

CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

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SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JESUS SAID,
I HAVE MUCH
MORE TO
TELL YOU.

JOHN 16:12

St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

June 17th - 7p – Grief Support Meeting - Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.

June 17-19 – Church and Office Closed – Praying that the lights will be installed this week in the Church and Fr. Paul will be taking a short vacation at this time.

June 21st - 11a-2p- Crafts and Fellowship – We invite all the crafty individuals to join us for our monthly meeting and craft time. We meet in the social hall and welcome everyone to attend.

July 1st - 7p – Grief Support Meeting - Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.

July 4th - First Friday Adoration for Vocations and Independence Day Mass– 10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour, Rosary at 11:30am, followed by Mass at 12pm.

July 5&6th 2nd Collection will be held for our Maintenance Fund at all the Masses.

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

DATE	MASS TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Tues. 6/17	12:00PM	No Mass
Weds. 6/18	12:00PM	No Mass
Thurs. 6/19	12:00PM	No Mass
Sat. 6/21	5:00PM	†Souls of the Denham Family ~Mary Denham
Sun. 6/22	8:00AM	†Soul of Guy Berg ~Knights of Columbus †Soul of Jeanette Gallagher ~Mark Pitzen
	10:00AM	†Souls of Johnny & Isaac Camacho ~Josephine Camacho
	12:00PM	Pro Populo ~For the People



6/16- Teresa Nguyen, Lucinda Sosinsky

6/18- Richard Christian, William Hause

6/19- Clare Powell, Scarlett Townsend

6/21- Juan Gonzalez

6/22- Liduvina Nunez, Carlos Pichardo-Batista, Bernadette Santos



Ana Garcia, Leslie Shaw, Stacy Fletcher, Sandra Powell, Joice Elliott, Laurie Elliott, Doug Walker, Hettie Johnson, Dillion Bovinger, Summer Jones, Robert JoVan, Lounell Scott, David Weeks, Walter Helmick, Andre McCall, Kathy Keune, Nellie Orta, Baby William Henry Rittenberry, Angela Wheeler, Sara Wheeler, Merle Stroud, Renee Millner, Larry Harris, Dottie Cozier, Fred Hand, Iris Potett, Mary Huffman, Joan Rambach, Chambers Family, Jane Chatman, Gudrun Poertner, Cindy Gray, Ethin Nettle, Bonny Pecenak, Amy Smith.

(Names remain on the list for 30 days unless notified)



June 15, 2025

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Prov 8:22-31 | Rom 5:1-5 | Jn 16:12-15

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Between two people who love each other, speech often gives way to silence. But first, in order to nourish love, there must be a mutual exchange of words. Persons in love wish to share their most intimate secrets so that they might know and be known. In an act deserving of our endless wonder, God disclosed his most intimate secret to us: He is a communion of Persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — who relate to each other in an eternal exchange of love. St. Thomas Aquinas insisted that the Trinity is not a reality we could have figured out on our own (in contrast to, for example, God's existence — which we can know simply by examining creation). God had to *reveal* his Trinitarian nature to us. While humanity was wandering further and further away from him over the millennia after the Fall, God was preparing us for the revelation of the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is what Jesus is announcing in today's Gospel: "Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that [the Holy Spirit] will take from what is mine and declare it to you." To his bewildered disciples, Jesus is expressing God's intention to communicate his identity to us — an unmerited gift which he offers simply because he loves us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

This is our inheritance as Christians: God has revealed himself to us out of love. Once we've assented to this truth, we can no longer dismiss the mystery of the Holy Trinity as "above my theological paygrade." One who loves is not bothered that the beloved always remains a mystery; instead, he or she is content to remain in wonder and seeks to enter more deeply into the exchange of love. For us, this means responding to God's gift of himself with reverence, gratitude, and obedience to his will. We approach him in prayer with the respectful but confident attitude of a child who knows itself to be deeply loved; we listen to him, express our thanksgiving for his gift, and seek to know his will for us.

