

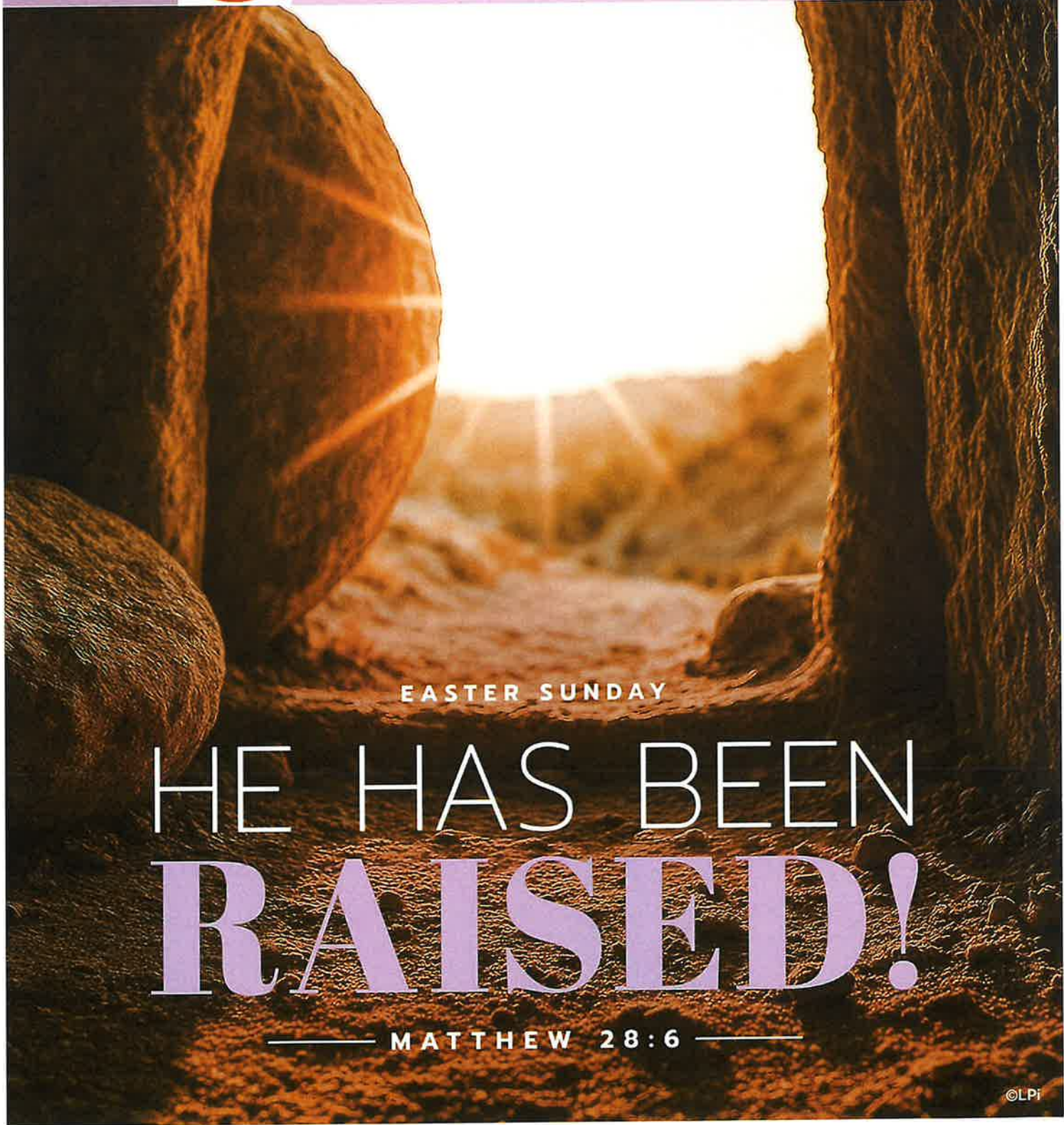


# SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR

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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026



