

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HE WENT UP THE MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN TO TEACH.

— MATTHEW 5:1 —



SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS



Sat. 1/31	5:00PM	†Soul of Tim Eichelberger ~Dee Eichelberger
Sun. 2/1	8:00AM	†Soul of Monica Gonzalez ~Irizarry Family
	10:00AM	†Soul of Lourdes N. Cruz ~Carmen Cruz Lanner
	12:00PM	†Souls of Margarita Jaramillo Leon & Abraham Ortiz ~Gladys Rivera Our Parish Community
Mon 2/2	5:30PM	†Soul of Maria S. Rivera ~Gladys Rivera
Mon 2/2	7:00PM	†Souls in Purgatory ~Gudrun Poertner
Tues. 2/3	12:00PM	†Souls of Larry Golden and Pete Hinely ~Nemy & Cecelia Ong-Bucayu Our Parish Community
Weds. 2/4	12:00PM	†Souls of Eduardo Albaladejo ~Gladys Rivera
Thurs. 2/5	12:00PM	Special Intention for Eduardo Albaladejo ~Gladys Rivera
Thurs. 2/5	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
Fri. 2/6	5:30PM	Birthday Blessings for Evy Albaladejo ~Gladys Rivera
Fri. 2/6	7:00PM	†Souls of Richard Young Sr. & Richard Young Jr. ~Diana Young
Sat. 2/7	5:00PM	Pro Populo ~ For the Community
Sun. 2/8	8:00AM	†Soul of Lisa Vazquez ~Argentina Rios
	10:00AM	Our Parish Community
	12:00PM	

Prayer REQUESTS

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

Sara J. Wheeler, 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 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.

Peticiones DE ORACION



If you are ill or know someone who is and you want to have them included in this prayer, please contact the office.

Save THE Date!

Jan 17-Feb 1- Respect Life Fund Raiser- Tickets available with a donation, for a Chance to win "One" of 2 hand-made Crucifixes from the Holy Land. Drawing will be held after 10am Mass Feb. 1st!

Jan 31st – 2p Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage in English.

Feb 1st – 2p - Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage in Spanish.

Feb. 18th – 12p & 7p (Bilingual) - Ash Wednesday

Feb. 23rd, March 2nd & 9th – 6:30-8:30p - Lent Retreat



2/2-Shannon Huffman, Shatara Powell

2/3- Normita Baluyot, Patrick Farace, Jose Torres Grimaldo

2/4- Emilia Anthony, Savannah Marek, Julianna Navarro

2/5- Yeshua Rodriguez, Maria Saez, Felix Sandoval

2/6- Paula Berg, Bruce Huffman, Magaly Sanchez

2/7- Lorna Huot

2/8-Christopher Cronsell, Sara Hause, Uziel Lopez, Eligio Ramos

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Christian Joy

“Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.” (Mt 5 :4)

WORD OF LIFE

The account of the Beatitudes is considered the moral project of Christianity. Although it is summed up in a single commandment, just as Christ taught at the Last Supper, the commandment of love is a new and original kind of commandment. It is no longer a matter of not doing evil, but, above all, of doing good. And to do good, we must be generous with our money, which makes us a little poorer as it makes those we help a little less poor. To do good, we must fulfill our obligations, even if this entails shedding some tears. To do good, we must defend the cause of justice, and as a result, be on the side of those who suffer injustices, even if we are included among those who are persecuted for doing so. To do good, we must work for peace by eliminating tension from violent situations, even though this might make life difficult for us, and we run the risk of being attacked by the parties in conflict. To do good, we must forgive even if it is not reciprocated.

We must try to practice all the Beatitudes, but at least, we should begin with one, the one that is easiest for us to practice, and become a specialist in it. But we must not ignore the rest. We must strive to be peaceful, generous, humble, chaste, and honest. Then, we will be happy, as Christ promises.

Purpose: Choose the virtue that is easiest for you to practice. Live it to the fullest. Become a specialist in it. And then, choose another one.

IV Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario: La alegría cristiana

“Dichosos los que lloran porque ellos serán consolados (Mt 5, 5).

