

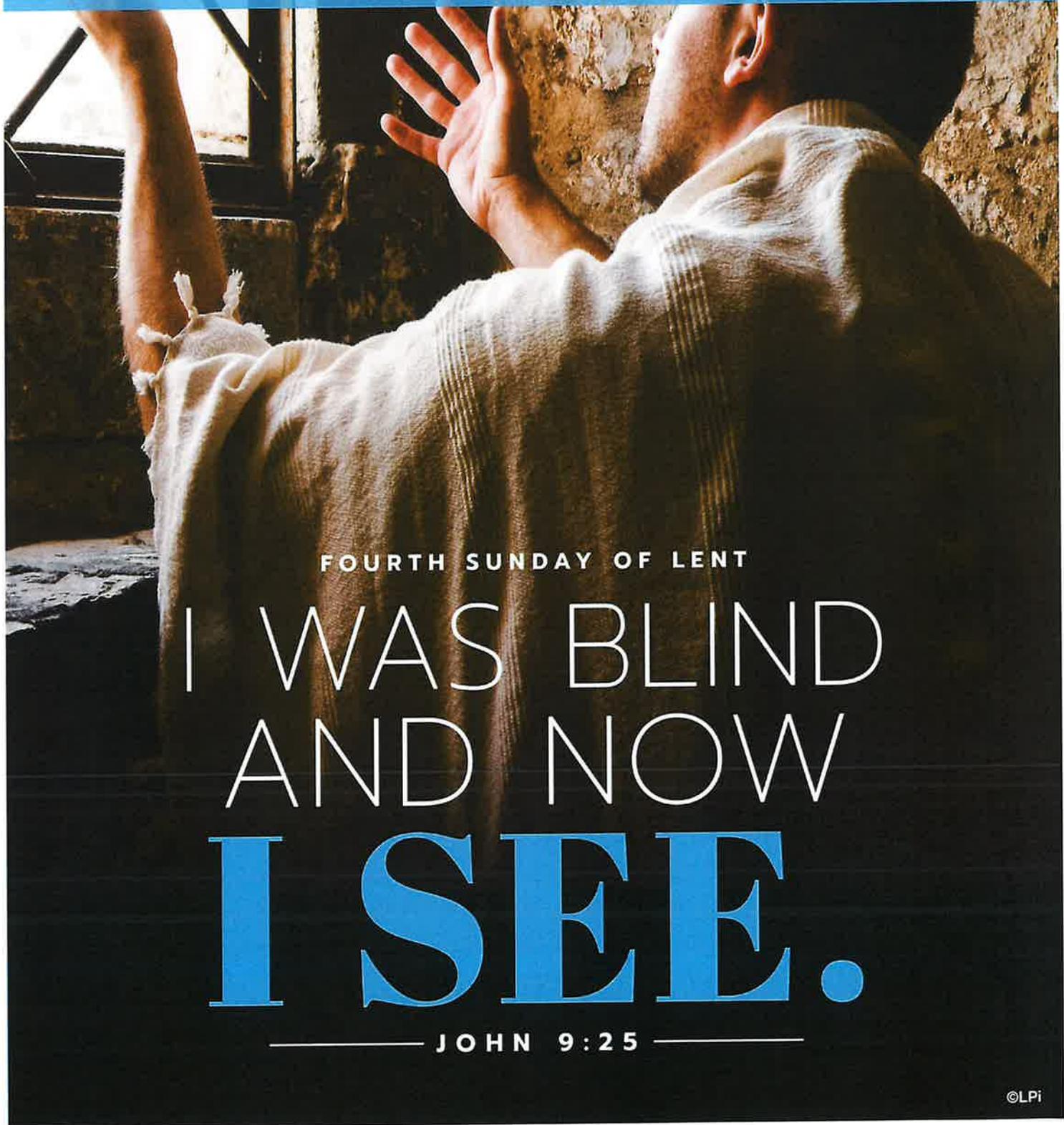


# SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



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SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I WAS BLIND  
AND NOW  
**ISEE.**