EASTER SUNDAY

HE HAS BEEN  
**RAISED!**

MATTHEW 28:6

# MASS INTENTIONS



<b>Sat. 04/04</b>	10:00PM	†Soul of Stephen Heusner & Beatrice Belisle ~Diana Young
<b>Sun. 04/05</b>	10:00AM	Saint Stephen Church Family ~Carmen Cruz Lanner
	12:00PM	<i>Pro Populo ~ For the Community</i>
<b>Mon 4/6</b>	5:30PM	<i>Priest Retreat ~ Communion Services will be held</i>
<b>Mon 4/6</b>	7:00PM	<i>Priest Retreat ~ Communion Services will be held</i>
<b>Tues. 4/7</b>	12:00PM	<i>Priest Retreat ~ Communion Services will be held</i>
<b>Weds. 4/8</b>	12:00PM	<i>Priest Retreat ~ Communion Services will be held</i>
<b>Thurs. 4/9</b>	12:00PM	<i>Priest Retreat ~ Communion Services will be held</i>
<b>Thurs. 4/9</b>	7:00PM	<i>Priest Retreat ~ Communion Services will be held</i>
<b>Sat. 4/11</b>	5:00PM	Special Intentions for the Family of Carmen Cruz Lanner
<b>Sun. 4/12</b>	8:00AM	†Soul of Sue Kalla ~Bonny Carreker
	10:00AM	Birthday Blessings for Pat Delzeith ~Deacon Doug and Renee Delzeith
	12:00PM	<i>Pro Populo ~ For the Community</i>

## Prayer REQUESTS

*Please Pray for the Sick – Por Favor Oren por los Enfermos*

## Peticiones DE ORACION

John H., Richard and Christine Williams, David Weeks, Sara J. Wheeler, Joe & Pat Johnson, Gary Hubbard, Janice Robertson, Nancy Hill, Tom & Jeannine Wing, June Holt, Leslie Shaw, Stacy Fletcher, Sandra Powell, 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.



*May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord.*



# Save THE Date!

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Divine Mercy Sunday – Chaplet at 3p

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Prayer Encounter – 6-9pm in Social Hall

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Relay for Life Meeting 2:30pm in Social Hall

**April 25-26<sup>th</sup>** – Please support our Relay for Life team with cash/check donations after all the Masses!



4/6- Betsy Fischer, Shayla Powell

4/7- Iris Garcia

4/8- Brittney Ouattara, Mark Pitzen

4/9- Gracelyn Rhodes

4/10- Dorothy Cox

4/11- Kendall Casas, Lorelie Cuevas, Patricia Delzeith

4/12- Mary Trebilcock Bloyer, Esmeralda Gonzalez, Ruth Anel Nepomuceno Cruz, Darius Prado

## **Easter Sunday: He Is Alive!**

*“Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage.”*

*(Mt 28:8-9)*

## **Domingo de Pascua: ¡Él vive!**

*“Ellas se marcharon a toda prisa del sepulcro: impresionadas y llenas de alegría corrieron a anunciarlo a los discípulos. De pronto, Jesús les salió al encuentro y les dijo: ‘Alegraos’. Ellas se acercaron, se postraron ante él y le abrazaron los pies”*

*(Mt 28, 8-9)*

### **WORD OF LIFE**

What did the Virgin Mary feel when she saw her Son alive?

What did Mary Magdalene, or John, or Peter feel? That's what we should feel. We should love Christ as much as they did. Certainly, they said: "I'm happy just because He, Who was dead, has risen. First of all, I am not happy because I am rich, because I am young, because I am healthy, or even because the person I love, loves me. The main reason for my joy is that Christ, Who was dead, has risen." Above all, if the Resurrection of Christ is to have meaning, it must be a cause of joy for us, as believers and His friends, because He, Who died for us, has risen.

Then, Christ's Resurrection must also be a reason for hope. Hope in Eternal Life, which we are certain exists precisely because Christ has returned to life after having known death. It is also a reason to hope in God's justice, of which we can be sure because the story of Christ shows us that, although evil has power and wins battles, good always wins in the end.

Good always has the last word.

Christ lives and we are happy about it. Christ lives and we can have hope. We can believe in the strength of love. We can believe that it is stronger than hate, violence, and even sin. Let's not forget this during Easter week, but above all, let's never forget it, not even when we are in the dark hours of Good Friday.

**Purpose: When you have a problem, if you are tempted to feel miserable, if you doubt the usefulness of love, think: Christ lives. Love lives and love conquers all.**

### **PALABRA DE VIDA**

¿Qué sintió la Virgen María al ver a su Hijo vivo? ¿Qué sintió Magdalena, o Juan, o Pedro? Eso es lo que tenemos que sentir nosotros. Tendríamos que amar a Cristo tanto como ellos. Tanto como para decir, como seguro que dijeron ellos: "Estoy feliz sólo por eso, sólo porque él, que había muerto, ha resucitado. No estoy contento en primer lugar por ser rico, por ser joven, por estar sano y ni siquiera porque me quiere la persona que yo quiero. El principal motivo de mi alegría es que Cristo, que estaba muerto, ha resucitado". Si la resurrección de Cristo debe servir para algo, debe ser ante todo causa de eso: de alegría para mí, como creyente y amigo suyo, porque Él, que había muerto por mí, ha resucitado.

