

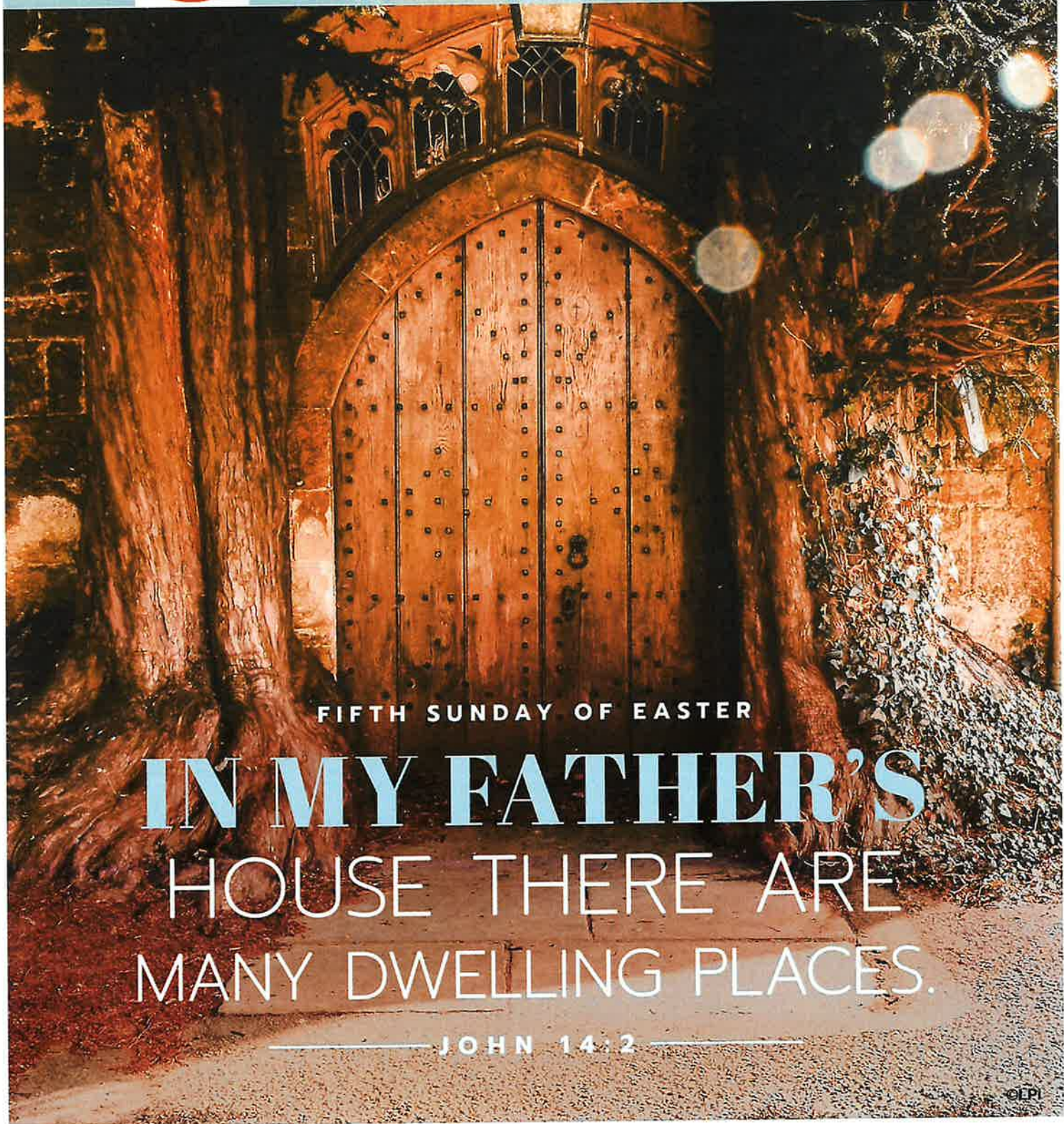


# SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR

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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**IN MY FATHER'S**  
HOUSE THERE ARE  
MANY DWELLING PLACES.