JOHN 9:25

# MASS INTENTIONS



<b>Sat. 3/14</b>	5:00PM	†Soul of Ofelia Capapas ~Normita Balayout
<b>Sun. 3/15</b>	8:00AM	†Soul of Dolores Castro ~Lemapu Family
	10:00AM	Pro Populo ~ For the Community
	12:00PM	†Soul of Providencio Muniz Vega
<b>Mon 3/16</b>	5:30PM	Our Parish Community
<b>Mon 3/16</b>	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
<b>Tues. 3/17</b>	12:00PM	†Soul of Sean Archambault & Shawn Perry ~Mike & Kim Archambault
<b>Weds. 3/18</b>	12:00PM	Our Parish Community
<b>Thurs. 3/19</b>	12:00PM	Our Parish Community
<b>Thurs. 3/19</b>	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
<b>Fri. 3/20</b>	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
<b>Sat. 3/21</b>	5:00PM	Special Intentions for Renee Millner ~Michele Hendricks
<b>Sun. 3/22</b>	8:00AM	†Soul of Jimmy Veres
	10:00AM	Pro Populo ~ For the Community
	12:00PM	†Soul of Luis Estevan Rivera

## Prayer REQUESTS

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

## Peticiones DE ORACION

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



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



## Save THE Date!

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** – Mandatory Usher and Lector Training in the Church at 9am.

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** - Respect Life Meeting @ 5:00pm in the Social Hall. Come "Wearin" some green. All members and anyone interested in supporting Life please attend!

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – 6p** – Eucharistic Minister Training.

**March 25<sup>th</sup> – 12p** – Initiation for our Priests and Bishop Parkes presenting them with their Habits! Please join us!

**March 26<sup>th</sup> – 6p** – Penance Service –

2 additional priests will be here to help Fr. Estrada, FM and Fr. Modeste, FM hear confessions!

\*Every Friday of Lent there is a Fish Fry, Adoration and Stations of the Cross. (Please see full schedule within the bulletin)\*



3/16- Olga Medina, Sherry Stoves

3/18- Medelin Andes, Erica Dunwoody, Celia Gonzalez Ortiz

3/19- Kolton Kares

3/21- Geoffrey Pike

3/22- Tiffany McIntosh

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent:

### *I Was Blind and Now I See*

*"He replied, 'If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.'" (Jn 9:25)*

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#### WORD OF LIFE

The account of the healing of the man born blind may help us to consider our own situation. We might and should say, like that man: "I was blind and now I see." Without Jesus, we are like blind people who go about life walking unknown paths and therefore hurting ourselves. Without Jesus, we get into trouble and fall into sins that harm us and ruin the many chances that life is offering us. Without Jesus and the moral light that He gives us, we are carried away by our instincts and by the increasingly permissive environment that we live in, and we will not only become our own worst enemy, but we will also hurt those around us, even those we love the most.

Instead, thanks to Jesus, we have a notion of good and evil that helps us to know where we can walk without making mistakes. Thanks to Jesus, even if we have sinned, we may start over again by asking for forgiveness and we also know what the path is that we have to walk along after falling. Let's give thanks to God for having had the opportunity to know Him. Let's run and tell everyone that we were blind and that Jesus has cured and saved us. If we do not do so, we will be committing a serious sin of omission, because it is our testimony that is going to help another person who is as blind as we were to seek and to find Christ, to have light and to allow himself to be saved by the Lord. Let's not be afraid to be criticized for defending and living out morals which others may call old-fashioned. Deep within, everyone admires those who go against the grain, and at each moment of history, these courageous people have saved the world.

**Purpose: Be aware that your life has to be an inspiring testimony for others. Do not hide your faith out of fear. Become a witness.**

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## IV Domingo de Cuaresma:

### *Era ciego y ahora veo*

*"Contestó él: 'Si es un pecador, no lo sé; sólo sé que yo era ciego y ahora veo'" (Jn 9, 25)*

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#### PALABRA DE VIDA

El relato de la curación del ciego de nacimiento nos puede ayudar para considerar cuál es nuestra propia situación. También nosotros podemos y debemos decir, como aquel hombre: "era ciego y ahora veo". Sin Jesús somos como ciegos que vamos por la vida andando por caminos desconocidos y, por lo tanto, dándonos golpes. Sin Jesús nos metemos en problemas y caemos en pecados que nos hacen daño y que incluso arruinan las muchas posibilidades que la vida nos ofrecía. Sin Jesús y la luz moral que Él nos da, nos dejamos llevar de nuestros instintos, de la ética ambiental cada vez más permisiva, y no sólo nos convertimos en nuestros principales enemigos, sino que hacemos daño a los que nos rodean, incluso a aquellos a los que más queremos.

