

SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



CATHOLIC CHURCH



June 14, 2026



THE HARVEST IS
ABUNDANT.

— MATTHEW 9:37 —

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKLY PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

REQUESTED BY

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

08:00am Special Intentions for Jane Chatman.....Pat Delzeith

10:00am Happy 70th Birthday Thomas Spurgeon..Spurgeon Family

12:00pm Pro Populo – For the Community

MONDAY, JUNE 15

12:00pm Special Intentions to sell a house

07:00pm Our Parish Community

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

12:00pm Our Parish Community

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

12:00pm †Soul of Yvonne Clark.....Elizabeth Negosta

07:00pm Our Parish Community

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

12:00pm Our Parish Community

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

05:00pm †Soul of Stephen Heusner.....Diana Young

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

08:00am †Souls of Pedro Asandma & Lino Edrosa.....Edrosa Family

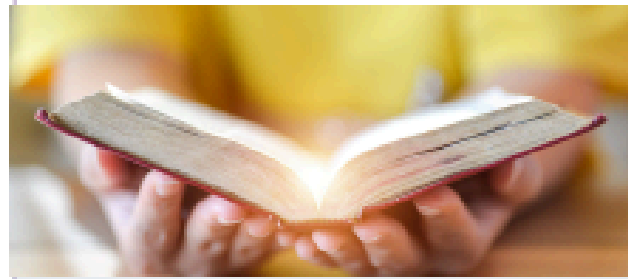
10:00am †Souls of Delzeith Family.....Pat Delzeith

12:00pm Pro Populo – For the Community

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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



WEEKLY READINGS

WEEK OF JUNE 14-22

Readings for the week of June 14, 2026

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-2

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Observances for the week of June 14, 2026

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Flag Day

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: St. Romuald, Abbot; World Refugee
Day; Juneteenth

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary
Time; Father's Day

WORD OF LIFE

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

"At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.'" (Mt 9:36-37)

This Gospel passage is like an X-ray of the Heart of Jesus. St. Matthew informs us of His feelings when He saw that so many people had no spiritual direction, no moral guidance in life. The Lord felt a deep sorrow, and we can deduce that it is precisely that sentiment that moved Him to become man and come down to Earth. Compassion is, then, one of the most profound sentiments that resides in the Heart of Christ.

But this compassion is not merely sentimental, it is operative: it is translated into deeds. Christ does not see problems and limit Himself to crying over them, but He gets to work solving them. It is precisely in this that we must imitate Him.

Today, perhaps more than ever, it is true that many are like "sheep without a shepherd." There are very good shepherds, but there are also others who are not so good. Many Catholics have lost their way through other sects and have abandoned their religious practice. It is our responsibility to ask God to increase vocations and to talk to young people about consecrating their lives to carrying out apostolic work. It is also our responsibility, if we see that some pastors are mistaken and straying, to pray for them and talk to them, so that they too return to full communion with Jesus Christ and stop giving the faithful a bad example.

Purpose: Pray and offer sacrifices for priestly and religious vocations. Do apostolic work especially among those people estranged from the Church. Be witnesses of God.

PALABRA DE VIDA

DOMINGO XI DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO: OVEJAS SIN PASTOR

"Al ver Jesús a las gentes, se compadecía de ellas, porque estaban extenuadas y abandonadas, como ovejas que no tienen pastor. Entonces dijo a sus discípulos: La mies es abundante, pero los trabajadores son pocos; rogad, pues, al Señor de la mies que mande trabajadores a su mies" (Mt 9, 36-37)

Este fragmento del Evangelio es como una radiografía del corazón de Jesús. San Mateo nos informa de sus sentimientos al ver a tanta gente que no tenía dirección espiritual, guía moral en la vida. El Señor siente una profunda pena y podemos deducir que es precisamente ese sentimiento el que le había movido a hacerse hombre y venir a la tierra. La compasión es, pues, uno de los sentimientos más profundos que anidan en el corazón de Cristo.

