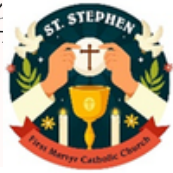


SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 16, 2026



A CANAANITE WOMAN **CALLED OUT.**

— MATTHEW 15:22 —

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKLY PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

05:00pm †Soul of Juan Cherigo Rivera.....Martina Bouchard

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

08:00am †Soul of Francisco & Mary Torres.....Phillips Family

10:00am †Soul of the Joshua Trinida.....Elomina Family

12:00pm †Soul of Rosa Sierra Family.....Ana Garcia

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

12:00pm †Soul of Audrey Targaczewski.....Ed Targaczewski

07:00pm †For the Souls in Purgatory.....Ana Garcia

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

12:00pm Special Intentions for Karlheinz Semnlor.....Gudrun Poertner

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

12:00pm For Our Community

07:00pm For the Priests and Nuns.....Ana Garcia

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00pm †Souls in Purgatory.....Ana Garcia

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

08:00am †Soul of Gary Williams.....Sr. Antoinette Purcell, OSB

10:00am †Souls of Sean Archambault & Shawn Perry.....

.....Kim & Mike Archambault

12:00pm †Souls of Rosana Juseppe Galvan, Dolores Galvan Chavez and Carmen Miranda MirandaOlga Medina

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Axel Bateman	Janice 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 Williams	Summer Jones	Gudrun Poertner
David Weeks	Robert JoVan	Cindy Gray
Sara J. Wheeler	Lounell Scott	Ethin Nettle
Joe & Pat Johnson	David Weeks	Bonny Pecenak
	Walter Helmick	Amy Smith
	Andre McCall	

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WEEKLY READINGS

WEEK OF AUGUST 16

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Observances for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Thursday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Pius X, Pope

Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF LIFE

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: THE POWER OF HUMILITY

"He said in reply, 'It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.' Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour." (Mt 15:25-28)

This week's Gospel offers us the role model of a woman who asked Jesus to heal her daughter. Although the Lord, in an odd way and to test her faith, compared her to a dog, she did not respond to Him with anger but continued to insist with humility. This humility opened Jesus' heart and obtained the miracle.

And so, we see an example of how our prayer should be: persistent and humble. We often ask God for things which after a very brief period of time, we stop praying for. Ultimately, we did not really care about them. Frequently, instead of asking, we tend to demand, treating God not as the Lord but as our servant. We treat God as if He were at our service and as if His main duty was to please us and satisfy our whims. Without humility, prayer is impossible, even that of petition. He who is humble knows that what he is asking for is a gift and not a right, and therefore does not get angry if it is not granted. And if it is granted, he gives thanks for it. But if it is not, he accepts the mystery and gives thanks for the rest of the wonderful things that God has given him. If we were to ask like this, we would surely receive more. In any case, what we didn't get would not become a reason for a crisis of faith, as happens to those who distance themselves from God when their petitions are not granted.

Purpose: Analyze what you really need to pray for in order to persevere. Then, ask with humility. Tell the Lord that you will not abandon Him if He does not grant it to you.

PALABRA DE VIDA

DOMINGO XX DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO: LA FUERZA DE LA HUMILDAD

"Él le contestó: 'No está bien echar a los perros el pan de los hijos'. Pero ella repuso: 'Tienes razón, Señor; pero también los perros se comen las migajas que caen de la mesa de los amos'. Jesús le respondió: 'Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe!, que se cumpla lo que deseas'. En aquel momento quedó curada su hija" (Mt 15, 25-28)

El Evangelio de esta semana nos ofrece el modelo de una mujer que pedía a Jesús la curación de su hija. Aunque el Señor -extrañamente y para probar su fe- la comparó con un perro, ella no respondió con enojo y siguió insistiendo con humildad. Esa humildad fue la que abrió el corazón de Jesús y consiguió el milagro. Estamos, pues, ante un ejemplo de cómo debe ser nuestra oración: perseverante y humilde. Con frecuencia pedimos a Dios cosas que, al cabo del tiempo -a veces incluso poco tiempo- hemos dejado de solicitar; en el fondo es que no nos importaban demasiado. También con mucha frecuencia, más que pedir exigimos; nos comportamos ante Dios no como ante el Señor sino como ante el criado. Tratamos a Dios como si estuviera a nuestro servicio y como si su principal obligación consistiera en darnos gusto y satisfacer nuestros caprichos. Sin la humildad es imposible la oración, inclusive la de petición. El que es humilde sabe que lo que pide es un don, algo a lo que no tiene derecho y, por lo tanto, no se enfada si no se le concede. Si se lo dan, lo agradece; si no lo recibe, acepta el misterio y agradece el resto de cosas maravillosas que Dios le ha dado. Si pidiéramos así seguramente recibiríamos más y, en todo caso, lo que no recibiéramos no nos serviría de motivo de crisis de fe, como les sucede a aquellos que se alejan de Dios cuando éste no les ha dado lo que pedían.

Propósito: Analizar bien qué necesitamos pedir, para insistir en ello. Y luego pedir con humildad, diciéndole al Señor que no nos vamos a ir de su lado si no nos lo concede.



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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.



***“Mary is taken up to heaven;
a chorus of angels exults.”***



***“María fue llevada al cielo y
todos los ángeles se alegran.”***

PARISH PULSE

SAVE THE DATE

Respect Life T-Shirt Sales - After all the Masses Respect Life will be taking orders for "All Lives are Sacred" T-shirts to raise money to support Respect Life's National Day of Remembrance! Sales will run through August 23rd.

