

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:29 —



SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

Jan 16th-24th – 9 Days for Life Novena – Join us in prayer for Life. Copies of the Novena will be found in the Church or can be found online at 9daysforlife.com.


Jan.17-24- Respect Life Fund Raiser- Tickets available with a donation, for a Chance to win "One" of 2 hand-made Crucifixes from the Holy Land. Members available after each Mass beginning Jan.17th with tickets to purchase!

Jan 31st – Feb 1st – Second Collection for the Building Fund.

Jan 31st – 2p Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage in English – **Feb 1st – 2p** - Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage in Spanish.

Jan 31st – Feb 1st – Building fund collection, second collection to support our Building Fund for general upkeep and maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

Feb 2nd – 7p - Knights of Columbus Meeting – Anyone interested in becoming a KOC, or existing members please attend the monthly meeting to discuss upcoming plans.

DATE	MASS TIME	
Sat. 1/17	5:00PM	†Souls of Thomas Allen Crowe, Eichelberger and Cutlip Families ~Dee Eichelberger
Sun. 1/18	8:00AM	Pro Populo – For the Community
	10:00AM	Special Intentions for Watson Dorgilles
	12:00PM	Our Parish Community
Mon 1/19	5:30PM	Our Parish Community
Mon 1/19	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
Tues. 1/20	12:00PM	†Souls in Purgatory ~Gudron Poertner
Weds. 1/21	12:00PM	Special Intentions for Watson Dorgilles
Thurs. 1/22	12:00PM	†Soul of Agnes Jacob ~Tracy Twyford
Thurs. 1/22	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
Sat. 1/24	5:00PM	†Souls of John Casimir Kaluza, Eichelberger and Cutlip Families ~Dee Eichelberger
Sun. 1/25	8:00AM	†Soul of Agnes Jacob ~Gina Ragland
	10:00AM	†Soul of Doug Twyford ~Tracy Twyford
	12:00PM	Pro Populo ~ For the Community



1/19- Kayla Clark

1/20- Tianne Agosta, Enrique Jarin, Berta Jimenez, Angel Malave, Jeff Mathis, Luis Nevarez, Henry Raiford, William Walter

1/21- Denise Ahlgren, Sue Sue Li

1/22- Yulianna Garcia, Julissa Garcia, Laisa Jimenez, Jeannine Wing

1/23- Angelina Harris, Kristen Montejano

1/24- David McIntosh III, Michelle Routh

1/25- Erika Torres, De'Jour Young



Joe & Pat Johnson, Gary Hubbard, Willie Crowe, Janice Robertson, Nancy Hill, Tom & Jeannine Wing, June Holt, Leslie Shaw, Stacy Fletcher, Sandra Powell, Joyce Elliott, Laurie Elliott, Doug Walker, Hettie Johnson, Dillion Boving, Summer Jones, Robert JoVan, Lounell Scott, David Weeks, Walter Helmick, Andre McCall, Nellie Orta, Angela Wheeler, Sara 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 Pecenek, Amy Smith.
(Names remain on the list for 30 days unless notified)

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Against Sin

*"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."
(Jn 1:29).*

WORD OF LIFE

John the Baptist presents Jesus with a title and a mission that have been used to identify Christ throughout the years. He calls Him "the Lamb of God," with all the allusions that this name entails, and which announces long before Good Friday what the Master's end will be. And, he says of Him that He has come "to take away the sin of the world."

We should not forget John's identification of Jesus. We must not lose sight of something that tends to fade over time: that Christ is the Savior, the Redeemer, the deliverer of humanity, and that this freedom has been accomplished by the battle against sin.

There is a sin that we could consider structural or social, which has terrible consequences on many people. We can rarely do anything against this sin, since alone we are relatively powerless. But there is a sin that is much closer to us, and it is our very own; this one, we can fight against. It turns out that this sin greatly annoys those around us, often making their lives harder or even impossible to bear.

Let's allow Jesus to take away the sin of the world—both the structural and the personal. Let's cooperate with Him by fighting both sins, with all our strength, for our good and that of our neighbor.

Purpose: Join forces, at least with your prayers, to make social injustices and violence disappear. Wash away your sins by going to confession.