Después, esa resurrección debe ser también un motivo de esperanza. La esperanza en la vida eterna, que tenemos la certeza de que existe precisamente porque Cristo ha vuelto a la vida tras haber conocido la muerte. Motivo, también, de esperanza en la justicia de Dios, de la que podemos estar seguros pues la historia de Cristo nos demuestra que, aunque el mal tiene su poder y gana sus batallas, el bien siempre termina venciendo, siempre tiene la última palabra.

Cristo vive y estoy feliz por ello. Cristo vive y yo puedo tener esperanza, puedo creer en la fuerza del amor, puedo creer que es más fuerte que el odio, que la violencia, que el pecado. No lo olvidemos esta semana de Pascua, pero sobre todo no lo olvidemos nunca, tampoco cuando se esté en las horas oscuras del Viernes Santo.

**Propósito: Cuando tengas un problema esta semana, si tienes la tentación de sentirte desgraciado, si dudas de la utilidad del amor, piensa: Cristo vive, el amor vive, el amor vence.**



## **FRANCISCANS OF MARY - FRANCISCANOS DE MARIA**

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TV: <https://magnificat.tv/>



# 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.**

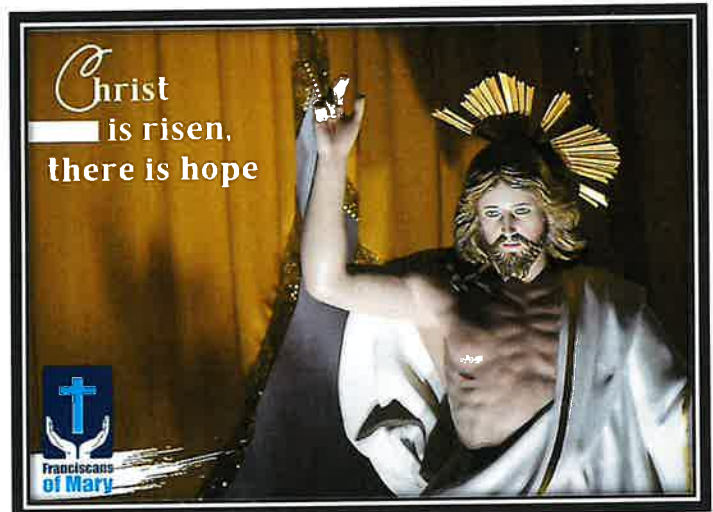
*I ask for spiritual graces, such as the overcoming of my defects and for material help, for me, for others and for society.*

**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.*



ALLELUIA, CRHIST IS ALIVE, ALLELUIA,  
ALLELUIA!





## 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**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:sshprayers@gmail.com)

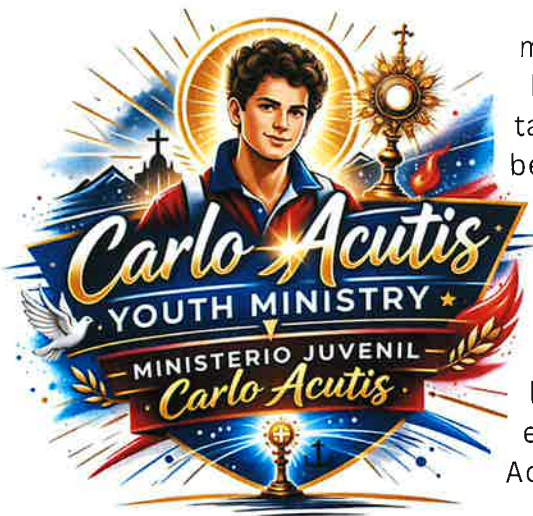
## Thursday's 6-8:00 pm Saint Stephen Social Hall

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

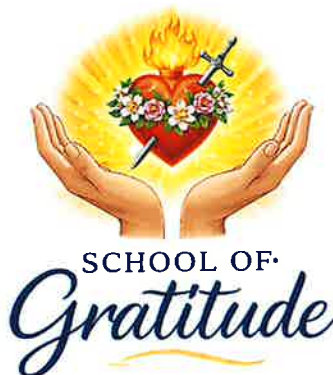
El propósito del Ministerio Juvenil es inspirar a otros jóvenes, generando un impacto positivo en nuestra comunidad cristiana, brindando alegría, esperanza, consuelo y fe. Nos centramos en las enseñanzas de Jesús y tomamos como modelo a seguir a San Carlo Acutis, quien dijo: "Déjate encontrar por Dios 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 Young Adults after 5:30p Mass Monday's and a SOG for Adults on Thursday's after 12pm Mass . 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!