August 18th 6pm - Respect Life Meeting
General meeting open to everyone!

August 23rd 9 a - First Day of Faith Formation Classes and Parent Meeting, please register online asap if your having your child(ren) attend.

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

Septmeber 5-6th : Second Collection for the Building Fund

September 7th Labor Day - Office Closed

September 8th CCW - Council of Catholic Women meet and greet at 6pm in the social hall. Please see flyer for more information.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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

8/17- Corina Steele, Chastity Van Duynhoven

8/18- Stefania Nepomuceno Cruz

8/20- Nina Dunwoody, Joan McLeod

8/21- Constance Fischer, Dennis Jenkins, Lorena Rosa

8/22- Helen Walter

8/23- Carol Force, Gudrun Poertner

*Happy
Birthday*



Inspiration *OF THE WEEK*

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same? ©LPi

Inspiración *DE LA SEMANA*

La mujer cananea no interpretó la negativa inicial de Jesús como un rechazo, sino como una invitación a relacionarse con Dios, para mostrarle la profundidad de su fe. Cuando nuestras oraciones no son respondidas como deseamos, ¿tendremos el valor de hacer lo mismo? ©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!



ST. STEPHEN
FIRST MARTYR
CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION

Growing in Faith Together



CLASSES BEGIN
AUGUST 23, 2026
AT 9:00 AM

with a parent meeting during first class.



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER!



BUILDING FAITH • STRENGTHENING FAMILIES • SHARING CHRIST
We look forward to walking this faith journey with you!



Council of Catholic Women
Faith. Fellowship. Service. Growing together in Christ.

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.

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!*

➤ *Respect Life* ➤

T-SHIRT SALE

➤ **AUG. 8-22** ➤



GRAY SHIRTS
ADULT SIZES ONLY

WEAR
YOUR FAITH.
**DEFEND
LIFE.**
SHARE
LOVE.



This year we will offer
"All Lives are Sacred"
t-shirts in Adult Sizes/Youth Sizes.
All Life is Sacred from Conception till Death
and it is important to Remember
every Life is precious!



We'll be taking orders after all the Masses
beginning **Aug. 8th**. We are excited to offer
this opportunity to show your support of Life!



Shirts can be worn during our
up-coming Fall events beginning
**September 12th National Day of
Remembrance for Aborted Children.**



Adult sizes S-XL will be **\$22**
and XXL or larger **\$25**.
Youth sizes S-XL will be **\$16**.
During our Life Chain, we've had families
participate and we're pleased to offer
Youth Sizes!



All monies raised will help with our
September 12th National Day of Remembrance
as we reach out to other Churches in our
Diocese to participate!

*Thank you for
supporting LIFE!* ♥



Respect Life Ministry ♥

MINISTRIES IN ACTION



The Respect Life Ministry reflects "Life" through prayers and work.
Every Life is "Special" and sacred from Conception till Death.
Next General meeting is **August 18th at 6pm**. Fall activities begin Sept. - Oct.!!
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.



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 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.



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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	August 2 nd
Offertory	\$8,409
Building Fund	\$3,517
Online Giving	\$1,143
Week Total	\$13,069

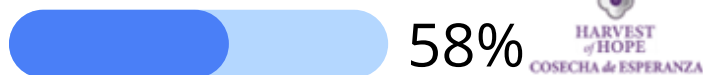
Stewardship is an important concept for spiritual growth. It is a way to thank God for all His blessings. The offertory is the primary means of support for the parish and it's programs.

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



Our Harvest of Hope overall goal is \$247,268.00! So far we have received \$62,085, with an additional \$81,118 pledged to be paid by the end of the campaign. Thank you to all who have donated and pledged. Envelopes are in the church or you can go online to <https://diosav.org/en/hope> to donate or make your pledge!



HARVEST
of HOPE
COSECHA de ESPERANZA

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

BUILDING FUND

September 5th & 6th

DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH SPECIAL COLLECTION

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

September 26-27th

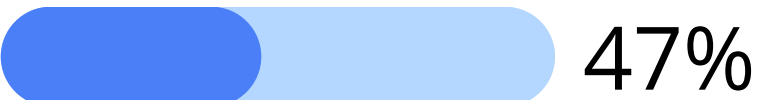


SCAM WARNING

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

\$16,322 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.



First Martyr Catholic Church
Hinesville, Ga

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~ **Registration is online Classes begin August 23rd!**

Saint Stephen provides opportunities for each person to receive the Sacraments and grow in greater communion with our Lord. Classes are for 1st – 8th grades and they meet Sundays at 9a Sept. to May.

Baptism - For a child to be baptized, you must be attending Mass regularly, attend a Baptism class and fill out a registration form. Classes are held the last Sunday of every month at 1pm and must be completed prior to scheduling baptism date. One Godparent must be an active Catholic and attend class as well. A copy of the Child's Birth Certificate is needed at time of registration. Please contact the Office for scheduling.

Matrimony - Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance of the proposed date. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required. Couples contemplating marriage **MUST** meet with the priest before setting a date.

Anointing of the Sick - Fr. Estrada is offering Anointing of the Sick at First Friday's Mass at 5:30p.

Active Parishioner Status - Each year we receive many requests from parishioners to qualify for weddings, be godparents or sponsors. An active member is one who is properly registered with the Parish office, regularly gives offertory, attends parish activities when possible and most importantly faithfully attends Mass on Sunday's and Holy days of Obligation. Even though you attend Mass, if you are not registered with the Parish, we have no information about you and you may not eligible to be Sponsors, Godparents, etc. While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors that will be considered in making that determination.

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