— JOHN 14:2 —

# MASS INTENTIONS



<b>Sat. 5/02</b>	5:00PM	Special Intentions for Watson Dorgilles
<b>Sun. 5/03</b>	8:00AM	†Soul of Pat Cetti ~Bonny Carreker
	10:00AM	<i>Pro Populo ~ For the Community</i>
	12:00PM	Special Intentions for Eloisa Rodriguez Contreras ~ Sotelo Rodriguez Family
<b>Mon 5/04</b>	5:30PM	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
<b>Mon 5/04</b>	7:00PM	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
<b>Tues. 5/05</b>	12:00PM	†Soul of Agatha Griffith ~Jewel Barrett
<b>Weds. 5/06</b>	12:00PM	†Souls of Roscoe & Harriet Phipps ~Roscoe Phipps
<b>Thurs. 5/07</b>	12:00PM	†Soul of Pedro Asanoma ~Remy & Stephen Edrosa
<b>Thurs. 5/07</b>	7:00PM	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
<b>Sat. 5/09</b>	5:00PM	Special Intentions for Watson Dorgilles
<b>Sun. 5/10</b>	8:00AM	†Soul of Beatrice Bellisle ~Diana Young
	10:00AM	†Souls of Jane Asanoma, Rosalina Edrosa and Josephine Mantanona ~Stephen & Remy Edrosa
	12:00PM	†Souls of Connie Edrosa, Maria Edrosa-Magbanua and Joaquina Meno ~Stephen & Remy Edrosa

## Prayer REQUESTS

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

## Peticiones DE ORACION

Susan Marie, Jimmy Marchini, 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!

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – SVdP Fundraising Auction 6pm in Social Hall. More details to come!  
**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Confirmation at 6pm for our Youth.  
**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – First Communion at 10am for our Youth.  
**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Mother's Day  
**May 14<sup>th</sup>** – The Ascension of the Lord – Holy day of Obligation – 12p & 6p English – 7:30p Spanish  
**May 16-17<sup>th</sup>** – Red Wagon Weekend, please support our SVdP food pantry by filling their wagon with non-perishable items!



5/4- Richard Baluyot  
 5/5- Andrea Farnsworth, Amelia King, Sophia Osorio  
 5/7- Malena Bravo  
 5/8- Cecilia Ong-Bucayu  
 5/9- Dylan Gomez-Yee  
 5/10- Isabel Stoves

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Many Ways to Love the Same God

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” (Jn 14:1-2)*

### WORD OF LIFE

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.”

Maybe the Lord wanted to point out that there are dwelling places in Heaven for many and that salvation is not restricted to a handful of chosen ones. But He also indicated that there might be people that are not of our own, in other words, salvation is open to non-Catholics, just as the Church teaches.

In any event, it is certain that He meant that there are legitimate ways to follow Him as long as one is in communion with the Church. Occasionally, we Catholics waste time criticizing other Catholics who belong to other groups or different Ecclesial Movements. Some of them absolutize the aspects of their spirituality to the point of considering that those who do not belong to their group are not true and authentic Christians and do not have enough substance or, at the very least, are somehow wasting their time.

There are, indeed, differences that are not legitimate, such as those that come from a wrong interpretation of the Word of God or the elimination of some moral rule. That is why it is important to accept the Magisterium of the Pope and the bishops, because they are the ones who have the gift of discernment given by the Holy Spirit. That being said and knowing that it is the hierarchy of the Church that has the authority to discern what path is not fully Catholic, we ought to respect the path of others. And, above all, we ought to respect the legitimate differences that exist between human beings, without demanding that everybody should think and be like us. Rejoice because there are different paths in the Church. Love the path of others as if it were yours.

***Purpose:*** Accept the way others are. Do not demand that they become a copy of yourself. Respect their right to be different in those aspects in which being different is legitimate.



## FRANCISCANS OF MARY - FRANCISCANOS DE MARIA

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Email: [consultas@frmaria.org](mailto:consultas@frmaria.org)

TV: <https://magnificat.tv/>

## V Domingo de Pascua: Muchos estilos de amar al mismo Dios

*No perdáis la calma, creed en Dios y creed también en mí. En la casa de mi Padre hay muchas estancias, si no, os lo habría dicho y me voy a prepararos sitio” (Jn 14, 1-2)*

### PALABRA DE VIDA

“En la casa de mi Padre hay muchas estancias”. Con esta frase, el Señor, quizá, quería indicarnos que en el Cielo había moradas para muchos y que la salvación no estaba restringida a unas cuantas decenas de escogidos. Pero también nos indicaba que podían estar allí otros que no fueran de los nuestros, o sea, que la salvación estaba abierta a personas no católicas, tal y como enseña la Iglesia. En todo caso, seguro que se refería a que hay muchas formas legítimas de seguirle a Él, siempre que se viva en comunión con la Iglesia. En ocasiones, los católicos perdemos el tiempo criticando a otros católicos que pertenecen a grupos o movimientos diferentes. Algunos absolutizan hasta tal punto las peculiaridades de su espiritualidad que consideran que quienes no están en su grupo no son verdaderos y auténticos cristianos, no tienen la calidad suficiente o, al menos, pierden de alguna manera el tiempo.

