

SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 06, 2026



LOOSED IN
HEAVEN.

— MATTHEW 18:18 —

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKLY PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 06

MASS INTENTIONS

REQUESTED BY

THIS SATURDAY

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

THIS SUNDAY

08:00am Our Parish Community

10:00am For all the Laborers

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

MONDAY

12:00pm †Soul of Luis G. RuizMiguel Ruiz

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

12:00pm †Soul of Yvonne Halbur.....Mark Pitzen

THURSDAY

12:00pm †Soul of Alan Nettle.....Deb Nettle

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

FRIDAY

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

NEXT SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

08:00am †Soul of Bill Mueck

10:00am Our Parish Community

12:00pm †Soul of Alfonso Capapas.....Normita Baluyot

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 SEPTEMBER 06

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

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/
Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12,
14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/ Ps 84:3, 4,
5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13,
17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2,
3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Observances for the week of September 6, 2026

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: *Labor Day*

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Thursday:

Friday: *Patriot Day*

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

WORD OF LIFE

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JESUS IN THE MIDST OF HIS DISCIPLES

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
(Mt 18:20)*

Just as Christ is present in the Eucharist, He is also present among His disciples, though this is a different type of presence. As with the Eucharist, some requirements must be met. The first is unity and the second is that this unity be done in the name of the Lord.

When we consider the gift that will be received, the presence of the Lord, then we understand that every effort is worthwhile to attain what the Lord has promised. For example, the sacrifice that humility and the acceptance of our neighbor's defects imply are rewarded with the joy that living with Christ brings us. When we are with Him, we are in Heaven, but when that unity has been broken, when we have rejected Christ in our lives, then we experience Hell. Heaven is to be with God and Hell is to be without Him. How often have we experienced this at home. In fact, when there is no love, one frequently hears: "This house is like hell." That might be so, but they do not know why it is like that. It is the absence of Jesus, absence linked to lack of love, which makes life together impossible.

Also, this unity has to be done in the name of the Lord, that is to say, being united both to Him and the one who represents Him, the Church. This also has a price: the acceptance of the Church's teachings, all of them, including those that are more difficult to understand or practice.

The price may seem expensive, but it is worth it. On the other hand, do not be fooled: if we do not pay the price of unity, we will pay the price of division. If we do not make an effort to keep the family united, we will have to suffer the consequences of disunity. And if we are to pay, it is better to pay for what unites us to God and gives us happiness on earth.

Purpose: Practice the maxim: "Less perfect is worth more in unity than the most perfect in disunity." Practice humility, patience, and fidelity to the Church.

PALABRA DE VIDA

DOMINGO XXIII DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO: JESÚS EN MEDIO DE LOS DISCÍPULOS

"Donde dos o tres están reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos". (Mt 18, 20)

Cristo está presente en medio de los discípulos, lo mismo que está presente en la Eucaristía, aunque sea con un tipo de presencia diferente. Pero, al igual que en la Eucaristía, es preciso que se cumplan algunos requisitos. El primero es el de la unidad y el segundo el de que esa unidad sea en el nombre del Señor.

Cuando se tiene en cuenta el don que se va a conseguir -la presencia del Señor- se comprende que todo esfuerzo merece la pena con tal de lograr lo prometido. El sacrificio que supone la humildad y el aceptar los defectos del prójimo, por ejemplo, se ven recompensados con la alegría que da la convivencia con Cristo. Cuando se está con Él, se vive en el Cielo; cuando se ha roto la unidad, cuando hemos echado a Cristo de nuestro lado, lo que se experimenta es el Infierno. No en vano, el Cielo es estar con Dios y el Infierno es estar sin Él. Con cuánta frecuencia se experimenta esto en el hogar, por ejemplo. Cuando no hay amor, es frecuente oír: "Esta casa es un infierno". Tienen razón, pero no saben por qué eso es así. Es la ausencia de Jesús, ausencia ligada a la falta de amor, lo que hace imposible la vida en común.

Pero, además, esa unidad ha de hacerse en el nombre del Señor y, por lo tanto, unidos a Él y unidos a quien le representa, la Iglesia. Eso también tiene un precio: el de la aceptación de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia; de todas, incluidas aquellas que puedan resultar más difíciles de entender o de practicar.

El precio puede parecer caro, pero merece la pena. Por otro lado, no hay que engañarse: si no se paga el precio de la unidad se pagará el precio de la división. Si no se hace un esfuerzo por mantener unida la familia, se tendrá que sufrir las consecuencias de la desunión. Y puestos a pagar, mejor hacerlo por aquello que nos une a Dios y que nos da la felicidad en la tierra.

