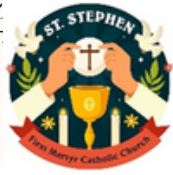


SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 30, 2026



TAKE UP
HIS CROSS.

MATTHEW 16:24

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKLY PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

REQUESTED BY

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

12:00pm †Souls of Luis G. Ruiz and Mercedes RuizMiguel Ruiz

07:00pm †Soul of Lide Antonio Matos.....Maria Matos

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

12:00pm †Soul of Lide Antonio Matos.....Maria Matos

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

12:00pm †Soul of Sister Mary Stephen Vamosy PBVM

07:00pm †Soul of Lide Antonio Matos.....Maria Matos

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - FIRST FRIDAY

5:30pm Our Parish Community

7:00pm †Soul of Lide Antonio Matos.....Maria Matos

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

05:00pm †Souls of the Semmler Family.....Gudrun Poertner

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

08:00am Our Parish Community

10:00am For all the Laborers

12:00pm †Soul of Lide Antonio Matos.....Maria Matos

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Max Gilardi	Joe & Pat	Walter Helmick
Laura Mattaden	JohnsonJanice	Andre McCall
Axel Bateman	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
		Amy Smith



WEEKLY READINGS

WEEK OF AUGUST 30

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

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Observances for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF LIFE

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: STRIVE TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S REASONING

"Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly... and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, 'God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.' He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.'"

(Mt 16:21-23)

It should not be difficult to accept that God, the Creator, is more intelligent than man, the creature. However, as soon as we do not understand something, we think God does not exist or He does not care about us or has made a mistake. We think of this especially when something causes us to suffer, when the cross has appeared to us under some of its myriad facets: sickness, death, and personal or work problems.

We should try to have God's intelligence, that is, we should imitate the Lord. He did not choose miracles or the easy path to success to solve all problems and redeem humanity but instead chose the way of the Cross.

Therefore, whenever something does not go well in our lives, be it big or small, let's not curse our fate or consider our life to be a disgrace. Rather, let's be aware that a great treasure has been granted to us: that of being able to cooperate with Christ in redemption. Let's remember that solutions frequently come after crises, and were it not for problems, we might not have found solutions. After the Cross came the Resurrection. Let's not forget that in the cross itself, our cross, we can be united with the Lord, Who is there present, in pain, in a mysterious but real way, as He Himself said

Purpose: Offer to God each of your sufferings for the conversion of those who cause others to suffer. Accept them without complaining. Do not lose hope that the future will be better.

PALABRA DE VIDA

DOMINGO XXII DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO: TENER LA INTELIGENCIA DE DIOS

"Jesús empezó a explicar a sus discípulos que tenía que ir a Jerusalén y padecer allí mucho... y que tenía que ser ejecutado y resucitar al tercer día. Pedro se lo llevó aparte y se puso a increparlo: '¡No lo permita Dios, Señor! Eso no puede pasarte'. Jesús se volvió y dijo a Pedro: '¡Quítate de mi vista, Satanás, que me haces tropezar; tú piensas como los hombres, no como Dios!' "

(Mt 16, 13-18)

No debería ofrecer dificultades aceptar que Dios, el Creador, es más inteligente que el hombre, la criatura. Sin embargo, en cuanto no entendemos algo, pensamos que o Dios no existe, o no se interesa por nosotros, o se ha equivocado. Esto lo pensamos especialmente cuando algo nos hace sufrir, cuando se presenta la Cruz con alguno de sus mil rostros: la enfermedad, la muerte, los problemas afectivos o los del trabajo.

Deberíamos intentar tener la inteligencia de Dios, es decir, deberíamos imitar al Señor, que no eligió el camino de lo fácil, del éxito, del milagro, para resolver todos los problemas y redimir a la Humanidad, sino que escogió el camino de la Cruz.

Por lo tanto, cada vez que algo no vaya bien en nuestra vida, sea pequeño o grande, no maldigamos nuestra suerte, ni nos consideremos desgraciados; más bien, seamos conscientes de que se nos acaba de otorgar un gran tesoro: el de poder colaborar con Cristo en la redención. Y pensemos que, con mucha frecuencia, después de las crisis vienen las soluciones y éstas no podrían haber llegado si no hubiera sido por aquellas. Tras la Cruz vino la Resurrección.

