the app's premium content. If you'd like to forgo and remain on the free version, simply hit "Skip" and you'll have access to our parish page.



formed

Formed - It's "Netflix for Catholics" provided free of charge by our Parish! There are Catholic movies, books and audios available for all ages.

Go to formed.org, click formed for parishes to start creating your account. Search by zip code 31313 to find our parish membership.



The Diocese of Savannah provides Safe Environment Training online at virtusonline.org available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Korean. All volunteers must complete training, a background check and sign the code of conduct. Contact the office for questions.



GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST

You are not to eat or drink anything except for water or required medicine, for one hour before actually receiving communion. This is called the Communion or Eucharist fast. It is meant to help us focus on our Lord and what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, candy, mints, etc. during Mass is therefore inappropriate. Both forms for receiving the host are acceptable, in the palm of one hand with the other hand underneath, or on the extended tongue. Extend your hands palm-side up toward the priest and stand as close to the priest as possible when receiving Communion. Never take the host from the priest. After receiving the Eucharist, you say Amen. Proper reverence and respect is most important, hands should be reverently folded while waiting to receive the Sacrament.

DIRECTRICES PARA RECIBIR LA EUCARISTÍA

No debes comer ni beber nada excepto agua o medicinas necesarias durante una hora antes de recibir la comunión. Esto se llama ayuno de la Comunión o Eucaristía. Esto es para ayudarnos a centrarnos en nuestro Señor y en lo que estamos a punto de recibir. Por tanto, masticar chicle, caramelos, mentas, etc. durante la misa es inapropiado. Ambas formas de recibir la hostia son aceptables, en la palma de una mano con la otra mano debajo, o en la lengua extendida. Extiende las manos con las palmas hacia arriba hacia el sacerdote y quédate lo más cerca posible del sacerdote al recibir la Comunión. Nunca le quites la hostia al sacerdote. Después de recibir la Eucaristía, dices Amén. La reverencia y el respeto adecuados son lo más importante; las manos deben estar cruzadas con reverencia mientras esperan recibir el Sacramento.



St. Stephen

First Martyr Catholic Church
Hinesville, Georgia



A Safe Church Starts with *You.*



**YOU CAN'T VOLUNTEER FOR ANY
MINISTRIES OR ACTIVITIES AT OUR CHURCH
UNTIL YOU HAVE VIRTUS TRAINING.**

WHAT IS VIRTUS?



VIRTUS®

VIRTUS is a program created
to help prevent child abuse
and promote a safe environment
for all.



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online session and teaches
how to recognize warning
signs, respond responsibly,
and protect God's children.



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LEARN MORE OR
GET STARTED.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



Our children, youth, and vulnerable
adults are a precious gift from God.
We are called to protect them.



VIRTUS training helps ensure
that our church is a safe, welcoming,
and trustworthy place for everyone.
Prevention is our responsibility.



It equips all volunteers with the
knowledge and tools to make
safe and appropriate choices.
Awareness today, protection tomorrow.



It reflects our faith in action—
honoring the dignity of every person
and living out Christ's love.

Love. Protect. Serve.



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*Thank you for helping us build a safe and
loving community where everyone can grow in faith!*



**COMPLETE YOUR VIRTUS TRAINING TODAY
AND BE A PART OF OUR MISSION TO PROTECT.**



For more information or to get started,
visit virtusonline.org or contact the parish office.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory Min \$10,000 needed weekly	August 9 th
Offertory	\$5,485
Building Fund	\$320
Online Giving	\$957
Week Total	\$6,762

Stewardship is an important concept for spiritual growth. It is a way to thank God for all His blessings. The offertory is the primary means of support for the parish and its programs.

Online giving is available at
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ststephenhinesville>
or by scanning the QR code.

Scan the QR code
to Give Now!



HARVEST OF HOPE



58%

Our Harvest of Hope overall goal is \$247,268.00! So far we have received \$62,085, with an additional \$81,118 pledged to be paid by the end of the campaign. Thank you to all who have donated and pledged. Envelopes are in the church or you can go online to <https://diosav.org/en/hope> to donate or make your pledge!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

BUILDING FUND

September 5th & 6th

DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH SPECIAL COLLECTION

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

September 26-27th



SCAM WARNING

Please note: If you receive a request for gift cards purporting to be from your pastor, parish, or the Bishop, it is a scam and should be ignored. If you aren't sure if an email or message is authentic, do not reply. Check with the person or parish using another method.

2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

\$16,722 OF \$34,667 RAISED TO DATE

48%

Our parish goal is \$34,667. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.



faith, hope, charity
2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



fe, esperanza, caridad
2026 CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA ANUAL

La meta de nuestra parroquia es \$34,667. Con su ayuda podremos asegurar el apoyo continuo a muchos programas importantes que ayudan a miles cada año en nuestra diócesis; tales como la educación de nuestros niños y de los seminaristas, evangelización e iniciación cristiana, formación continua para nuestro clero y más. Hemos sido bendecidos con mucho, seamos nosotros una bendición para otros.

MASS SCHEDULE

English Weekdays - Monday thru Thursday at 12pm,
First Friday's at 5:30pm.

(Exposition and Holy Hour start at 10:30am followed by Rosary at 11:20am)

Spanish Weekday - Monday, Thursday and Friday at 7pm.

(Exposition and Holy Hour start at 5:30pm followed by Rosary at 6:20pm)

Wednesday- 6-7p - Holy Hour with Rosary.

Saturday- Vigil 5:00 pm; 7pm Spanish in Jesup.

Sunday- 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish); 2:00pm Spanish in Jesup.

Confession- Weekdays during Holy Hour, Saturday 4:15-4:45pm & By Apt.



First Martyr Catholic Church
Hinesville, Ga

OCIA Classes Wednesdays: Classes Begin September 9th from 7-8:30p in Social Hall For Catholics and non-Catholics who wish to gain knowledge and information about the Catholic faith. The classes are also for those Catholic adults and high schoolers that have not completed their sacraments. The classes begin in September and will be completed by Easter.

Children's Religious Education

~Faith Formation~ **Registration is online Classes begin August 23rd!**

Saint Stephen provides opportunities for each person to receive the Sacraments and grow in greater communion with our Lord. Classes are for 1st – 8th grades and they meet Sundays at 9a Sept. to May.

Baptism - For a child to be baptized, you must be attending Mass regularly, attend a Baptism class and fill out a registration form. Classes are held the last Sunday of every month at 1pm and must be completed prior to scheduling baptism date. One Godparent must be an active Catholic and attend class as well. A copy of the Child's Birth Certificate is needed at time of registration. Please contact the Office for scheduling.

Matrimony - Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance of the proposed date. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required. Couples contemplating marriage MUST meet with the priest before setting a date.

Anointing of the Sick - Fr. Estrada is offering Anointing of the Sick at First Friday's Mass at 5:30p.

Active Parishioner Status - Each year we receive many requests from parishioners to qualify for weddings, be godparents or sponsors. An active member is one who is properly registered with the Parish office, regularly gives offertory, attends parish activities when possible and most importantly faithfully attends Mass on Sunday's and Holy days of Obligation. Even though you attend Mass, if you are not registered with the Parish, we have no information about you and you may not eligible to be Sponsors, Godparents, etc. While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors that will be considered in making that determination.

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