PRAY

Be attentive to the ways God is revealing himself and his love for you in your daily life. Discover that *everything* is an expression of his care: answered prayers, a kind word given or received, the beauty of nature — even crosses which induce us to turn to him for help! Take a few minutes each day to thank God for his gifts.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 15, 2025

Sunday:

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/
Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Monday:

2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday:

2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday:

2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday:

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday:

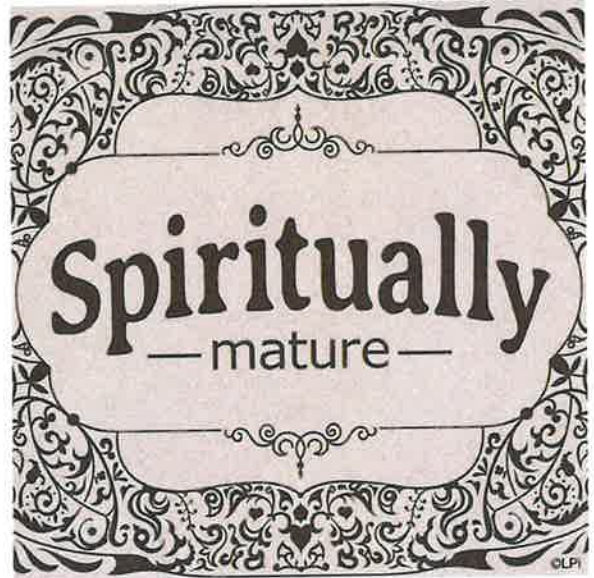
2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday:

Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/
1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am amazed at how my four siblings teach their many kids in age-appropriate ways. For example, now that my nephew Brandon is 24 years of age, they give him insights and freedoms that would have been positively confounding or even dangerous when he was a toddler. Imagine if they had taught him at age four how to drive a car, use a credit card online, or handle power tools. But eventually, they did, and he is a high functioning young man, I'm proud to say. They are good teachers.

This week we learn that Jesus teaches us in a similar way. He says to his Apostles, **"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now" (John 16:12)**. How disappointing for them. But imagine at that moment, before his resurrection and ascension, if the Lord had started telling them about synods and sacraments, popes and parishes, martyrs and monasteries, rosaries and relics, catechisms and crucifixes? They would have been absolutely overwhelmed, confused, and discouraged. He tells them what they need to know, when it is time for them to know it.

So he does for us. Jesus has unceasingly taught the Church as she matures through the centuries, just as he teaches you and me through our lives in ways we can understand. Our task should be to learn what he is teaching us now, knowing that (although revelation per se is complete in him and his Apostles), he never ceases to teach us as we spiritually mature. Be confident: he knows what you are ready to learn now.

— Father John Muir

2025 Father's Day

In Memory of:

Guy Berg
Clerance Brotka
Johnny Camacho
Robert G. Clark
Frank Delgado
Ernest Dodson
Patrick Farace
Walter C. Gasior
Benito Collado
Gomez
Willard Keune Sr.
Frank R. Miller
Longino Montero
Providencio Muniz
Vega
Ronald Nealey
David Paulk
Harriet Paulk
Clem Pitzen
Daniel Rabatin
Dante Amero Rios

In Memory of:

Richard Rogers
Ralph Schnur
Evangelista Silva
Richard Simon
Jim Taylor
Juan Rivera abuelos
Tios
Franklin Torres
Jim Wolf

In Honor of:

Eduardo Albaladejo
Mark Benavente
Paul Curley Sr.
Rafael Hernandez
Christopher F.
Kiszka
Curt Leisentrirt
Ramon Medina
Carl S. Miller
Ralph F. Miller
Ralph P. Miller
John Y. Salas Jr.
Franklin Torres-
Torres
Benjamin L. Yarema

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there,
when he marked out the vault over the face
of the deep;
when he made firm the skies above,
when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; (Prv 8:27)

Psalm:

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!
(Ps 8)

Second Reading:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Rom 5:1)

Gospel:

Everything that the Father has is mine;
for this reason I told you that he will take from what
is mine
and declare it to you." (Jn 16:15)

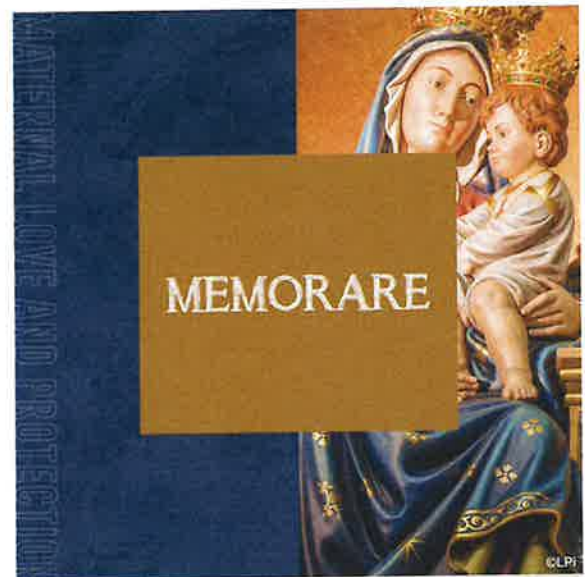
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus knew how it would be. He knew we
would stumble in the dark, grasping for
answers. And so he sent us a light: the Holy
Spirit, the illumination of all that is true. Dare
we look into the light? Are we ready to see
the truth?