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Website: <https://franciscanosdemaria.org/en>

II Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario: Contra el pecado

"Este es el cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo" (Jn 1, 29)

PALABRA DE VIDA

Juan Bautista presenta a Jesús con un título y una misión que han servido después para identificar a Cristo a lo largo de los siglos. Le llama "cordero de Dios", con todas las alusiones que lleva consigo ese apelativo y que anuncian ya, mucho antes del Viernes Santo, cuál será el final del Maestro. Y dice de Él que ha venido "a quitar el pecado del mundo".

La definición de Juan no conviene olvidarla. No conviene perder de vista algo que lentamente tendemos a oscurecer: que Cristo es el salvador, el redentor, el libertador de la humanidad. Y que esa liberación se ha hecho mediante la lucha contra el pecado.

Hay un pecado que podríamos llamar estructural, social, que tiene terribles consecuencias sobre multitudes. Pocas veces podemos hacer algo contra este pecado, pues casi todos nosotros somos demasiado pequeños. Hay otro pecado que nos cae más a mano y es el nuestro; contra éste sí podemos luchar. Y resulta que este pecado fastidia enormemente a quienes nos rodean, haciéndoles con frecuencia la vida difícil e incluso imposible.

Dejemos a Jesús que quite el pecado del mundo —el estructural y el personal—. Colaboremos con él luchando contra ambos pecados, con todas nuestras fuerzas. Por el bien nuestro y el del prójimo.

Propósito: Colaborar para que desaparezcan las injusticias sociales y la violencia, al menos con la oración. Quitar nuestros pecados con la confesión.

Email: consultas@frmaria.org
TV: <https://magnificat.tv/>



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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.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.
(Is 49:6)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

Gospel:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world." (Jn 1:29)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we
have the courage to point him out, to show others
who he is? John cried out so the whole world
could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and
everywhere, let us do the same.

Observances for the week of January 18, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
St. Sebastian, Martyr
Wednesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children
Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Saturday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-
11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,
17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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You Are Invited

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience[®]

Saturday, January 31st

**St. Stephen First Martyr
Catholic Church**

**399 Woodland Drive
Hinesville, GA 31313**

2:00 pm

- Touch the Grotto Rock
- Experience Lourdes Water
- Adoration & Benediction
- Rosary Procession

For more information
call (912) 876-4364

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**A Plenary Indulgence Granted
by Papal Decree**





Les invitamos

Peregrinaje Virtual al Santuario de Lourdes®

Domingo, 1 de Febrero, 2026

**St. Stephen First Martyr
Catholic Church**

**399 Woodland Drive
Hinesville GA 31313**

a las 2:00pm

- Roca de la Gruta
- Agua de Lourdes
- Adoración & Bendición Eucarística
- Rosario completo en la iglesia

Para mayor información
llamar (912) 876-4364

¡Ofrenda de libre voluntad aceptada con gracia!



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por Decreto Papal**

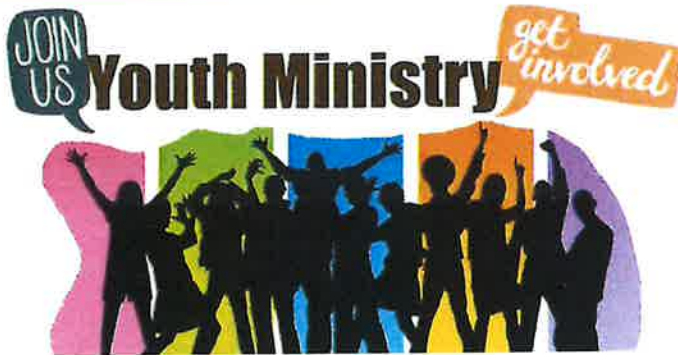


School of Gratitude

Father Estrada is hosting a School of Gratitude for Young Adults beginning Oct. 20th after 5:30p Mass and a SOG for Adults on Thursday's after 12pm Mass . Everyone is welcome to join!

Escuela de Gratitud

El Padre Estrada está impartiendo una Escuela de Agradecimiento los lunes después de la Misa. ¡Todos son bienvenidos a unirse!



