

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

FIVE LOAVES
AND TWO

FISH.

— LUKE 9:13 —

CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

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SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

June 30th – 12p – Father Paul will hold his final Daily Mass today before he departs for Moultrie!

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.

July 12th and 13th – Welcome Father Estrada and Father Modesto – After all the masses we will have small receptions for everyone to say hello to our new Pastors! Anyone who would like to donate baked goods or fruits can do so and drop off during the week or before Mass.

DATE	MASS TIME	MASST INTENTIONS
Tues. 6/24	12:00PM	†Soul of Ramon Gomez ~Ms. Conchita
Weds. 6/25	12:00PM	†Soul of James Remark ~Bonny Carreker
Thurs. 6/26	12:00PM	†Souls of the Beiter Family ~Sam & Rosann Beiter
Sat. 6/28	5:00PM	†Soul of June Blanchard ~Linda Blanchard
Sun. 6/29	8:00AM	†Soul of Lourdes Cruz ~The Lemapu Family
	10:00AM	†Souls of the Delzeith Family ~Pat Delzeith
	12:00PM	Pro Populo ~For the People



6/23- Raquell Joseph

6/24- Braelyn Caughey, Mark Palang, Carmen Robles

6/25- Amy Chihuahua

6/26- Marilyn Williams

6/28- Michael Clark, Shawn Gumataotao, Vanessa Malave, Luis Nevarez, Greg Smith

6/29- Hudson Evans



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 22, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Gen 14:18-20 | 1 Cor 11:23-26 | Lk 9:11b-17

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

Today's feast is set apart to reverence the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. In our limited human capacity, this concept can feel abstract, and we may struggle to understand it. In these moments, I find that pondering the person of Jesus Christ in the Gospels illuminates my mind and heart. Hearing the familiar story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes in today's Gospel, I'm particularly struck by the first line of the passage: "Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured." Notice that Luke doesn't say that Jesus heals *everyone*, rather, he heals those who *need* to be cured. This is not an act of favoritism, but a revelation of his perfect divine wisdom and a glimpse into the true person of Jesus Christ. In his great mercy and perfect love, Jesus knew instantly what each person needed. And this Jesus, who came to heal and cure, is the one we receive in the Eucharist today.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's feast is a reminder of the staggering truth that 2,000 years later, at every Eucharistic celebration in Catholic churches around the world, Christ becomes truly present. The same Jesus of the Gospels who taught the crowds, multiplied the loaves, and gave himself completely on the cross, gives himself to us *today*: body, blood, soul, and divinity. We are not unlike the crowds in today's Gospel — we have come with our hopes and needs to encounter Jesus. Today, at this table, no one goes hungry; Jesus meets our needs by giving us his unconditional love while nourishing us both physically and spiritually. We can be reassured that God is always present in our lives.

REFLECT

In a special way today, reflect on the Eucharist, the "source and summit of the Christian life." The word Eucharist comes from Greek and Latin words for "thanksgiving." Pray with a grateful heart today that Jesus, the Bread of Life, makes himself truly present to us.

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." (Gn 14:19-20)

Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

Second Reading:

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

Gospel:

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. (Lk 9:11b)

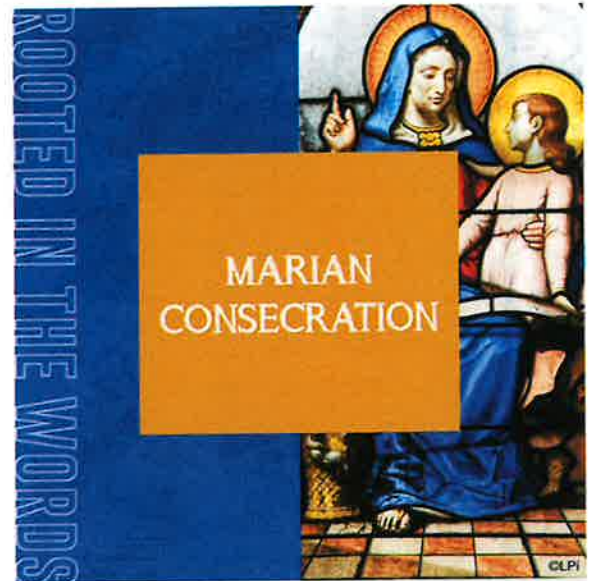
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Five loaves and two fish: a measly portion of food for such a large crowd of people. But we must remember that it doesn't matter what the size of our offering is. If we only lay it before Christ, he will take it and make it a mighty bounty.

