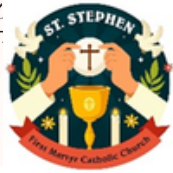


SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 11, 2026



COME
TO THE FEAST.

— MATTHEW 22:4 —

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKLY PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11

MASS INTENTIONS

REQUESTED BY

THIS SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

05:00pm †Soul of Alfonso Capapas.....Bonny Carreker

THIS SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

08:00am †Soul of Joaquin R Castro.....Lemapu Family

10:00am †Soul of Mary Corbitt.....Bonny Carreker

12:00pm Alisteo Suarez.....Tereza Suarez

MONDAY OCTOBER 12

12:00pm †Soul of Michael McManus.....Trever & Amy Smith

07:00pm †Soul of Omar Gomez-Ibananez

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13

12:00pm †Soul of Sister Mary Stevens.....Bonny Carreker

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14

12:00pm Protection of Alexandra's unborn child....Dorgilles Family

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15

12:00pm †Souls in Purgatory.....Chihuahau Family

07:00pm †Soul of Walter Nieves

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16

7:00pm Our Parish Community

NEXT SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

05:00pm †Soul of Mary Jane Bouchard.....Marcel Bouchard

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

08:00am †Soul of Yvonne Clark.....Elizabeth Negosta

10:00am †Soul of Thomas E. Spurgeon.....Spurgeon Family

12:00pm Pro Populo - For the Community

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Ella Alston

Itzel Santana Bosko

Max Gilardi

Laura Mattaden

Axel Bateman

Michael Thomas

Maria Crowe

Jaoquina Meno

Iris

Zulma Rivera

Angel Rivera

Cheryl Birthrong

Susan Marie

Jimmy Marchini

John H.

Richard & Christine

Williams

David Weeks

Sara J. Wheeler

Joe & Pat Johnson

Janice Robertson

Tom & Jeannine Wing

Nancy Hill

June Holt

Leslie Shaw

Stacy Fletcher

Joyce Elliott

Laurie Elliott

Doug Walker

Hettie Johnson

Dillion Bovinger

Summer Jones

Robert JoVan

Lounell Scott

David Weeks

Walter Helmick

Andre McCall

Nellie Orta

Angela Wheeler

Merle Stroud

Renee Millner

Larry Harris

Dottie Cozier

Fred Hand

Iris Potett

Mary Huffman

Joan Rambach

Chambers Family

Jane Chatman

Gudrun Poertner

Cindy Gray

Ethin Nettle

Bonny Pecenak

Amy Smith



WEEKLY READINGS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 11

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-1

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Observances for the week of October 11, 2026

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Thursday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Saturday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

WORD OF LIFE

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: FEEL FORTUNATE

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come." (Mt 22:2-3)

Sometimes people ask us Christians, why there are people who, apparently through no fault of their own, do not have faith. It is not easy to answer this question, but there is no doubt that God will not blame them for their lack of faith if they are not responsible for not having it. Faith is a gift, and lacking it deprives them of hope, light, and strength for charity. However, another case happens more frequently: those who do not have faith because they do not want it, or who, having had faith, live as if they don't have it or have lost it for not using it.

Why does this happen? Why do many live as if they don't have faith, or have even lost it? There is only one explanation: they consider faith to be a burden in life, a hindrance to their personal fulfillment, and an uncomfortable moral connection to their conscience, which would prevent them from doing as they would like because it is within their reach.

We need to experience, or remember if we have already experienced it, that faith is a gift and that being with the Lord is a blessing. Christ did not come to ruin our lives but to take us to the fullness of joy and happiness, which is accomplished only through the path of love. Let's attend the feast when we are invited. Let's participate in the Eucharist even though it implies making a sacrifice because, if we do not, our faith will likely become lukewarm or even disappear.

Purpose: When it is hard for you to live the Gospel or to fulfill the commandments, go to Mass. Do works of mercy. Do not feel miserable but fortunate because to love is a blessing.

