

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

I AM THE LIVING BREAD.

— JOHN 6:51 —



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MASS INTENTIONS



Sat. 6/6	5:00PM	†Souls of Magdalene Gasior & Walter Gasior, Jr. ~Dee Eichelberger
Sun. 6/7	8:00AM	†Lee Tolbert ~Henry & Ione Phillips
	10:00AM	Healing for Kim Archambault ~Bonny Carreker
	12:00PM	†Souls of Edy, Vero & Lesly Torres and Gustavo Chihuahua
Mon 6/8	12:00PM	Our Parish Community
Mon 6/8	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
Tues. 6/9	12:00PM	Our Parish Community
Weds. 6/10	12:00PM	†Poor Souls in Purgatory ~Gudron Poertner
Thurs. 6/11	12:00PM	Special Intentions for Roger & Barbara Archambault ~Bonny Carreker
Thurs. 6/11	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
Fri. 6/12	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
Sat. 6/13	5:00PM	†Soul of Willie Crowe ~Maria Crowe
Sun. 6/14	8:00AM	Special Intentions for Jane Chatman ~Pat Delzeith
	10:00AM	Happy 70 th Birthday to Thomas Spurgeon ~Spurgeon Family
	12:00PM	Pro Populo ~ For the Community



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



Maria Crowe, Jaovina Meno, Iris, Alaia Sanmiguel Barrero, Zulma Rivera, Angel Rivera, Cheryl Birthrong, 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.

Prayer REQUESTS

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!

June 14th – Father’s Day Envelopes Due

June 19th – Juneteenth Day

June 21st – Father’s Day

June 27-28th – Second Collection for Peters Pence

*Enjoy the many blessings that summertime can bring and enjoy the time with friends and family! *



6/8- Carlitos Rosario

6/9- Edgardo Borrero, Christine Hause, Ashton Jared Herrera Benjamin Jackson

6/10- Leonna Lemapu

6/11- Thomas Spurgeon

6/12- Jelin Hernandez

6/13- Joseph Mattison, Kimberly Nepomuceno Cruz

Corpus Christi: Becoming Nourishment for Others

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (Jn 6:51-52)

WORD OF LIFE

Christ’s words, in which He defines Himself as “bread,” as food that gives life, are not just metaphors or symbols. Faith in the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist allows us to understand what was impossible for the mindset of the Jews at that time. We know, by faith and experience, that the Lord is truly present in the Eucharist and that life is attained as we are nourished by His Flesh and His Blood.

However, the help that we receive from the Lord is just one aspect of the Eucharist. There is another: Christ gives Himself to us not only to strengthen us, but so that, having recovered from our own weaknesses, we may bring the strength we have received from God to those who lack it.

That is why this week’s “Word of Life” invites us to try becoming nourishment for others, that is, strength and comfort to others, just as the Lord has been and continues to be nourishment for us. If Christ has become nourishment for us, let’s be the same for all those who are needing help, solace, and hope.

Purpose: Nourish yourself daily on the Eucharist, if you can. Pray before the Tabernacle, seeking help and comfort in Him. And then, help others just as you have been helped.



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Corpus Christi: Ser alimento para los demás

“Yo soy el pan vivo que ha bajado del cielo: el que come de este pan vivirá para siempre. Y el pan que yo daré es mi carne para la vida del mundo” (Jn 6, 51-52)

PALABRA DE VIDA

Las palabras de Cristo en las que se define a sí mismo como “pan”, como alimento que da la vida, no son sólo metáforas o símbolos. La fe en la presencia real del Señor en la Eucaristía nos permite entender lo que era casi imposible para la mentalidad judía de la época de Cristo. Nosotros sabemos, por fe y por experiencia, que ahí está verdaderamente presente el Señor y que alimentarse de su carne y de su sangre lleva consigo la vida.

Sin embargo, esto –la ayuda que recibimos del Señor- es sólo un aspecto de la Eucaristía. Hay otro: Cristo se nos da como alimento no sólo para fortalecernos a nosotros, sino para que, recuperados de nuestras fatigas, llevemos la fuerza que de Dios hemos recibido a los que carecen de ella.

Por eso, esta semana, la “palabra de vida” nos invita a intentar ser nosotros alimento para los demás, fortaleza y consuelo para los demás, lo mismo que el Señor lo ha sido y lo sigue siendo para nosotros. Si Cristo ha sido alimento para nosotros, seámoslo nosotros para todos aquellos que están necesitados de ayuda, de consuelo, de esperanza.

Propósito: Aliméntate de la Eucaristía, si puedes diariamente. Reza ante el Sagrario y busca ayuda y consuelo en él. Y luego, ayuda a los demás como has sido ayudado.



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.