PALABRA DE VIDA

El relato de las bienaventuranzas es considerado como el proyecto moral del cristianismo. Aunque éste se resume en un único mandamiento, tal y como enseñó Cristo en la Última Cena, el mandamiento del amor, se desglosa en un nuevo y original tipo de mandamientos. Ya no se trata de no hacer el mal, sino sobre todo de hacer el bien. Y para hacer el bien tenemos que ser generosos con nuestro dinero, lo cual nos hace un poco más pobres a la par que hace a los que ayudamos un poco menos pobres. Para hacer el bien tenemos que cumplir con nuestras obligaciones, aunque eso nos suponga derramar alguna lágrima. Para hacer el bien tenemos que defender la causa de la justicia y, como consecuencia, estar al lado de los que sufren las injusticias, aunque nos incluyan a nosotros entre los perseguidos. Para hacer el bien debemos trabajar por la paz, quitando hierro a las situaciones de violencia, aunque eso nos complique la vida y corramos el riesgo de que nos ataquen las dos partes en conflicto. Para hacer el bien tenemos que perdonar, incluso aunque no recibamos de la otra parte un trato semejante.

Hay que intentar practicar todas las bienaventuranzas, pero, al menos, convendría por empezar por una – por la que sea más fácil para uno mismo- y especializarse en ella, sin que eso suponga olvidar las demás. Sé pacífico. Sé generoso. Sé humilde. Sé prudente. Sé casto. Sé honrado. Y serás feliz, como promete Cristo.

Propósito: Elige la virtud que te resulte más sencilla. Vívela a fondo. Conviértete en un especialista de ella. Y luego ve a por otra.



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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.

CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Devotion to the Sacred Heart has developed over the centuries following the experiences of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and the apparitions she witnessed in the seventeenth century. Popes have lauded the practice of consecration of the self, home, and even whole nations to the Sacred Heart.¹ In his encyclical instituting the Solemnity of Christ the King, Pope Pius XI, drawing on the teaching of Pope Leo XIII, commended the “pious custom” of consecrating the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a way to recognize the kingship of Christ.

<https://www.usccb.org/reflection-consecration-sacred-heart>

AÑO JUBILAR FRANCISCANO (10/1/2026 – 10/1/2027)



Lenten Schedule

Feb 18th: Ash Wednesday we will have Mass at 12p and 7p (Bilingual).

Starting Feb 20th and all Friday's through March 27th:

K of C Fish Fry Every Friday 5p- 7p (except for Good Friday).

6p Bilingual Stations of the Cross.

7p Bilingual Mass.

8p-12a: Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. *

8p Rosary in English, 9p Rosary in Latin, 10p Rosary in Spanish and at

11p Meditation Hour on the readings of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass will be at 6p.

Good Friday 2p Stations of the Cross and 3p Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.

Easter Saturday rehearsal and set up at 9a, Vigil Mass at 10p.

Easter Sunday Mass at 10a and 12p ONLY.

* Exposition of the Most Holy Eucharist will take place after Mass and last until Midnight. We will have sign up sheets in the narthex as 2 adorers are needed per hour that Jesus is exposed.

Jesus wants us to spend time with Him, this is a perfect time to do so.

Father Estrada invites you to

The Prayer Encounter

Feb 21 • 5pm Mass
6pm The Prayer Encounter

An evening to Encounter Christ
through Holy Mass and Prayer.
Followed by fellowship in the Social Hall.
Come and be renewed as you grow
in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

St. Stephen
First Martyr Catholic Church
Hinesville, Ga

All parishioners are invited to attend a Prayer Encounter with Father Estrada on February 21, 2026 after the 5:00 PM Mass. The focus of this Encounter will be on prayer, how to pray, prayers common to our Catholic faith and how you can build an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer. Following the Encounter, there will be a small social in the parish hall. So, come, learn how you can grow your relationship with Jesus Christ and mingle with the St. Stephen's Community.