Pero esa compasión no es meramente sentimental, sino que es operativa: se traduce en obras. Cristo no ve los problemas y se limita a llorar por ellos, sino que pone manos a la obra para resolverlos. Y en ese es, precisamente, donde nosotros debemos imitarle.

Hoy, quizá más que nunca, se cumple lo de que muchos están como "ovejas sin pastor". Hay muy buenos pastores, pero también hay otros que no lo son tanto. Muchos católicos se extravían tras las sectas y otros abandonan la práctica religiosa. Es responsabilidad nuestra pedirle a Dios que aumente las vocaciones, hablar con jóvenes para proponerles la consagración y suplir las carencias llevando a cabo obras de apostolado. También es nuestra responsabilidad, si vemos que algunos pastores andan errados y extraviados, rezar por ellos y hablar con ellos, a fin de que también ellos vuelvan a la comunión plena con Jesucristo y dejen de dar mal ejemplo a los fieles.

Propósito: Rezar y ofrecer sacrificios por las vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas. Hacer apostolado, especialmente entre aquellas personas alejadas de la Iglesia. Ser testigos de Dios.



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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.



“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” Mt 9:37-38



PARISH PULSE

SAVE THE DATE

June 13/14 - Sign-up for New Members, at the Respect Life Table, in the Narthax.

June 14th - Father's Day Envelopes Due

June 19th - Juneteenth Day

June 20/21 - Sign-up for New Members, at the Respect Life Table, in the Narthax.

Red Wagon Weekend - Bring non-parishable items to the church to support our SVdP food pantry!

June 21st - Father's Day

June 27 - 10:00-1:00 in the Social Hall, Respect Life Planning Session for up-coming Fall events.

June 27-28th - Second Collection for Peters Pence

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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

6/18 - William Hause

6/19 - Clara Powell

6/21 - Juan Gonzalez

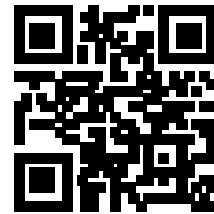
Happy
Birthday

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

VISITING JUNE 20-21

Please welcome the priest visiting our parish next weekend. He comes to us from Cross Catholic Outreach and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the vast majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world.

To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, or scan this QR code:

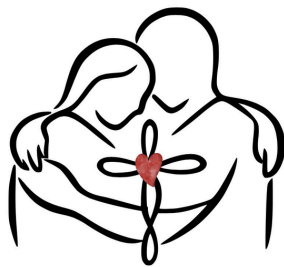




Bible Study

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!

Saturday, June 27th, from 10:00am- 1:00pm



A planning session for the up-coming fall events. All members and anyone interested in our Ministry please attend. Sign-up at our Respect Life table June 13 and 20th after all the Masses. Lunch will be served. We look forward to having a great year and need more hands to support Life, God's gift to all of us!!

**Sacred Garden
GIFT SHOP**



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 June 13th from 11a-2p and will be Patriotic themed. You can always work on your current project also.



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.



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 betsyfstewart@gmail.com



Next Red Wagon Weekend is June 20th and 21st!

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 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!

MEDIA & RESOURCES



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

Hallow

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

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

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

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



formed

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

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



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



GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST

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

DIRECTRICES PARA RECIBIR LA EUCHARISTÍA

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.



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First Martyr Catholic Church
Hinesville, Georgia



A Safe Church Starts with You!



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.



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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	May 31st
Offertory	\$6009
Building Fund	\$1,000
Online Giving	\$1,159
Week Total	\$8,168

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.

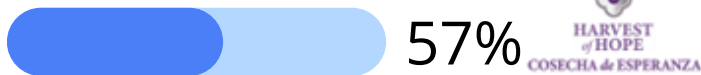
Online giving is available at

<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

Harvest of Hope overall goal is \$247,268.00!
So far we have received \$55,180, with an additional \$86,077 pledged to be paid by the end of the campaign. This has us at 57% 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!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

BUILDING FUND

July 4th and 5th

DIOCESE SPECIAL COLLECTION

PETERS PENCE

June 27th - 28th



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

\$12,093 OF \$34,667 RAISED TO DATE



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: 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.

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 be 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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