Propósito: Practicar la máxima: "vale más lo menos perfecto en unidad que lo más perfecto en desunión". Ejercitar la humildad, la paciencia y la fidelidad a la Iglesia.



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.



***“God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation”
2 Corinthians 5:19***



“Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz”

PARISH PULSE

SAVE THE DATE

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.

September 19th - St. Vincent DePaul Training 9am-2:30pm - SVDP Ozanam Orientation see note to right.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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

9/7- Nemesio Bucayu, Tabrecia Joseph, Savannah Elisa Mendiola, Zoila Nevarez, Anaïs Orta Ortiz

9/8- Eduardo Dominguez, Nathan Elliott Lacap

9/9- Jewel Barrett, Betty Hoffman, Aaliyah Jacob

9/10- Kelly Bloyer, Jose Chihuahua, Aracely Grimaldo Gomez, Kenyette Madria, Kenneth Rosenberg

9/11- Jacinto Torres Rios

9/12- Carlos Galloza, Arturo Medina, Atiana Rivera, Daisy Roberts

9/13- Mary Chambers, Stacy Humes

*Happy
Birthday*



SVDP Ozanam Orientation

SVDP Ozanam Orientation is on September 19, 2026 from 9am to 3pm. The training offers insight into the Society's history and legacy, community support, and Vincentian Spirituality. It is designed to prepare new Vincentians for success and re-energize those Vincentians who have already served. Anyone interested in learning about SVDP Society is welcome to attend the training.

Inspiration *OF THE WEEK*

Christ tells us that "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Our faith compels us to be in community with one another. No one should be a Christian alone. How can you draw closer to others who love Christ? ©LPi

Inspiración *DE LA SEMANA*

Cristo nos dice que "donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos." Nuestra fe nos obliga a estar en comunidad unos con otros. Nadie debería ser cristiano solo. ¿Cómo puedes acercarte a otros a quienes aman a Cristo? ©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!



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.



Faith Formation

CCD Faith Formation registration 2026 will end on September 20th. After that date exceptions for registrations will have to be approved by Fr Estrada. Please address any questions to Berta Ganaway, DRE [912-312-4174](tel:912-312-4174).

El registro para la Formación de Fe del CCD 2026 finalizará el 20 de Septiembre. A partir de esa fecha, las excepciones para los registros deberán ser aprobadas por el P. Estrada. Por favor, dirija cualquier pregunta a Berta Ganaway, DRE [912-312-4174](tel:912-312-4174).

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.

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters



National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday Sept. 12 2026

On Saturday, September 12, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 66 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service *for Victims of Abortion*

Date & Time

Saturday, September 12, 9am

Location

St. Stephen First Martyr
399 Woodland Dr
Hinesville, GA 31313

Details

Please join the Respect Life Ministry for this Special Remembrance!

A Bilingual Rosary and Mass will be held in the Church!

Light refreshments will be available in the Social Hall following the event.

Local Contact

Feel free to contact the main office at
912-876-4364

ssfmcc399@gmail.com

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For more information on this event, visit NationalDayOfRemembrance.org

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Small Clicks. Eternal Impact.

When you see a **PERSONALIZED** post with the St. Stephen Logo on it: **like**, **comment**, and **share**. You can help bring someone closer to Christ.



ENGAGE.

Like it.
Leave a comment.

*Let us know
you're there.*



SHARE.

Share it with
your friends and family.
*You never know who may
see it at exactly the
moment they need it.*



EVANGELIZE.

Help us take the message
of Christ beyond the
walls of our church and
into our community.



ENGAGE • SHARE • EVANGELIZE CAMPAIGN

September 1, 2026 - December 27, 2026



MONTHLY DRAWINGS!

Starting in September, we'll be doing monthly drawings for those who comment and share our parish posts.

*A small thank you for helping
spread the Good News!*



YOU MAY NEVER KNOW

whose heart God reaches
through something you shared.

One click may seem small.

But when God is involved,
small things can open very big doors.

When you see a **PERSONALIZED** post with the St. Stephen Logo on it:

LIKE • COMMENT • SHARE!

And we'll see you at Mass!



St. Stephen

First Martyr Catholic Church

Hinesville, GA

MINISTRIES IN ACTION



The Respect Life Ministry reflects "Life" through prayers and work.
Every Life is "Special" and sacred from Conception till Death.
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.



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.



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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.



← SCAN HERE TO
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 23
Offertory	\$5,773
Building Fund	\$60
Online Giving	\$1,519
Week Total	\$7,352

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 \$63,930, with an additional \$79,743 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

\$16,753 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



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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.



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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 Final day to register is September 15th.**

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.

PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY 9A-6P AND TUESDAY-THURSDAY 9A-2P

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