En cambio, gracias a Jesús tenemos una noción del bien y del mal que nos ayuda a saber por dónde tenemos que caminar sin equivocarnos. Incluso aunque cayéramos, gracias a Jesús sabemos que podemos volver a empezar pidiendo perdón, y sabemos también cuál es el camino en el que tenemos que situar de nuevo nuestros pasos después de la caída. Démosle gracias a Dios por haber tenido la suerte de conocerle y corramos a contar a los demás que éramos ciegos y que Jesús nos ha curado, nos ha salvado. No hacerlo así será un grave pecado de omisión, pues quizá sea nuestro testimonio lo que ayude a esa persona, que es un ciego como nosotros lo éramos, a buscar y encontrar a Cristo, a tener luz, a dejarse salvar por el Señor. No tengamos miedo a que nos critiquen por defender y vivir una moral que llaman anticuada; en el fondo, todo el mundo admira a los que van contracorriente y, en cada momento de la historia, éstos son los que han salvado al mundo.

**Propósito: Date cuenta de que tu vida tiene que ser un testimonio atractivo para los demás. No ocultes tu fe por vergüenza. Sé testigo.**



## FRANCISCANS OF MARY - FRANCISCANOS DE MARIA

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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.**

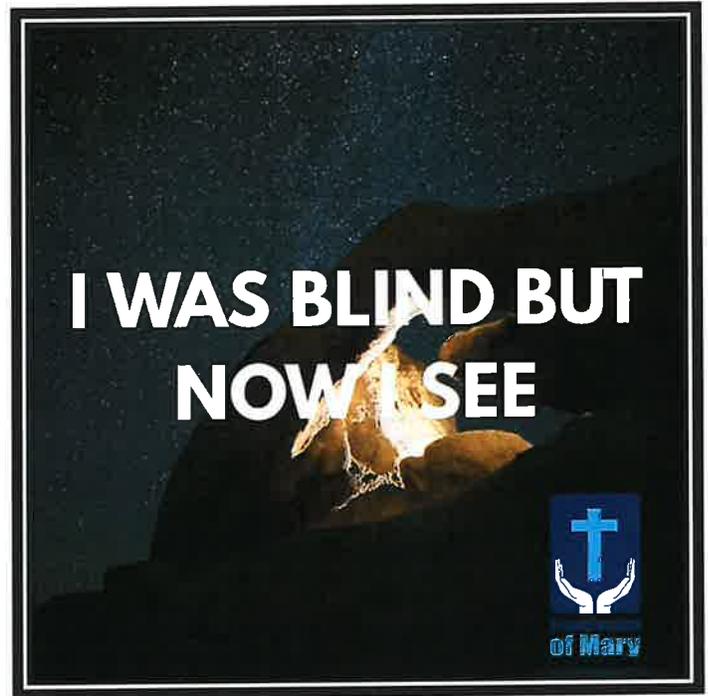
*I ask for spiritual graces, such as the overcoming of my defects and for material help, for me, for others and for society.*