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THE COLORS OF THE CROSS

A RETREAT GUIDE FOR LENT

by Fr. John Bartunek, LC, S.Th.D.
RCSpirituality.org

Dates: February 23rd , March 2nd & 9th

Time: 6:30pm





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
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 Gratitud

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! Our next general meeting is Feb 10th at 5p all are welcome to attend and see how through our prayers and actions we reflect Life in what we are currently planning.



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 Feb. 28 from 11a-2p and in anticipation of St. Patrick's day, we will enjoy Irish inspired snacks and will work on a festive wreath or table centerpiece. You can always work on your current project also.



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.

The next CCW event is Feb. 21st from 11a-2p and they will be having a Chinese New Year celebration in the social hall. This is open to current members and anyone interested in becoming a member. For more information on CCW you can contact Betsy at betsyfstewart@gmail.com



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!



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.





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
diosav.org/gold-and-silver



Misa de Aniversario de BODAS de ORO y PLATA

25^o o 50^o 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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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.



Are YOU Ready to Fight Against Cancer???

JOIN ST STEPHEN RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

To Join or Donate to our Team

<https://main.acsevents.org/goto/ststephenhinesville>

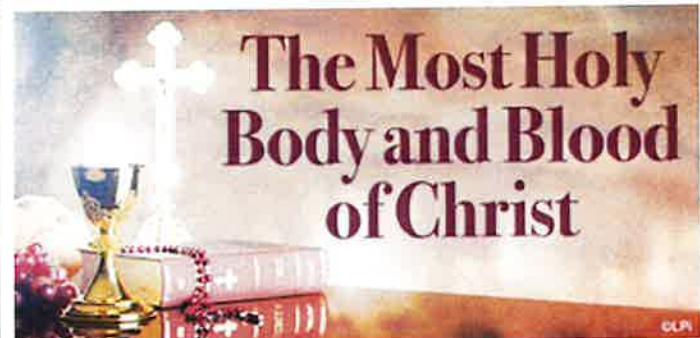


Any Cancer Survivors
or if you are going through Cancer
Contact Marsha for a Free Survivor's
Tshirt



Relay for Life Liberty County
May 1st 2026

ANY QUESTIONS TEXT OR EMAIL MARSHA CLIFTON
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Parish Stewardship

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory - Jan 18th

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

Offertory	\$4,754
Building Fund	\$55
Online Giving	\$1,027
Total	\$5,836



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.

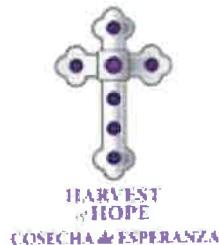
Online giving is available at https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ststeph_enhinesville or by scanning the QR code.

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 Feb. 28/March 1.



Our Harvest of Hope overall goal is \$247,268.00 So far we have received \$38,482, with an additional \$87,982 pledged to be paid by the end of the campaign. This has us at 51% 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!



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.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst
a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

Psalm:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
(Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,
and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.
(1 Cor 1:27)

Gospel:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

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Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a,
9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday:

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday:

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday:

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,
11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday:

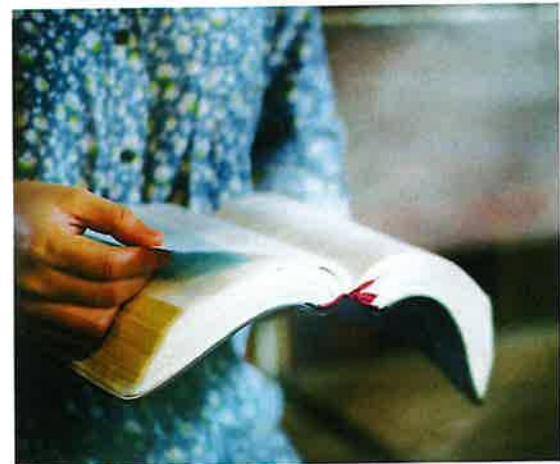
Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday:

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/
Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday:

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/
Mt 5:13-16



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Observances for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Presentation of the Lord,
World Day for Consecrated Life

Tuesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;
St. Ansgar, Bishop

Thursday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Friday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day



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 starting with 1st graders and 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.

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