PALABRA DE VIDA

DOMINGO XXVIII DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO: SENTIRSE AFORTUNADOS

"El reino de los cielos se parece a un rey que celebraba la boda de su hijo. Mandó criados para que avisaran a los convidados, pero no quisieron ir". (Mt 22, 2-3)

A veces alguien nos pregunta a los cristianos el por qué hay personas que no tienen fe, al menos aparentemente sin culpa suya. Responder a esta pregunta no es fácil y, en todo caso, no hay duda de que Dios no va a reprochar a nadie su ausencia de fe si no ha tenido la posibilidad de tenerla. La fe es un don y no tenerla es una carencia que te priva del horizonte de la esperanza y de luz y fuerza en el orden de la caridad. Sin embargo, lo que sí que es cierto es que con muchísima mayor frecuencia que el caso anterior, se produce otro: el de aquellos que no tienen fe porque no quieren tenerla o incluso porque, aun teniéndola o habiéndola tenido, viven como si no la tuvieran o la han ido perdiendo a base de no ejercitarla.

¿Por qué sucede esto? ¿Por qué muchos viven como si no tuvieran fe y llegan incluso a perderla? Sólo hay una explicación: esos consideran que la fe es un inconveniente en la vida, un freno para la realización personal, una incómoda conexión con una conciencia moral que te impide hacer aquello que te gustaría hacer y que podrías hacer porque está al alcance de tu mano y tu bolsillo.

Necesitamos experimentar -o recordar si ya lo hemos experimentado- que la fe es un don, que estar con el Señor es una suerte. Cristo no ha venido a amargarnos la vida, a impedir que disfrutemos, sino a llevarnos a una plenitud de alegría y felicidad que pasa sólo por el camino del amor. Por lo tanto, acudamos a su fiesta cuando nos invite. Participemos en la Eucaristía aunque suponga algún sacrificio, porque si no lo hacemos es muy probable que la fe se entibie e incluso se pierda.

Propósito: Cuando te cueste vivir el Evangelio, cumplir los mandamientos, ir a misa, hacer el bien, no te sientas desgraciado sino afortunado. Amar es una bendición.



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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.



“I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.”



“Habitaré en la casa del Señor toda la vida.”

PARISH PULSE

SAVE THE DATE

October 17-18th - Gift Shop Open

October 18th - 11am-sell out - The Hispanic Ministry will be selling meals after the 10am Mass until they sell out to raise funds for their Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration.

SVdP Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins

October 17th details of items needed to fill the boxes will be posted closer to the date.

Oct. 20th - 5:30pm - Respect Life Meeting

Meeting will be in the Social Hall. All members and anyone interested, please attend!

October 22-30 - Pro-Life Novena - pray with us for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death.

November 2 - All Souls Day - 12pm, 5:30pm in English and 7pm in Spanish

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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

10/12- Jordan Nettles, Reinaldo Osorio

10/13- Reginald Blount, Pablo Rodriguez, Ricardo Velez

10/14- Charles Harley, Therese Rapolla, Clayton Walter

10/15- Barbara Johnson, Riley Smith

10/16- Cynthia Gray, Wislande Peterson

10/17- Edward Hoffman, Martha Rakes, Cierra Vegafria

10/18- Joachim Ahlgren

*Happy
Birthday*

United Ministries Council

Want to learn more about the Ministries in our Parish? October 17-18 there will be tables set up in the Social Hall after all the masses. During this time you can meet members and sign up for their Ministries!

This is a great chance to find out more if you've been curious about ways to become more involved!



**NOVEMBER 2ND
ALL SOULS DAY MASS
TIMES WILL BE AT 12PM
AND 5:30PM IN ENGLISH
AND AT 7PM IN SPANISH**

Inspiration *OF THE WEEK*

When God extends an invitation, we don't always respond promptly. So, what's the hold-up? Let's examine our lives for anything that delays our RSVP. This is one party we can't afford to miss. ©LPi

Inspiración *DE LA SEMANA*

Cuando Dios extiende una invitación, no siempre respondemos con prontitud. Entonces, ¿cuál es el retraso? Examinemos nuestras vidas para ver si hay algo que retrase nuestra confirmación. Esta es una fiesta que no podemos permitirnos perder. ©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!

Hispanic Food Fundraiser

Join us **Sunday, October 18**, beginning at **10:00 AM** for a delicious Hispanic meal!

\$10 per meal

Includes a full meal, dessert, and drink.

All proceeds will benefit our upcoming **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration**.

Come enjoy wonderful food, fellowship, and help support this beautiful parish celebration!

Venta de Comida Hispana

Acompáñenos el **domingo 18 de octubre**, comenzando a las **10:00 AM**, para disfrutar de una deliciosa comida hispana!

\$10 por comida

Incluye comida completa, postre y bebida.