Observances for the week of June 15, 2025

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day
Thursday: St. Romuald, Abbot
Friday: World Refugee Day
Saturday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

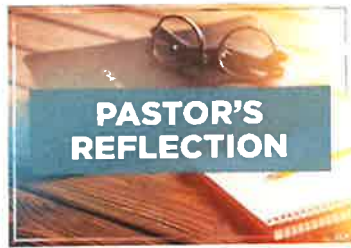


Devotions, *Explained!*

Popularized in the 17th century by a French priest named Fr. Claude Bernard, the Memorare is a prayer to the Blessed Mother in which the supplicant calls upon the maternal love and protection of Mary's intercession in an hour of dire need.

Prayer of Christian Love

Glory be to God the Father,
God the Son, and God the
Holy Spirit, who calls us
into communion with Him,
a life of grace and mystery,
reconciliation and unity.
Amen.



June 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday

When we come to worship, we usually make the sign of the cross. The words that accompany this holy action, 'In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, remind us that there are three persons in God. The feast of the Holy Trinity is a celebration of the mystery of God as a family of love. We have not been left in the dark in our struggle to attempt to understand God. From what Jesus said and did while on earth, we can grasp little pieces of the innermost being of the mystery of God. Throughout his life, Jesus was forever talking about God as his Father, and he referred to himself as God's only Son. He explained also that his mission was to do the will of the Father. Jesus introduces us to the Spirit whom he talks about as being a real person, completely different from himself and God the Father. The Spirit's job is to inspire people to continue in the church the work begun by Jesus and draw everyone into the love of God the Father.

This feast reminds us of a simple truth which we often forget - God's plan is that we share in his life of glory. By our baptism we are raised to a level at which we become sharers in the family life of God. We are born of God the Father, God the Son becomes our brother and the love of God is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. This revelation of his inner life of three persons, in which we have a share, is one of God's greatest gifts to us and it is the model towards which all of us should aim and strive.

Jesus reveals the mystery of the Trinity to us, not just to let us know the truth about God, but also to know the truth about ourselves - as to what is our origin, where is our destiny and how we can arrive at that final point. We only exist, and the world only exists, because God gives life. He is the Father who looks upon us as his children and is closer to us than we are to ourselves. Everyday is a day to love the Father, Son and Holy Spirit so we should strive to make the Holy Trinity a more practical part of our lives. Love is the binding force of the three persons of the Trinity; so when we love we share in that community of love which is the living God.

This celebration of the abundance of God's love is an occasion for appreciating what God has done and continues to do for us. It calls on us to respond to the love of God, poured into our hearts by Christ and the Holy Spirit, and invites us to look forward to the day when we shall share in the glory of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



15 de junio de 2025

Domingo de la Trinidad

Cuando venimos a adorar, solemos hacer la señal de la cruz. Las palabras que acompañan a esta santa acción: "En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, nos recuerdan que hay tres personas en Dios. La fiesta de la Santísima Trinidad es una celebración del misterio de Dios como familia de amor. No hemos sido dejados en la oscuridad en nuestra lucha por intentar entender a Dios. De lo que Jesús dijo e hizo mientras estuvo en la tierra, podemos captar pequeños pedazos del ser más íntimo del misterio de Dios. A lo largo de su vida, Jesús siempre hablaba de Dios como su Padre, y se refería a sí mismo como el único Hijo de Dios. Explicó también que su misión era hacer la voluntad del Padre. Jesús nos presenta al Espíritu, del que habla como una persona real, completamente diferente de sí mismo y de Dios Padre. El trabajo del Espíritu es inspirar a las personas a continuar en la iglesia la obra iniciada por Jesús y atraer a todos al amor de Dios el Padre.

Esta fiesta nos recuerda una simple verdad que a menudo olvidamos: el plan de Dios es que compartamos su vida de gloria. Por nuestro bautismo somos elevados a un nivel en el que nos convertimos en partícipes de la vida familiar de Dios. Nacemos de Dios Padre, Dios Hijo se convierte en nuestro hermano y el amor de Dios es derramado en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo. Esta revelación de su vida interior de tres personas, en la que tenemos una parte, es uno de los mayores dones de Dios para nosotros y es el modelo hacia el que todos debemos aspirar y esforzarnos.