**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.*



# 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 4p- 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.

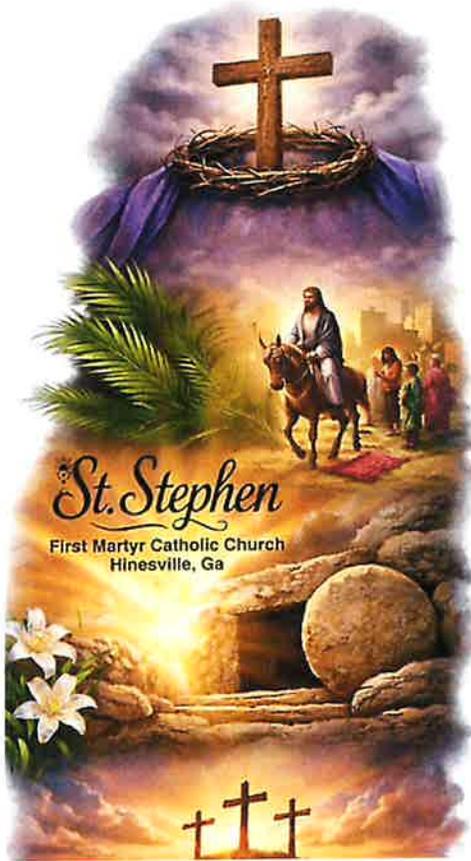
Good Friday 2p Stations of the Cross and 3p Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.

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.



## St. Stephen's Lenten Fish Fry

Sponsored By The Knights of Columbus



Every Friday • 4:00 - 7:00 PM

(Except for Good Friday)

Cash and Credit Accepted

Adult Dinner - \$12

- Fried Fish (Catfish or Whiting)
- French Fries
- Coleslaw
- Grits
- Roll
- Dessert
- Drink

Children's Dinner - \$5

- Hot Dog
- Chips
- Dessert
- Drink

St. Stephen

First Martyr Catholic Church  
Hinesville, Ga



**OUR NEXT ST VINCENT DE PAUL RED WAGON WEEKEND WILL BE MARCH 21 & 22**

FAMILIES SEEKING FOOD FROM OUR PANTRY CONTINUE TO INCREASE. WE ASK YOUR HELP IN SUPPORTING OUR FOOD PANTRY BY BRINGING ANY NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND PERSONAL HYGEINE ITEMS AND PLACE THEM IN THE WAGON DURING OUR "RED WAGON WEEKEND" OR ANY TIME IN OUR BLUE FOOD COLLECTION BOX NEAR THE SACRED GARDEN GIFT SHOP.



*"Thank you for Helping Us Help our Neighbors in Need"*

**NUESTRO PRÓXIMO FIN DE SEMANA DE ST VINCENT DE PAUL RED WAGON SERÁ EL 20 Y 21 DE MARZO**

LAS FAMILIAS QUE BUSCAN COMIDA DE NUESTRA DESPENSA SIGUEN AUMENTANDO. TE PEDIMOS TU AYUDA PARA APOYAR NUESTRA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS TRAYENDO CUALQUIER ALIMENTO NO PERECEDERO Y ARTICULOS DE HIGIENE PERSONAL Y COLOCÁNDOLOS EN EL VAGÓN DURANTE NUESTRO "FIN DE SEMANA DEL CARRO ROJO" O EN CUALQUIER MOMENTO EN NUESTRA CAJA AZUL DE COLECCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS CERCA DE LA TIENDA DE REGALOS SACRED GARDEN.



*"Gracias por ayudarnos a ayudar a otros necesitados"*



## Bible Study

St. Stephen

Tuesday's, 10-11:30am.  
All are welcome to come to the social hall for our Bible Study discerning on the liturgy for the upcoming week.



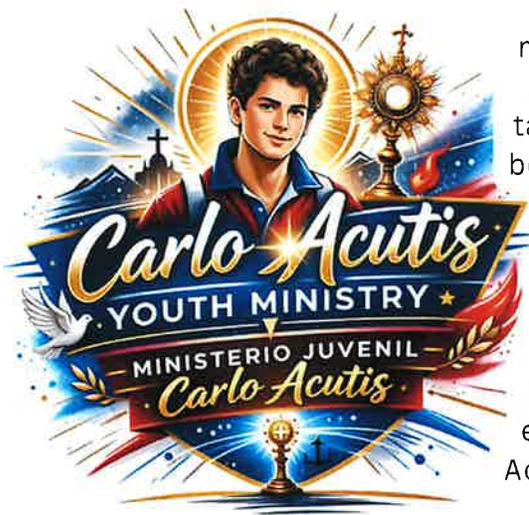
## Grief Support Ministry

← You are not alone →

**Grief Support Meeting**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday's at 7pm. Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.