Observances for the week of June 22, 2025

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Tuesday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles



Devotions, Explained!

Marian consecration is the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother and is rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27).

Prayer for the True Presence

Jesus,
What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us.
Amen.

Readings for the week of June 22, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/
Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday:

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab
and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt
7:15-20

Thursday:

Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/
Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

Friday:

Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/
Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday:

Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53,
54-55/Mt 8:5-17

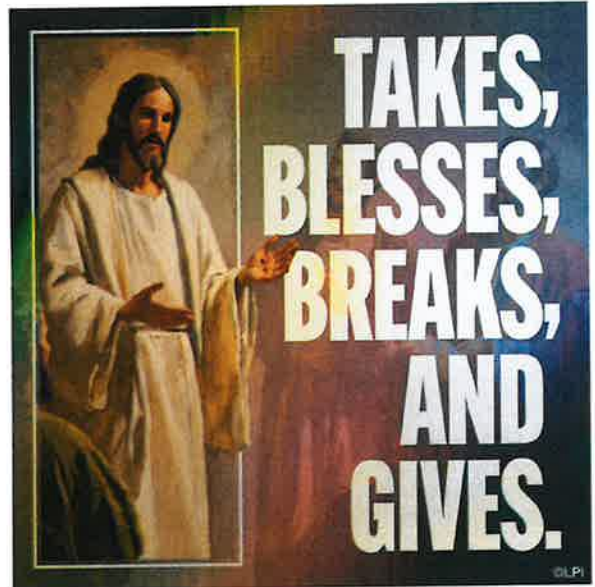
Next Sunday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/
Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, "The Eucharist is not a noun. It's a verb." In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn't simply Jesus' bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let's consider each one.

He takes: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God's hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He blesses: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He breaks: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He gives: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— Father John Muir



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JUBILEE DAYS

June 22–July 19
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- June 22** First Novena Begins • 10:30 am Mass and Procession @ Most Holy Trinity, Augusta
- June 24** 12 pm Mass @ St. Mary's Chapel, Catholic Pastoral Center, Savannah
- June 25** 1–6 pm Adoration, 6 pm Mass @ Holy Family, Columbus
- June 26** 6 pm Mass and Confessions @ St. Paul, Douglas
- June 29** 11 am Mass @ St. Joseph, Macon
- July 1** Second Novena Begins
- July 2** 7 pm Mass @ St. Peter Claver, Macon
- July 4** 8 am Mass @ Our Lady Star of the Sea Historic Chapel, St. Marys
- July 5** 9 am Mass @ St. Joseph, Bay Branch • 5 pm Mass @ Nativity of Our Lady, Darien
- July 6** 8 am Mass @ Our Lady of Good Hope Chapel, Isle of Hope
- July 9** 6 pm Mass and Holy Hour @ Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Marys
- July 10** Third Novena Begins • 6 pm Mass and Holy Hour @ Holy Family, Willacoochee
- July 13** 10 am Bilingual Mass, 11:30 English Mass @ St. Teresa, Albany • 3 pm Holy Hour @ Historic St. Teresa, Albany
- July 16** 5 pm Holy Hour, 6 pm Mass @ St. Matthew, Statesboro
- July 18** 7 pm Holy Hour and Vespers @ Cathedral Basilica, Savannah
- July 19** 11 am Anniversary Mass @ Cathedral Basilica, Savannah



