FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GO AND DO LIKEWISE.

LUKE 10:37-



CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

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SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

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

July 15th - **7p** – **Grief Support Meeting** - Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.

July 19th - 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 19th & 20th - Red Wagon Weekend – At all the Masses the St. Vincent De Paul Red Wagon will be in the Narthax to accept donations to stock the pantry.

August 2^{nd} & 3^{rd} - 2^{nd} Collection will be held for our Maintenance Fund at all the Masses.

DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTIONS
Tues. 7/15	12:00PM	†Souls of the Carreker Family ~Bonny Carreker
Weds. 7/16	12:00PM	†Souls of the Farace Family ~Pat & Wendy Farace
Thurs. 7/17	12:00PM	†Soul of Ramon Gomez ~Ms. Conchita
Sat. 7/19	5:00PM	†Souls of Richard Young Sr. and Richard Young Jr. ~Diana Young
Sun. 7/20	8:00AM	Pro Populo ~For the People
	10:00AM	†Souls of the Beiter Family ~Sam & Rosann Beiter
	12:00PM	†Souls of the Carreker Family ~ Bonny Carreker



- 7/14- Valentina Ayon, Meadow Caughey, Angelene Thaxon, Travis Wells
- 7/15- Barbara Archambault, Pedro Pascua, Sophia Spencer
- 7/16- Mathew Elkins, Wendee Martin, Mariel Pereira
- 7/17- Elizabeth Cronsell, Luis Gaybort, William Johnson, Faith Plank
- 7/18- Dominic Ayon, Sophia Campanella, Nadia Kitoti
- 7/19- Denise Dudley, Elizabeth Perez
- 7/20- Rene' Garcia, Linda Schisler, Jennifer Williams



June Holt, 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)

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: ONLY LOVE COUNTS

"'Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?' He answered, 'The one who treated him with mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" (Lk 10:36-37)

WORD OF LIFE

The parable of the Good Samaritan places before us a classic example of what Jesus considers a model of good behavior. In addition, this parable has a second lesson since the protagonist was a "Samaritan;" a man belonging to a race despised by those who considered themselves the "Chosen People." The lesson is simple: you are the "Chosen People" only if you love. Love cannot be replaced even by prayer and the sacraments when what God is asking you, at any given moment, is to help your neighbor. Praying, receiving communion, and going to confession are manifestations of that love, but they cannot be considered the only expressions of love, especially not at the expense of forgetting about the needs of others.

But there is one more lesson in this parable, and it is addressed to those who analyze their conscience from the perspective of not committing sin, of not doing evil. They tend to forget that there is a very subtle but very frequent sin: that of omission. Neither the priest nor the Pharisee had done anything wrong to that beaten man. However, the Lord did not set them up as a model of behavior for His disciples. He who can do good and does not do so commits a sin, an even greater sin, because of the greater need of his neighbor. Christ does not ask us to solve the world's problems, but He does ask us to contribute our little bit, no matter the effort, so that those problems are solved. We must not forget that love is a command, the duty of the Christian.

<u>Purpose</u>: When you notice that someone needs help, come to his aid with all your strength, without getting overwhelmed, but being aware that Christ is present in your neighbor in need and that He awaits you there.

DOMINGO XV DEL TO: "SOLO VALE EL AMOR"

"¿Cuál de estos tres te parece que se portó como prójimo del que cayó en manos de los bandidos?. El letrado contestó: El que practicó la misericordia con él. Le dijo Jesús: Anda, haz tú lo mismo" (Lc 10, 29-37).

PALABRA DE VIDA

La parábola del buen samaritano nos pone ante los ojos un ejemplo clásico de lo que Jesús considera un buen modelo de comportamiento. Esa parábola tenía, además, una segunda lectura, pues el protagonista era "samaritano", un hombre perteneciente a una raza despreciada por los que se consideraban el "pueblo elegido". La lección es sencilla: se es "pueblo elegido" sólo si se ama. El amor no puede ser sustituido ni siquiera por la oración y los sacramentos, cuando lo que Dios pide en un momento concreto es que se ayude al prójimo. Rezar, comulgar o confesarse son una manifestación de ese amor, pero no pueden considerarse como las únicas expresiones del amor, sobre todo a costa de olvidar las que hacen referencia a las necesidades del prójimo.