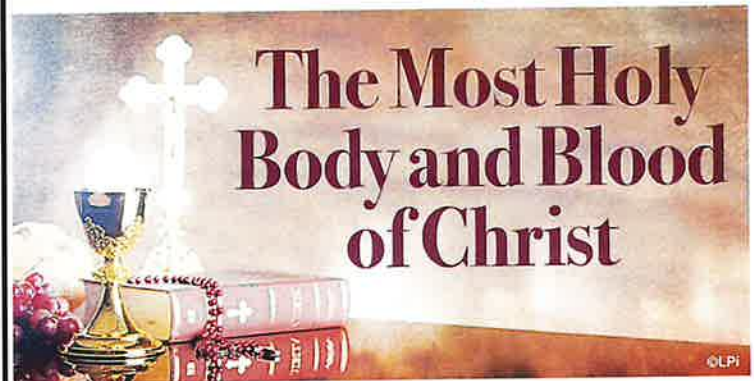
Thursdays 6-8:30pm
Saint Stephen Social Hall



Jueves de 6 -8:30 pm
Salón Social San Esteban

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.



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.

Respect Life Fundraiser -Jan.17-Feb.1

Tickets are available after all masses this weekend for a chance to win one of two Crucifixes! Each Crucifix is hand-made from Olive Wood and crafted by Artisans from Jerusalem/Bethlehem.

The Crucifix has "14" different kinds of Olive-wood symbolic of the "14" Stations of the Cross and "4" elements embedded in the Crucifix. They reflect Jesus's journey on Earth: soil, stone, frankincense and olive leaves.

Tickets \$2 a piece or 5 for \$5! Monies raised will help our Ministry and help the Church Building Fund!

Winning tickets will be drawn at the 10:00 Mass, Feb.1st.

Thanks for your support.

Respect Life Ministry



GOLD *and* SILVER
JUBILEE
Anniversary Mass
25th or 50th wedding
anniversaries in 2026
February 15, 2026, **1:30 pm**
Savannah Cathedral
RSVP by January 31: 912.201.4068
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Misa de Aniversario
de BODAS de
ORO y PLATA
25° o 50° aniversario
de bodas en 2026
15 de febrero de 2026, **1:30 pm**
Catedral de Savannah
RSVP antes del 31 de enero: 912.201.4068
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To Join or Donate to our Team

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May 1st 2026

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PARISH SUPPORT

DONATIONS

Weekly Offertory – Jan 4th

Min. of \$10,000 needed weekly to operate

Offertory	\$7,558
Building Fund	\$3,050
Online Giving	\$1,188
Total	\$11,796

3 great ways to support our Parish

1. **USE THE ENVELOPES** Located in the Pews.
2. **TEXT 'GIVE' TO 912-551-5553**
3. **GIVE ONLINE**—Scan QR Code or go to:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ststephenhinesville>



Are You Certified to Volunteer? VIRTUS training; background check; code of conduct. If you would like to volunteer in any way within the church go to virtusonline.org to register. (912) 201-4074.



HARVEST
of HOPE
COSECHA de ESPERANZA

So far we have been given \$32,732 towards our Harvest of Hope goal, with an additional \$74,000 pledged to be paid to our goal. This has us at 40% of our goal for the Harvest of Hope, we encourage everyone to make a pledge for the upcoming 3 years to help us reach our overall goal of \$247,268.00.

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. When a request is made, we must be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of St. Stephen's Parish.

An active member is one who 1) Is properly registered with the Parish office and gives regular to the offertory through envelopes or online giving. 2) 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, God-parents, 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. Please be sure to register with the office and keep your information up to date! You can easily send an email to ssfmcc399@gmail.com to make changes.

Parish Membership: Whether you are a longtime resident or have recently arrived in our parish -Welcome! Please use the form below to register or update your information. You may place this form in the collection basket. (We may call you for additional information.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parish Staff

Pastor:

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eestrada@diosav.org

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Fr. Modeste Seloukou, FM

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Annette Miller

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Diana Young

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Berta Ganaway
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Office Hours:

Mon: 9AM-6PM

Tues-Thurs: 9AM-2PM

Gift Shop Hours:

TBD
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Mass Times

English Weekday Masses- Monday at 5:30p.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday weekly at 12pm and First Friday's at 12pm.
(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' 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.

Bible Study

Every Tuesday from 10-11:30am all are welcome to come to the social hall for Bible Study discerning on the liturgy for the upcoming week.

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.

Religious Education

Saint Stephen the First Martyr Catholic Church provides opportunities for each person to receive the Sacraments and grow in greater communion with our Lord. Classes are available starting with 1st graders and meet Sundays at 9a Sept. through May.

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.

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.

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.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry provides prayer support to our parishioners and to the community. 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

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