The Prayer Ministry provides prayer support to our parishioners and to the community through prayer. To be a member please email [sshprayers@gmail.com](mailto:sshprayers@gmail.com) and get added to the prayer chain emails. There is a Prayer Intention book at the back of the church for you to write your prayer request or you can make a prayer request by email: [sshprayers@gmail.com](mailto:sshprayers@gmail.com)



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

The Youth Ministries purpose is to inspire other young people by making a positive impact on our Christian community, bringing joy, hope, comfort, and faith. We focus on the teachings of Jesus and take Blessed Carlo Acutis as our role model, who said: "Let yourself be found by God, and you will see a change in your life." "Sow a seed, and you will reap many fruits." Open to Youth Ages 14 to 23.

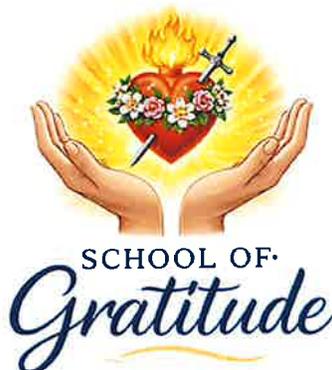
## Jueves de 6-8:00 pm Salon Social San Esteban

El propósito del Ministerio Juvenil es inspirar a otros jóvenes, generando un impacto positivo en nuestra comunidad cristiana, brindando alegría, esperanza, consuelo y fe. Nos centramos en las enseñanzas de Jesús y tomamos como modelo a seguir a San Carlo Acutis, quien dijo: "Déjate encontrar por Dios y verás un cambio en tu vida. Siembra una semilla y cosecharás muchos frutos".

Abierto a jóvenes de 14 a 23 años.

## School of Gratitude

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



## Escuela de Gritud

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



Respect Life is a ministry that respects life from conception to death. Life is a gift from God to be valued in every stage of life! Supporting Life, through works, was reflected with our FAM Campaign. Thank you for your Overwhelming response. Come to our next Meeting, Tuesday, March 17th at 5pm in the social hall and become a part of future plans!

### Sacred Garden GIFT SHOP

St. Stephen First Martyr Catholic Church  
Hinesville, Georgia



We have a lovely selection of religious jewelry, spiritual books, candles, decor, and so much more. Come visit our gift shop for your faith based items and gifts. Scan the QR code to go to our FB for updates & hours.



We invite all the crafty individuals to join us for our monthly meeting in the social hall for fellowship and crafts. Our next craft meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup> from 11a-2p and will be Easter themed. You can always work on your current project also.



St. Stephen's Parishioners; Did you know that we have a 1 acre meditation garden? However, much like our kitchen it doesn't take care of itself. If you wish to help our gardener would love to hear from you! Please call or text him at 912-610-1184.



KOC members are a community of like-minded Catholic men who challenge each other to grow in faith and put that faith into action. Our local chapter holds meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 7p.



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



## Next Red Wagon Weekend is March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP)



SVdP supports our Parish and local community through their Food Pantry. We meet monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 1:30 PM. Our pantry is open to those in need on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 10a-12p. Donations of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items can be brought anytime and placed in the blue food collection box by the gift shop or dropped off at the office during office hours. SVdP also has "Red Wagon Weekends" the 3rd weekend of every month when red wagons are placed in the Narthex to collect donations. If you would like to volunteer and join SVdP, please come to one of our monthly meetings! Thank you for helping us to help others in need!

Relay for Life Liberty County  
May 1st 2026

ANY QUESTIONS TEXT OR EMAIL MARSHA CLIFTON  
912-737-1344 OR LOOKYOURBESTWITHME@YAHOO.COM



Our Team is up to 9 Members for the Walk to support the American Cancer society. Please consider joining our team to walk in support of such a wonderful cause!