Pero hay otra enseñanza más en la parábola, y va dirigida a aquellos que analizan su conciencia desde la perspectiva de no cometer pecados, de no hacer el mal. Suelen olvidar que hay un pecado muy sutil pero muy frecuente: el de omisión. Ni el sacerdote ni el fariseo le habían hecho nada malo a aquel hombre apaleado. Sin embargo, el Señor no los puso como modelo de comportamiento para sus discípulos. El que puede hacer el bien y no lo hace, comete un pecado, tanto mayor cuanta más grande es la necesidad de ayuda que tiene el prójimo. Cristo no nos pide que resolvamos los problemas del mundo, pero sí que pongamos nuestro grano de arena, incluso con esfuerzo, para que esos problemas sean resueltos. Amar, no hay que olvidarlo, es un mandamiento, un deber para el cristiano.

<u>Propósito</u>: Cuando veamos a alguien que necesita ayuda socorrerle con todas nuestras fuerzas, sin agobiarnos, pero siendo conscientes de que Cristo está en el prójimo necesitado y nos espera.



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Welcome Father Estrada

Fr. EDER ESTRADA MUÑOZ, FM.

Born on July 9, 1982, in El Banco Magdalena, Colombia. Father Estrada was baptized on June 19, 1983, in the parish of Our Lady of "La Candelaria", in the Banco Magdalena, Colombia. His parents are Otoniel Estrada Tovar and Beatriz Muñoz Cera, and he is the oldest of 5 children: Luis Carlos, Cristian, Adriana, and Jorge.

Before discovering his religious vocation, he studied Civil Engineering and graduated as an Engineer, working in that profession for a period of time. Father Estrada soon discovered that he had not really achieved the goal of happiness in that work, nor had he found happiness in material things. This is when the stirrings of a vocation to the priesthood first started, a restlessness that made him ask God for the first time what His plan was.

After attempts to find an explanation for his restlessness and seek spiritual help from some priests, the religious family of the "Franciscans of Mary" came into his life, and he decided to leave everything behind to live this experience. He resigned from his job and joined the Franciscans of Mary in 2008. Since then, he has become part of this Catholic family, where he has discovered that only God can make us fully happy and that He deserves the best because He has loved us to the utmost.

Father Estrada pursued his theological studies at the Ecclesiastical University of San Damaso in Madrid, Spain. On June 6, 2013, he received from God the gift of being ordained as His priest. He began his Ministry in Madrid and also completed a six-month Mission in Mexico before moving to Coatesville, Pennsylvania, where he served as pastor of Saint Joseph Church from June 2016 to June 2025.

"I am a priest of Christ, of His Church, and a missionary of gratitude."



Thank You!

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Spanish Weekday Masses- Monday and Thursday at 7pm. (Exposition and Holy Hour start at 5:30pm followed by Rosary at 6:30pm)
Saturday- Vigil 5:00 pm; 7pm Spanish in Jesup Sunday- 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish); 2:00pm Spanish in Jesup.

We'd like to Thank all of our volunteers who help with the linen ministry, altar flowers, the garden, and our Ushers. We greatly appreciate all the work you do to help keep our Parish running smoothly!

JUBILEE

YEAR FOR THE

FRANCISCANS OF MARY

FROM JANUARY 10, 2025 TO JANUARY 10, 2026



FIRST

FULFILL THE PREREQUISITES

(PAUL VI, NORMAS, 1967)

- 1. Sacramental Confession
- 2. Reception of Holy Communion
- 3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father a. (Praying an Our Father and a Hail Mary for his intentions)
- 4. Detachment from all sin, even venial.

SECOND

PERFORM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WORKS GRANTED A PLENARY INDULGENCE

(FROM PENITENCIARÍA APOSTÓLICA, 2025)

During the Jubilee Year, in particular on the 10th of each month

- By making a pilgrimage to one of the Franciscans of Mary's churches and praying the Nicene Creed and Our Father.
- 2. By praying the four mysteries of the Rosary of Thanksgiving
- 3. By participating in three sessions of the School of Gratitude in any given month
- 4. By performing any Corporal Work of Mercy: Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Shelter the homeless. Clothe the naked. Visit the sick. Visit the imprisoned. Bury the dead.
- 5. By performing any Spiritual Work of Mercy:
 Instruct the ignorant. Counsel the doubtful.
 Admonish the sinner. Forgive offenses. Comfort
 the sorrowful. Suffer with patience the defects
 of others. Pray for the living and the dead.
- 6. By donating a yearly scholarship for the formation of a future priest.