Hay diferencias que, efectivamente, no son legítimas, como aquellas que nacen de una interpretación equivocada de la palabra de Dios o la supresión de alguna norma moral. Por eso es importante aceptar el Magisterio del Papa y los obispos, que son quienes tienen el don del Espíritu para discernir. Hecha esta salvedad, y es la jerarquía de la Iglesia quien tiene el poder para discernir qué camino no es plenamente católico, a nosotros nos toca respetar el camino del otro. Y, sobre todo, nos toca respetar las legítimas diferencias que existen entre los seres humanos, sin pretender que todos sean o piensen como nosotros. Alégrate de que en la Iglesia haya caminos distintos y ama el camino del otro como si fuera el tuyo.

***Propósito:*** Acepta al otro como es, no pretendas convertirle en una copia tuya. Respeta su derecho a ser diferente, en aquellos puntos en los que ser distinto sea legítimo.



# 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.**

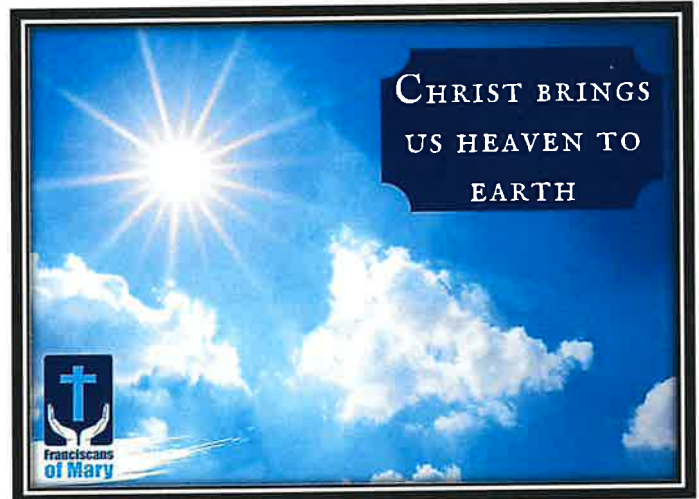
*I ask for spiritual graces, such as the overcoming of my defects and for material help, for me, for others and for society.*

**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.*



### **Regina caeli (Queen of Heaven)**

Regina caeli, laetare, **alleluia.**  
Quia quem meruisti portare, **alleluia.**

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, **alleluia.**  
Ora pro nobis Deum, **alleluia.**

*Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.*  
*Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.*



## 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.



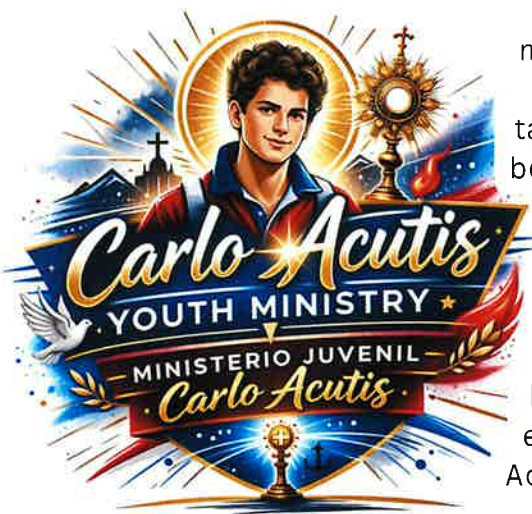
## Grief Support Ministry

—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 Gratitude

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.

### 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 May 16<sup>th</sup> from 11a-2p and will be a Brunch theme and craft will be a button necklace. 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 May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</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!