Todos los fondos recaudados beneficiarán nuestra próxima celebración de **Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**.

¡Venga a disfrutar de una deliciosa comida, convivir y apoyar esta hermosa celebración parroquial!

ICCW
Council of Catholic Women

Join Us! ♥

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
AT 6:00 PM

All women of the parish are welcome!

We are blessed to have Fr. Estrada joining us for our meeting. He will be sharing spiritual guidance, and we look forward to hearing whatever he feels led to share with us.

Sweet Support for a Holy Cause!

Let's kick off our charitable giving by collecting candy for our Faith Formation classes. They will be hosting a **"Holy Wins, Saints and Sweets"** event during classes on Sunday, November 1st. Please bring a donation of individually wrapped candy to the meeting.

Bring a Finger Food to Share! ♥

FAITH • FRIENDSHIP • SERVICE

MINISTRY FAIR

October 17 & 18
Before & After Masses

Come discover where you belong!

We are inviting our parish ministries to set up tables and share information about their ministry.

This is a wonderful opportunity to promote your ministry, welcome new members, and encourage participation.

Show parishioners how they can get involved, serve, and grow in faith through your ministry.

Ministry leaders:
Please plan to set up a table and help us showcase the many ways to serve at St. Stephen!

Let's come together to build up our parish community!

ST. STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Stephen
First Martyr Catholic Church
Hinesville, Ga

Little Saints Big Joy! ♥

Holy Wins: Saints and Sweets

NOVEMBER 1
9:00 AM

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!
We need your help to make this day extra special for our little saints!

A donation box will be placed in the church by mid next week. Please drop off individually wrapped candy.

Interested in hosting a candy table? Sign up in the Narthex! Ministries, groups and families are welcome!

Thank you for your generosity! ♥

ALL SAINTS DAY • FAITH • COMMUNITY • HOLY WINS!

St. Stephen First Martyr Catholic Church
Hinesville, GA

Date Night

FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Invest in your marriage. Strengthen your love. Grow together in faith.

The first of many "Date Night for Married Couples"
Come, share, enjoy your spouse and fellowship with other married couples.

WHEN?
November 7, 2026
6:00 PM
after the 5:00 PM Mass

WHERE?
Parish Hall
399 Woodland Dr.
Hinesville, GA 31313

RSVP
Email siborek@comcast.net with your RSVP. This will help in the planning process.

INDOOR, OUTDOOR MOVIE
Featuring **"Father of the Bride"**

So come, bring your lawn chair or blanket (think outdoor movie but indoors). Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided!

COME LAUGH, LEARN AND LOVE WELL - TOGETHER. ♥♥♥
We can't wait to see you there!

Prayer Challenge Invitation

PARABLES CHALLENGE



Let's reflect on the words of Jesus—and allow His stories to change ours.



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St. Stephen invites you to join us for the Parables Challenge on our parish community page on the Hallow app. **starting October 12th.** This 10-day prayer journey will help us encounter Jesus in a deeper way through His parables—stories that continue to shape hearts and open minds.

Each day, we'll listen to a Gospel passage and a guided meditation led by Jonathan Roumie, the actor who plays Jesus in *The Chosen*. Together, we'll reflect on ten of Jesus' parables, learning to see with fresh eyes and understand His teachings in new and personal ways.

Whether you're new to prayer or looking for a simple way to grow spiritually this season, this is a meaningful opportunity to journey as a parish and draw closer to Christ.

Visit our parish page on the Hallow app to join.



Hallow

Join the waitlist on the Hallow app >

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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.

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 **November 14 from 11a-2p** and will be a Pumpkin Wreath. You can always work on your current project instead as all are welcome.

Gift Shop will be open October 17-18!!!!



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.



Next meeting is November 2nd at 7pm!!!

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.



October 13th is our next meeting!!!!

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 October 17-18th!

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
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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
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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	September 27
Offertory	\$5,233
Building Fund	\$97
Online Giving	\$684
Week Total	\$6,014

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 \$66,285, with an additional \$77,690 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

November 7-8th

DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH SPECIAL COLLECTION

SOUTHERN CROSS DRIVE

October 10-11th

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 17-18th



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

\$17,558 OF \$34,667 RAISED TO DATE

51%

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.



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OCIA Classes Wednesdays: Classes Began 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~

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. Enrollment is closed for 2026/27 year.

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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