Journey of THE SOUL

The Transformative Power of Pilgrimage

By Fr. Ziemowit Janaszek

THE CONCEPT OF pilgrimage is deeply rooted in the Bible. From the very beginning of the Old Testament (Ex 23:14-17; Dt 16:16), and throughout the New Testament

(Lk 2:41-42; Acts 2:5-11), we see the people of Israel journeying to Jerusalem, regularly traveling to the temple. In our faith, the idea of pilgrimage is significant because, as the Church, we are a pilgrim Church. We are on a journey toward the Kingdom of Heaven. Our life in this world is a kind of wandering – it is not the end, but merely a transitional stage on the way to eternal life. So, the concept of pilgrimage is truly beautiful and theologically rich.

Growing up in Poland, I would often see pilgrims passing through my hometown, making their difficult journey to Częstochowa where there is a sanctuary with a miraculous image of the Black Madonna. It was a tradition to go out and watch the pilgrims walk by, sometimes offering them water and supporting them along the way. It was a beautiful witness, especially for those who do not believe, but also for those who believe yet may not be physically

able to undertake such a demanding journey themselves.

My own experience with pilgrimage came after I was grown up, at the age of 32. For me, a pilgrimage represents the beginning of a new life. I embarked on my first pilgrimage in 2016 as a lost and lonely individual, someone who struggled to understand why happiness seemed out of reach and why so many aspects of life felt uncontrollable. Despite having everything seemingly in order on the outside, I was

empty and broken inside – a person crying out from the depths of

my soul but feeling unheard. This was my state when I set out on my journey.

A pilgrimage is not only a matter of your physical capacity: A pilgrimage requires self-denial and confrontation with the deepest and most significant weaknesses of one's heart. On the pilgrimage, you reach a point where you feel utterly exhausted, and the only thing that keeps you moving forward is your intention. People embark on their journeys with various intentions, often praying for their vocation, a good spouse, health for themselves and their families, conception, conversions; others pray for priests, the Church, the country. Most embark to draw closer to God and to live the Gospel through their lives. The stronger your motive, the better, because it becomes the source of your strength. Your intention is what enables you to take the next step. Moreover, when you are on a pilgrimage, there is a sense of detachment from the world. While walking, you focus solely on survival, having enough water to drink, food to eat, and finding a good place to pitch your tent. You cling to God and trust entirely in his grace and providence. Without his grace, even the first day would seem impossible. Even though you may be marching with thousands of other people, there is time for personal reflection and contemplative prayer. Moments of silence on the pilgrimage allow you to reach places in your heart that would be inaccessible amidst the noise and distractions of everyday life. It feels as though you leave your ego at home, setting out with a backpack of intentions, dedicating this journey to God, yourself, and others. This is how something as simple as walking can change someone's life profoundly; this is why people have gone on pilgrimages for millennia.

One of the most profound moments I experienced on my pilgrimage was during a meditation on the prophet Ezekiel (36:26-27). In this reflection, God promises, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."

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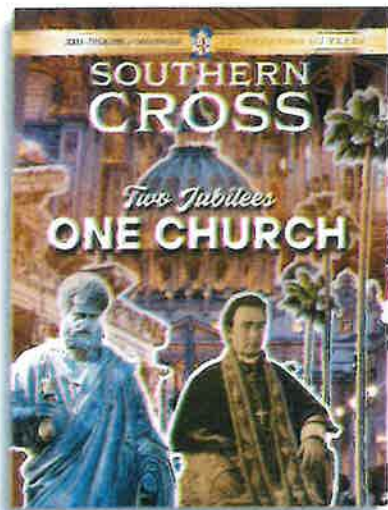


This reflection perfectly captured my experience: God transformed my hardened heart into a new one, vibrant with life and filled with love. Upon returning, I was a changed person, and I received the call to the priesthood from him. Reflecting on my life, what hurts me most is my past when, as a young person, I strayed from the Church, believing I could find happiness elsewhere on my journey. I see young

people today searching for fulfillment, love, and happiness everywhere except in the Church and Jesus Christ. This breaks my heart, but pilgrimages bring me hope.