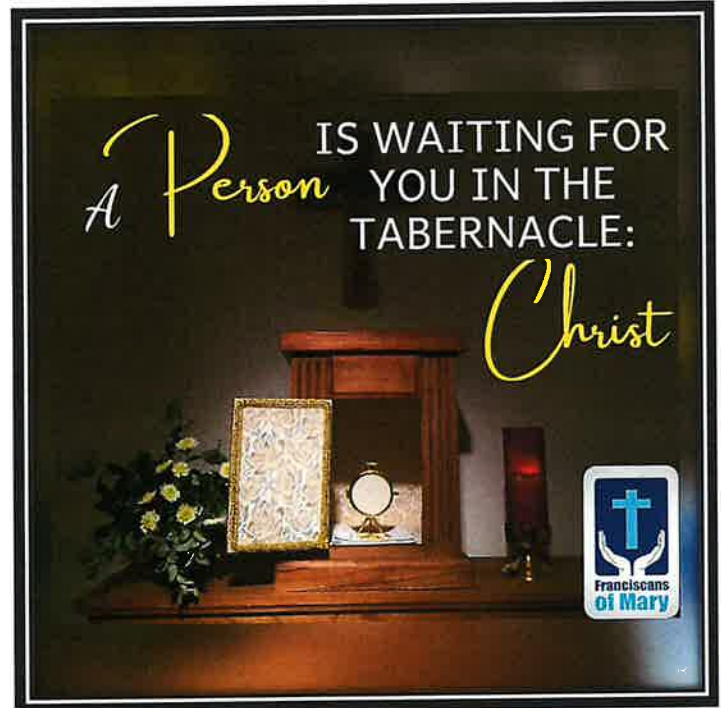
I ask for spiritual graces, such as the overcoming of my defects and for material help, for me, for others and for society.

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.



“I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.” Jn 6:51



Hallow



Hallow

Find peace.
Grow closer to
God, every day

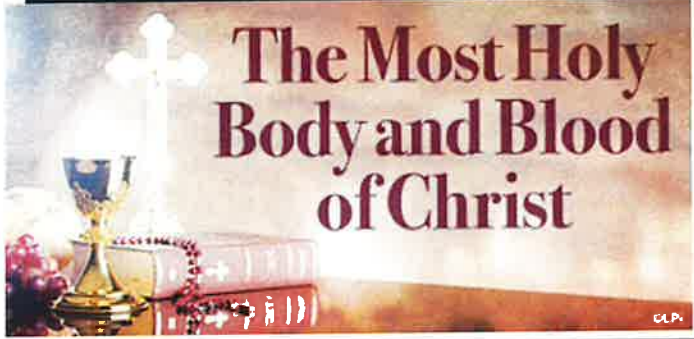


ST VINCENT de PAUL'S MONTHLY MEETING TIMES DURING THE SUMMER WILL CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

JUNE - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10th, 6:00 PM - POT LUCK SUPPER IN THE SOCIAL HALL
JULY - NO MEETING

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED IS A VERY REWARDING EXPERIENCE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AND BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR ST VINCENT de PAUL, COME JOIN US ON JUNE 10th.

FOOD PANTRY DAYS WILL REMAIN THE SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH FROM 10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON



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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, 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.



Bible Study

St. Stephen

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



Grief Support Ministry

—You are not alone—

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



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

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

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



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

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

Abierto a jóvenes de 14 a 23 años.

School of Gratitude

Father Estrada is hosting a School of Gratitude for Adults on Thursday's after 12pm Mass and for Young Adults Thursday's at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join!



Escuela de Gracitud

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



Respect Life Ministry reflects Life from Conception till Death, through their works and prayer.

On Saturday, June 27th, from 10:00am-1:00pm, a planning session will be held! Activities for the up-coming year will be discussed. If you'd like to join our Ministry, please join us! Thank you for supporting Life this past year!!

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 June 13th from 11a-2p and will be Patriotic 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 1st Monday of every month at 7p.



Council of Catholic Women

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



Next Red Wagon Weekend is June 20th and 21st!

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!



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First Martyr Catholic Church
Hinesville, Georgia



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and protect God's children.



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*Thank you for helping us build a safe and
loving community where everyone can grow in faith!*



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AND BE A PART OF OUR MISSION TO PROTECT.**



For more information or to get started,
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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.

<u>Weekly Offertory – May 24th</u> Min. of \$10,000 needed weekly	
Offertory	\$4,673
Building Fund	\$180
Online Giving	\$733
Total	\$5,586

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 July 4th and 5th.



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 \$10,832 towards our \$34,667 goal!!!!



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 \$55,180, with an additional \$86,077 pledged to be paid by the end of the campaign. This has us at 57% 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.



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



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery." (Dt 8:14)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (Ps 147)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body. (1 Cor 10:17)

Gospel:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (Jn 6:51)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The starving Israelites found their physical salvation in manna, "a food unknown to your fathers." We find our spiritual salvation in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, a food unknown to too many souls. Blessed are we to partake of the Bread of Life.

Observances for the week of June 7, 2026

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Tuesday: St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Barnabas, Apostle
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; *Flag Day*

Readings for the week of June 7, 2026

Sunday:

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,
19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday:

1 Kgs 17:1-6/ Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 17:7-16/ Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/
Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday:

1 Kgs 18:20-39/ Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and
8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 65:10, 11,
12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday:

Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10/
1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday:

1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8,
9-10/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday:

Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/
Mt 9:36-10:8



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Worship Schedule

English Weekday Masses- Monday through 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 Mon-Thurs.)

Spanish Weekday Masses- Monday, Thursday and Friday weekly 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 1st – 8th 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 5:30p. 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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