Respect Life is a ministry that respects life from conception to death. Life is a gift from God to be valued in every stage of life! Supporting Life, through works, was reflected with our FAM Campaign.

### Sacred Garden GIFT SHOP

St. Stephen First Martyr Catholic Church  
Hinesville, Georgia



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.



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 April 11<sup>th</sup> from 11a-2p and will be a Chocolate & Spring theme/button necklace. You can always work on your current project also.



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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 7p.



Our local CCW is a part of The National Council of Catholic Women which acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. Stayed tuned for the next CCW event. It will be open to current members and anyone interested in becoming a member. For more information on CCW you can contact Betsy at [betsystewart@gmail.com](mailto:betsystewart@gmail.com)



## Next Red Wagon Weekend is April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP)



SVdP supports our Parish and local community through their Food Pantry. We meet monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 by the gift shop 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!



# 2026 Easter Flowers



Agnes & David Anthony  
Mr. & Mrs. Max Archambault  
Sean Archambault  
Oscar Arrozal  
Abuelo Arturo  
Francis A. Asanoma  
Pedro & Jane Asanoma  
Baluyot Families  
Luther & Lila Barrentine  
Reggie Barrentine  
Baumann Family  
Guy Berg  
Carmen Berries  
Mr. & Mrs. Merrill Brook  
Frances Brown  
Capapas Families  
Mayette Capapas  
Ofelia Capapas  
Danny Carreker  
Helen Carreker  
Jim Carreker  
Mike Carreker  
Epifania Colon  
Willie C. Crowe  
Joaquin T. Cruz  
Abuela Damaris  
Delores Delk  
Arlene Delmundo

Delzeith Family  
John Delzeith  
Ernest & Donna Dodson  
Remedios Domingo  
Yi Oak Dong  
Droz Family  
Michael Dushner Jr.  
Lino & Rosalina Edrosa  
Timothy Eichelberger  
John Elliott  
Etheridge Family  
Garcia Family  
Walter C. Gasior Jr.  
Magdalene Gasior  
Joseph & Ingeburg Geoghegan  
Gonagle Families  
Carmen Grant  
Jerry Gray  
Linda Greathouse  
Charlotte Grimes  
Roy Grimes  
Daria L. Hellams  
Lisa Hendricks  
Buzz & Rina Hoffman  
Dante Homero  
Dean Huffman  
Rachene Hutchinson  
Olga & Ramon Irizarry



# 2026 Easter Flowers



Jimenez Family  
Eunice Johanson  
Jones Families  
Noah Blake Jones  
Keiffer Family  
Sutona & Victoria Keiffer  
Leisentritt Family  
SueSue Li  
Linden Family  
Venessa Little  
Marcelina Magtuloy  
Jose & Josephene Mantanona  
Glenn McCauley II  
Dennis McCauley  
Glenn McCauley  
Jean McCauley  
Keith McCauley  
Miller Family  
Longino Montero  
Mercedes Velez Montero  
Anita Mottley  
John Naputi  
Michael Naputi  
Paul Naputi  
Nettle Families  
Rodney & Jean Olson  
Eustacia Ortiz  
Reinaldo Osorio Sr.

Bug & Janette Paulk  
Monica Perez  
Shawn Perry  
Ambrosine Phillips  
Clem & Marian Pitzen  
Mary Anne Porter  
Rainer & Lidia  
Abina Redigan  
Raul Vargas Rivera  
Riviera Family  
Albaladys Robles  
Rogers Family  
Elfriede Rose  
Gerald Routh  
Schnur Family  
Rosa Sierras Family  
Bill Sites  
Kang Oak Soon  
Spurgeon Family  
Bill & Peggy Stavro  
Angela Tidwell  
Pedro S. Torres  
Kathie Walker  
Walter Families  
Wing Families



Join the Fun  
**LAST Team Meeting**  
 Sunday, April 19th  
 2:30-3:30

in the Social Hall  
 Meet Current Team Members  
 Join or Donate to the Team use the QR code