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  
912-137-1344 OR LOOKYOURBESTWITHME@YAHOO.COM



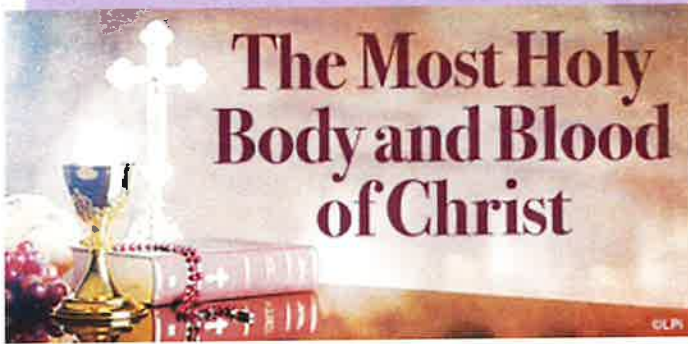
**What is Relay?** It's the national fundraising movement for the American Cancer Society, where teamwork and community spirit make a significant difference. Cancer is a challenge that has touched all of our lives in one way or another. Whether it's a family member, a friend or a personal battle, the 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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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](https://formed.org), click formed for parishes to start creating your account. Search by zip code 31313 to find our parish membership.

### **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

<b>Weekly Offertory - April 19th</b> Min. of \$10,000 needed weekly	
Offertory	\$5,650
Building Fund	\$1,275
Online Giving	\$1,076
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,001</b>

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!



**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 June 6th and 7th.*



**faith, hope, charity**  
2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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.

**We have raised \$5,486 towards our \$34,667 goal!!!!**



**fe, esperanza, caridad**  
2026 CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA ANUAL

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.



**HARVEST OF HOPE**  
COSECHA DE ESPERANZA

Our Harvest of Hope overall goal is \$247,268.00 So far we have received \$48,123, with an additional \$89,594 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!

**VIRTUS**  
Protecting God's Children

**PROMISE To Protect**  **Pledge To HEAL**

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.




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



JOHN ALTHAMER, DIRECTOR OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Please join us in Celebrating these special Sacraments and support our Youth who are receiving them!



**Confirmation**  
Join Us for the Sacrament of Confirmation  
**MAY 6TH | 6:00 PM**

The banner features a golden chalice with a host, a white dove with wings spread, a red cross, and a white lily flower. The background is a warm, golden glow.



**First Communion**  
Join Us for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion  
**MAY 9TH | 10 AM**

The banner features a golden chalice with a host, a crucifix, a book, and a bunch of grapes. The background is a soft, blue and white glow.

**PRAYER CHALLENGE INVITATION**

# MONTH OF THE Rosary

**PRAYER CHALLENGE**

May 1<sup>st</sup>, our parish family at St. Stephen First Martyr Catholic Church will host the Month of the Rosary prayer challenge on our Hallow parish page.

Together, we'll pray the Rosary each day of the month dedicated to Our Lady.

-  Each session begins with a reflection from **Fr. Burke Masters**, followed by meditations led by guides like **Sr. Miriam James**, **Jonathan Roumie**, and **Fr. David Michael Moses**.
-  You'll join both familiar Rosary prayers and new recordings never before released on Hallow.
-  We are blessed to partner with Hallow, the #1 Catholic prayer app, to grow a culture of prayer in our community.

**JOIN OUR PARISH ON HALLOW!**  
To participate, join our parish page on Hallow by searching for our parish name or zip code in the Community tab, or by visiting [hallow.com/parish](https://hallow.com/parish).

Everyone—whether using the free or paid version of Hallow—can take part.

Let's unite as a parish family in prayer this May through the powerful intercession of *Mary, Our Mother.*



POWERED BY **Hallow** THE #1 CATHOLIC PRAYER APP

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The word of God continued to spread,  
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased  
greatly. (Acts 6:7)

### Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.* (1 Pt 2:7)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

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## Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

### Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/  
Jn 14:1-12

### Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/  
Jn 14:21-26

### Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/  
Jn 14:27-31a

### Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/  
Jn 15:1-8

### Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/  
Jn 15:9-11

### Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/  
Jn 15:12-17

### Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

### Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16  
and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How often do we contemplate the  
mercy of God, but fear it will run out?  
How often do we consider following the  
path of Christ and worry that it is too  
steep? But God has not overpromised.  
Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

## Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter  
**Tuesday:** *Cinco de Mayo*  
**Thursday:** National Day of Prayer  
**Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter;  
*Mother's Day*



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# St. Stephen

**First Martyr Catholic Church  
Hinesville, Ga**

**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 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.

***Parish Office is Open Monday 9a-6p and Tuesday-Thursday 9a-2p***

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