Jesús nos revela el misterio de la Trinidad, no solo para hacernos conocer la verdad sobre Dios, sino también para conocer la verdad sobre nosotros mismos, en cuanto a cuál es nuestro origen, dónde está nuestro destino y cómo podemos llegar a ese punto final. Solo existimos, y el mundo solo existe, porque Dios da la vida. Él es el Padre que nos mira como hijos suyos y está más cerca de nosotros que nosotros mismos. Todos los días son días para amar al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo, por lo que debemos esforzarnos por hacer de la Santísima Trinidad una parte más práctica de nuestras vidas. El amor es la fuerza vinculante de las tres personas de la Trinidad; por lo tanto, cuando amamos, participamos en esa comunidad de amor que es el Dios vivo.

Esta celebración de la abundancia del amor de Dios es una ocasión para apreciar lo que Dios ha hecho y sigue haciendo por nosotros. Nos llama a responder al amor de Dios, derramado en nuestros corazones por Cristo y el Espíritu Santo, y nos invita a esperar el día en que compartiremos la gloria de Dios, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo.



*Thank you to Father Paul from all of us
at St. Stephen Parish! While your time
was short you have left a positive impact
on so many and our Parish!
Many Blessings as you go forth to serve!*



**Thursdays 6-8:30pm
Saint Stephen Social Hall**



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

Light Fixture Upgrade



As previously announced we have found a company to upgrade the Church lights to LED, the cost savings in electricity will reduce our energy costs by 87% over time. While the Building fund had enough saved to cover the \$20,000, we want to replenish the account! One way we are hoping to do that is by having a "Sponsor a Light" fundraiser. \$500 Sponsorship will help us reach our goal quickly and give you the opportunity to Memorialize or Honor a loved one. Donations can be placed in the offertory with the slip below in a Building Fund envelope or made online at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ststephenhinesville>

Thank you to those who have made donations! We've raised \$11,700!

Donor Name: _____ Phone : _____

In Honor/In Memory of: _____

PARISH SUPPORT

DONATIONS

Weekly Offertory – June 1

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

Offertory	\$4,695
Building Fund	\$1,950
Online Giving	\$1,827
Total	\$8,472
Light Fixtures	Raised:
\$20,000 Goal	\$11,700

3 great ways to support our Parish

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



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

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal will kick off after August 1 and more information will be shared later this year. See Bishop Parkes' latest video on the diocesan or parish Facebook page more information.



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Video links:

English: <https://youtu.be/OtWljZwg8HQ>

Spanish: <https://youtu.be/-9D78ewalE4>



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Active Parishioner Status

Each year we receive many requests from parishioners to qualify for weddings, be godparents or sponsors for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Communion and Baptism. When a request is made, we must be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of St. Stephen's Parish.

An active member is one who 1) Is properly registered with the Parish office and gives regular to the offertory through envelopes or online giving. 2) Faithfully attends Mass on Sunday's and Holy days of Obligation.

Even though you attend Mass, if you are not registered with the Parish, we have no information about you and you are not eligible to be Sponsors, God-parents, etc. While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors that will be considered in making that determination. Please be sure to register with the office and keep your information up to date! You can easily send an email to ssfmcc399@gmail.com to make changes.

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parish Staff

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ddelzeith@yahoo.com
(912) 977-5278

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Diana Young

Parish Catechetical Leader:

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President:

Tom Wing

Office Hours:

Tues-Thurs: 9AM-2PM

Gift Shop Hours:

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Restock

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Mass Times

Weekday Masses- Tuesday 12pm, Wednesday 12pm, Thursday 12:00pm.

(Exposition and Holy Hour start one hour before Weekday Mass times along with a Rosary)

Saturday- Vigil 5:00 pm

Confession- Saturday 4:15-4:45pm & By Appointment.

Sunday- 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish), 2:00pm Spanish in Jesup.

Bible Study

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

RCIA Classes

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

Religious Education

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

Matrimony

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

Baptism

For a child to be baptized, you must be attending Mass regularly, attend a Baptism class and fill out a registration form. Classes are held the last Saturday of every month at 6pm and must be completed prior to scheduling baptism date. One Godparent must be an active Catholic. A copy of the Child's Birth Certificate is needed at time of registration and the child should have a Christian name in their name, if not on the Birth Certificate it will be added to the Baptismal Certificate and should be listed on the registration form. Please contact the Office for scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick

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

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry provides prayer support to our parishioners and to the community. There is a Prayer Intention book at the back of the church for you to write your prayer request or you can make a prayer request, simply email: ssfmccprayerministry@gmail.com

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