Por último, no olvidemos que, en esa misma cruz, nuestra cruz, podemos unirnos al Señor, que está presente allí, en el dolor, de forma misteriosa pero real, como Él mismo dijo

Propósito: Ofrece a Dios cada uno de tus dolores, aceptándolos sin quejarte, por la conversión de los que hacen sufrir a los hombres. No pierdas la esperanza en que el futuro será mejor.



FRANCISCANS OF MARY - FRANCISCANOS DE MARIA

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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.



***May the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes
of our hearts, that we may
know what is the hope
that belongs to our call.”
Ephesians 1:17-18***



“Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti.”

PARISH PULSE

SAVE THE DATE

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

September 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 9th 7pm - OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults - See flyer for information on our Adult Faith Formation classes.

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 CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

9/1- Julian Garcia, Jaxson Myers, Daniel Rios, Adrian Torres Rodriguez

9/2- Yassir Colon Robles, Charlotte Jackson, Staci Osorio

9/3- Julio Daout, Gabriela Pozo Chavez, Thomas Resendis, Barbara Siefken

9/4- Nathan Delaney, Gloria McCall

9/5- Edgar Habeck

9/6- Kamden Nguyen

*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*

Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other — it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose? ©LPi

Inspiración *DE LA SEMANA*

Mucha gente se siente atraída por Jesús. Curiosos por él. Inspirados por él. ¿Pero pueden llevar la cruz? Hoy, Jesús nos dice que no podemos tener uno sin el otro — es Cristo y la cruz, o nada en absoluto. ¿Cuál elegiremos? ©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 Gratitude

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



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.

CALLED BY NAME TAKES PLACE THIS WEEKEND



DIOCESE of
SAVANNAH

CALLED BY NAME

HONORING FAITHFUL YOUNG CATHOLICS

**Called by Name takes place this weekend
throughout the Diocese of Savannah!**

Is there a young man or woman, high school age
or older, who you would like to encourage to
consider the priesthood or consecrated life?

Submitting a name may help someone listen
more closely to God's call. Submit a name online
at savannahvocations.org/calledbyname.

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!*

In 1595, six Spanish Franciscans
(The Georgia Martyrs) came to
what is now the Georgia coast to
minister to the native people
called the Guale.

Two years later, all but one were
murdered.

The beatification of the
Venerable Servants of God
Pedro de Corpa and his Four
Companions – commonly known
as the Georgia Martyrs – will take
place on All Hallows Eve
(October 31) 2026 in Savannah,
GA. Cardinal Frank Leo,
Metropolitan Archbishop of
Toronto, will represent the Holy
Father as Papal Legate and
preside over the beatification
liturgy. Out of the handful of
beatifications to occur on
American soil, this will be the
first in Georgia and the first in
the South.

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OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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Invited

Your Journey into the *Catholic Church*



Are you an adult 18 years of age or older who:

- Has not been baptized, or has been baptized into the Catholic faith but not received the sacraments of confirmation and / or communion?
- Or were baptized in another faith tradition, but are interested in becoming Catholic?
- Or perhaps just want to learn more about your faith?

If so, we have an adult faith formation process starting on Wednesday, **9 September 2026** from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The program will meet on Wednesday evenings thereafter at the same time and place until Easter 2027 (**March 28th 2027**).

If you would like more information regarding this process, please contact Deacon Doug Delzeith at:

Telephone: 912-977-5278 / Email: ddelzeith@yahoo.com

Please note: If you or your spouse are presently married and have had previous marriages: annulments of former marriages must be obtained prior to seeking initiation into the Catholic Church. This is required for Catholics and non-Catholics. Please contact Deacon Doug Delzeith at 977-5278 or email: ddelzeith@yahoo.com for more information about the annulment process.

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.



GEORGIA COUNCIL 10210

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.



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.



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



← SCAN HERE TO
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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LEARN MORE OR
GET STARTED.



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 16 th
Offertory	\$4,988
Building Fund	\$60
Online Giving	\$928
Week Total	\$5,976

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



HARVEST
of HOPE
COSECHA de ESPERANZA

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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