A table will be set up outside church  
 after all masses April 25th-26th  
 for Survivor Dinner- sign ups  
 Donations will be collected

Information provided about Relay For Life



Questions text Marsha Clifton 912-737-1344  
 or email mchbbd@yahoo.com



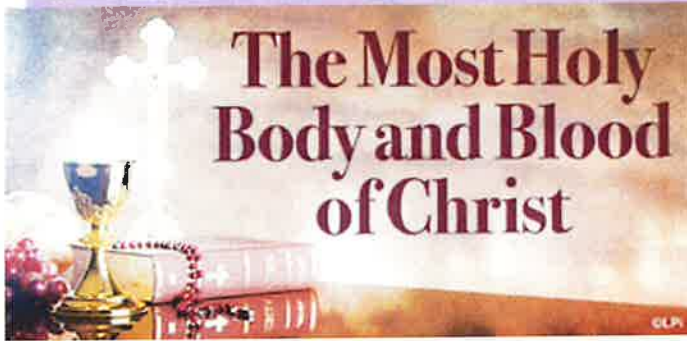
**What is Relay?** It's the national fundraising movement for the American Cancer Society, where teamwork and community spirit make a significant difference. Cancer is a challenge that has touched all of our lives in one way or another. Whether it's a family member, a friend or a personal battle, the heartbreaking impact of cancer touches everyone. That's why we come together.

**Why join our team?** One of the most powerful ways you can contribute is by joining St Stephen Team to become part of a collective force dedicated to making a change.

**Why donate?** Every contribution, no matter the size, helps! 81 cents of every dollar raised goes towards research and patient resources, (15 cents goes into fundraising efforts) only 4 cents goes towards administration!

**What if I'm a Cancer Survivor?** Join us and our community of local survivors as a testament to hope and resilience. On May 1, 2026, before our relay event we have a spectacular Survivor's Dinner, where every survivor and their caregiver are welcome to join the celebration and feel cherished.

**Are You Ready to Join the Movement to End Cancer?** Together, we can make a difference. We know we can count on you for prayers to one day end cancer for the prosperity of future generations, Every bit of involvement counts and we know we can count on your support.



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](http://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.

# Parish Stewardship

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

<b><u>Weekly Offertory – March 22nd</u></b> Min. of \$10,000 needed weekly	
Offertory	\$6,101
Building Fund	\$35
Online Giving	\$922
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,058</b>

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!



**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.

*Second Collection: Our Building Fund collection is the First weekend of every month.*

*The next collection is April 11th and 12th.*



The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. 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.



La 2026 Campaña Católica Anual ha comenzado. 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.



Our Harvest of Hope overall goal is \$247,268.00 So far we have received \$47,895, with an additional \$89,204 pledged to be paid by the end of the campaign. This has us at 55% of our goal for the Harvest of Hope, 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!



Safe Environment is a Ministry, through and through, because it ensures GRACE is prevalent where Child Protection abides.

JOHN ULSTOFF, DIRECTOR OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Diocese of Savannah provides Safe Environment Training online at [virtusonline.org](http://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.



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

### Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

### Gospel:

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,  
while it was still dark,  
and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (Jn 10:1)

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## Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

### Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

### Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

### Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

### Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/  
Lk 24:13-35

### Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Lk 24:35-48

### Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

### Next Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/  
1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why?

## Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



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## Prayer

Jesus, you died and rose from the dead so I can share your life on earth and in heaven. Thank you.

## Mission for the Week

I will tell someone that Jesus is alive.

Circle the group in each row that has **more**. Then color in all the pictures.



## Sharing the Gospel

Mary Magdalene was surprised when she found the empty tomb of Jesus. She ran and told Peter and John that his body was gone. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found no body, just strips of cloth. One piece was the cloth that covered the face of Jesus. Peter and John knew that Jesus was not in the grave, even though they did not understand what it meant to rise from the dead.

Now color the picture!





**First Martyr Catholic Church  
Hinesville, Ga**

**English Weekday Masses-** Monday at 5:30p.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday weekly at 12pm and First Friday's at 5:30pm.

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

**Spanish Weekday Masses-** Monday and Thursday weekly at 7pm and First Friday's 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.

### **OCIA Classes Wednesday Evenings: 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. For additional information please call the office.

### **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 available 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade 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 during the First Friday's Mass at 12p. If needed at another time, please contact the office or Father Estrada directly.

### **Active Parishioner Status**

Each year we receive many requests from parishioners to qualify for weddings, be godparents or sponsors for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Communion and Baptism. 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 are 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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