As you walk through Poland towards

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Częstochowa, you pass through villages where people come out of their homes to wave and greet the pilgrims. Many of these people are moved to tears – not just because they cannot join, but because they see young people still walking, still on the path to salvation. It gives them hope that the country is not lost because, as Pope John Paul II often said, young people are the future of the world and the hope of the Church. The path to salvation is arduous, demanding sacrifices and the dedication of our entire selves – body, heart, and strength – to take each step forward, always looking ahead and upward to God.

I dream of the day when, looking toward my future priesthood and ordination, I can take young people from the United States on this pilgrimage to show them the power and strength of this devotion. The pilgrimage is a symbol of the health of the Catholic Church. It is a rich tradition that should not only be maintained but actively promoted. More and more young people should experience this spiritual transformation, which will impact their future in this world and shape their eternal life.

Fr. Ziemowit Janaszek is a new priest of the Diocese of Savannah. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 7.

JUBILEE DAYS

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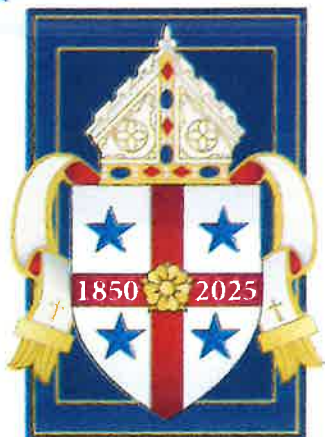
Join Bishop Stephen D. Parkes and the faithful from across the Diocese of Savannah on these Jubilee Days of Pilgrimage, from the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on June 22 to the 175th anniversary of our founding on July 19.

Be sure to save the date for the Diocesan Jubilee Gathering in Warner Robins on October 11!

July 19

The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist

11am Mass



YOU ARE INVITED TO A
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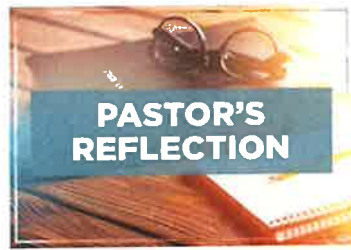
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October 11

Sacred Heart,
Warner Robins

All Day
Festivities



June 22, 2025

Body and Blood of Christ

The feast of Corpus Christi was instituted to focus special attention on the real presence of Christ in the eucharist. In a sense it is a repeat of Holy Thursday's Mass of the Last Supper. The sad memories associated with Holy Week tend to overshadow the Lord's breaking of bread and his farewell promise that he would be with his church all days until the end of time. It is a celebration of the generosity of the Lord to us, in offering himself as food to satisfy our spiritual and material hunger as we journey through life. On this day, the church makes us sit down, stop and consider the great miracle of God's presence among us. We thank the Father for the gift of his only Son as our redeemer and Savior, as our Lord and friend. God has given us everything he could in the life of his Son.

The feast is not only about the eucharist - it is also about the community that assembles to celebrate the eucharist. Hospitality is at the heart of the gospel message. If our hearts are not open and ready to share with those in need in our ordinary life we cannot be united in our celebration. There is no way we can offer the eucharist and not reach out to the poor as Jesus did. It is the daily life that we live during the week that gives us something to bring to the community Mass on Sunday. We cannot take a worldly lifestyle to the altar and celebrate it as Christians. By living lives of service for others, we begin to appreciate what the eucharist is all about. It sends us out to touch the lives of neighbors as the healing presence of a helping hand or a sympathetic voice, changing despair into hope and suspicion into trust.