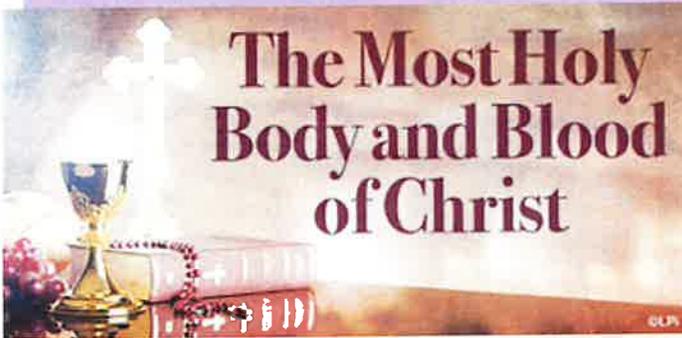
**What is Relay?** It's the national fundraising movement for the American Cancer Society, where teamwork and community spirit make a significant difference. Cancer is a challenge that has touched all of our lives in one way or another. Whether it's a family member, a friend or a personal battle, the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

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

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

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

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



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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.

**Directrices para Recibir la Eucaristía**

No debes comer ni beber nada excepto agua o medicinas necesarias durante una hora antes de recibir la comunión. Esto se llama ayuno de la Comunión o Eucaristía. Esto es para ayudarnos a centrarnos en nuestro Señor y en lo que estamos a punto de recibir. Por tanto, masticar chicle, caramelos, mentas, etc. durante la misa es inapropiado. Ambas formas de recibir la hostia son aceptables, en la palma de una mano con la otra mano debajo, o en la lengua extendida.

Extiende las manos con las palmas hacia arriba hacia el sacerdote y quédate lo más cerca posible del sacerdote al recibir la Comunión. Nunca le quites la hostia al sacerdote. Después de recibir la Eucaristía, dices Amén. La reverencia y el respeto adecuados son lo más importante; las manos deben estar cruzadas con reverencia mientras esperan recibir el Sacramento.

# Parish Stewardship

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

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.



<b><u>Weekly Offertory - March 1st</u></b> <i>Min. of \$10,000 needed weekly</i>	
Offertory	\$6,187
Building Fund	\$2,310
Online Giving	\$1,266
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,763</b>

**SCAM WARNING**

Please note: If you receive a request for gift cards purporting to be from your pastor, parish, or the Bishop, it is a scam and should be ignored. If you aren't sure if an email or message is authentic, do not reply. Check with the person or parish using another method.

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

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



The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. Our parish goal is \$34,667. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.



La 2026 Campaña Católica Anual ha comenzado. La meta de nuestra parroquia es \$34,667. Con su ayuda podremos asegurar el apoyo continuo a muchos programas importantes que ayudan a miles cada año en nuestra diócesis; tales como la educación de nuestros niños y de los seminaristas, evangelización e iniciación cristiana, formación continua para nuestro clero y más. Hemos sido bendecidos con mucho, seamos nosotros una bendición para otros.



Our Harvest of Hope overall goal is \$247,268.00 So far we have received \$47,114, with an additional \$89,986 pledged to be paid by the end of the campaign. This has us at 55% of our goal for the Harvest of Hope, Thank you to all who have donated and pledged. Envelopes are in the church or you can go online to <https://diosav.org/en/hope> to donate or make your pledge!



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

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



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,  
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;  
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.  
(1 Sm 16:13)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

### Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

### Gospel:

He spat on the ground  
and made clay with the saliva,  
and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,  
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — .  
So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

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## Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

### Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,  
5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,  
34-38

### Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and  
13b/Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/  
Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27  
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,  
24a or Lk 2:41-51a

### Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and  
23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/  
Jn 7:40-53

### Next Sunday:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/  
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,  
33b-45

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight?

## Observances for the week of March 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent  
**Tuesday:** St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day  
**Wednesday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Thursday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent



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**First Martyr Catholic Church  
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**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.

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### **OCIA Classes Wednesday Evenings: 7-8:30p in Social Hall**

For Catholics and non-Catholics who wish to gain knowledge and information about the Catholic faith. The classes are also for those Catholic adults and high schoolers that have not completed their sacraments. The classes begin in September and will be completed by Easter. For additional information please call the office.

### **Children's Religious Education ~Faith Formation~**

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

### **Baptism**

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

### **Matrimony**

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

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Fr. Estrada is offering Anointing of the Sick during the First Friday's Mass at 12p. If needed at another time, please contact the office or Father Estrada directly.

### **Active Parishioner Status**

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

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