One cannot be truly present at the eucharist without a desire to change and set out on the road travelled by Christ, trying to live as he did in a caring and sharing way. Every celebration is an invitation to give ourselves as completely as possible to Jesus, and to surrender ourselves to his power of love, which will change us and bring us to eternal life. When we are deeply scarred by sin the eucharist binds up our wounds, restores our strength and pours peace into our troubled souls. The very fact that we celebrate this feast indicates that we are a people of thanksgiving, a community which knows how to praise God for the basic gifts of life, family, friends, food and clothing. Above all we thank God because of what he has done for us in Christ.



22 de junio de 2025

Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo

La fiesta del Corpus Christi fue instituida para centrar una atención especial en la presencia real de Cristo en la eucaristía. En cierto sentido, es una repetición de la Misa de la Última Cena del Jueves Santo. Los tristes recuerdos asociados con la Semana Santa tienden a eclipsar el partimiento del pan por parte del Señor y su promesa de despedida de que estaría con su iglesia todos los días hasta el fin de los tiempos. Es una celebración de la generosidad del Señor hacia nosotros, al ofrecerse a sí mismo como alimento para satisfacer nuestra hambre espiritual y material mientras caminamos por la vida. En este día, la iglesia nos hace sentarnos, detenernos y considerar el gran milagro de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. Damos gracias al Padre por el don de su Hijo único como nuestro redentor y Salvador, como nuestro Señor y amigo. Dios nos ha dado todo lo que podía en la vida de su Hijo.

La fiesta no se trata solo de la eucaristía, también se trata de la comunidad que se reúne para celebrar la eucaristía. La hospitalidad está en el corazón del mensaje evangélico. Si nuestros corazones no están abiertos y dispuestos a compartir con los necesitados en nuestra vida ordinaria, no podemos estar unidos en nuestra celebración. No hay manera de que podamos ofrecer la eucaristía y no llegar a los pobres como lo hizo Jesús. Es la vida cotidiana que vivimos durante la semana lo que nos da algo que llevar a la Misa comunitaria del domingo. No podemos llevar un estilo de vida mundano al altar y celebrarlo como cristianos. Al vivir vidas de servicio a los demás, comenzamos a apreciar de qué se trata la eucaristía. Nos envía a tocar la vida de los vecinos como la presencia sanadora de una mano amiga o una voz compasiva, cambiando la desesperación en esperanza y la sospecha en confianza.

No se puede estar verdaderamente presente en la Eucaristía sin un deseo de cambiar y ponerse en camino por el camino recorrido por Cristo, tratando de vivir como Él lo hizo de manera solista y participante. Cada celebración es una invitación a entregarnos lo más completamente posible a Jesús, y a rendirnos a su poder de amor, que nos cambiará y nos llevará a la vida eterna. Cuando estamos profundamente marcados por el pecado, la eucaristía vendará nuestras heridas, restaura nuestras fuerzas y derrama paz en nuestras almas atribuladas. El hecho mismo de que celebremos esta fiesta indica que somos un pueblo de acción de gracias, una comunidad que sabe alabar a Dios por los dones básicos de la vida, la familia, los amigos, la comida y el vestido. Sobre todo damos gracias a Dios por lo que ha hecho por nosotros en Cristo.



*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!*



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.



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 \$12,985!

Donor Name: _____ Phone : _____

In Honor/In Memory of: _____

PARISH SUPPORT

DONATIONS

Weekly Offertory – June 8

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

Offertory	\$5860
Building Fund	\$0
Online Giving	\$701
Total	\$6,561
Light Fixtures	Raised:
\$20,000 Goal	\$12,985

3 great ways to support our Parish

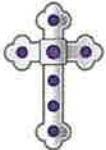
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2. **TEXT 'GIVE' TO 912-551-5553**
3. **GIVE ONLINE**—Scan QR Code or go to:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ststephenhinesville>



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.

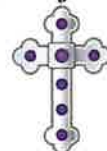


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Video links:

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: _____

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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

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.