Those who are sick or physically not able to participate may benefit from the gift of a plenary indulgence by offering their suffering to the Lord or by performing some pious practice

AÑO JUBILAR PARA LOS

FRANCISCANOS DE MARÍA

DEL 10 DE ENERO DE 2025 AL 10 DE ENERO DE 2026



PRIMERO

CUMPLIR LOS PREREQUISITOS

(PABLO VI, NORMAS, 1967)

- 1. La Confesión Sacramental
- 2. Recepción de la Sagrada Comunión
- Rezar por las intenciones del Santo Padre (Rezar un Padrenuestro y un Avemaría por sus intenciones)
- 4. Desprendimiento de todo pecado, incluso venial.

SEGUNDO

REALIZAR CUALQUIERA DE LAS SIGUIENTES OBRAS CONCEDIDAS UNA INDULGENCIA PLENARIA

(DE PENITENCIARÍA APOSTÓLICA, 2025)

Durante el Año Jubilar, en particular el día 10 de cada mes

- Peregrinando a una de las iglesias de los Franciscanos de María y rezando el Credo Niceno y el Padre Nuestro
- 2. Rezando los cuatro misterios del Rosario de acción de gracias.
- 3. Participando en tres sesiones de la Escuela de Gratitud en un mes determinado.
- 4. Realizando cualquier Obra Corporal de Misericordia: Dar de comer al hambriento. Dar de beber al sediento. Albergar a los sin techo. Vestir al desnudo. Visitar a los enfermos. Visita a los presos. Enterrar a los muertos.
- 5. Realizando cualquier Obra de Misericordia
 Espiritual: Instruir al ignorante. Aconsejar al
 dudoso. Amonestar al pecador. Perdonar las
 ofensas. Consolar a los tristes. Sufre con
 paciencia los defectos de los demás. Reza por
 los vivos y por los muertos.
- Donando una beca anual para la formación de un futuro sacerdote.

Los que están enfermos o físicamente no pueden participar pueden beneficiarse del don de la indulgencia plenaria ofreciendo su sufrimiento al Señor o realizando alguna práctica piadosa.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." (Dt 30:14)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1:15)

Gospel:

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. (Lk 10:25)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Everyone is our neighbor — those we love and those we can't stand, the people we agree with and the people whose opinions we hate. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must not only see ourselves in every person we meet — we must see him, too.

Observances for the week of July 13, 2025

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

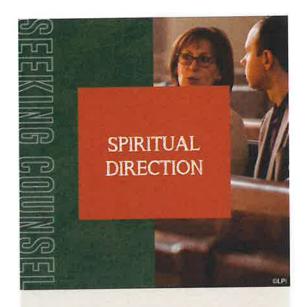
Monday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Spiritual direction is the practice of seeking counsel from someone who is learned in the faith for the purpose of discerning the will of God in one's life.

Prayer for Charity

Give me the grace, Lord, to truly see those around me: the overlooked, the uncomfortable, the odd and disliked. Your kingdom is one of belonging, help us to be the types of neighbors who see and respond with Godly generosity.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 13, 2025

Sunday:

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday:

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/ Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday:

Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/ Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday:

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/ Mt 11:25-27

Thursday:

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday:

Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:

Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday:

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/ Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— Father John Muir

Starting July 19th the Knights of Columbus will begin a Discount card fundraiser to help offset the costs of the new lights. Each Discount card costs \$20 and allows you to present it to 14 local businesses for discounts for the next year. They will be for sale after all the Masses and can be purchased in the office during normal business hours.

(A Sample of the cards is below.)





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:		



Weekly Offertory - June 29

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

Offertory	\$5,834
Building Fund	\$190
Online Giving	\$1,104
Total	\$7,128
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Light Fixtures	Raised:



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:

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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.



Address:

Video links:

English: https://youtu.be/OtWIjZwg8HQ

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



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:			

Parish Staff

Pastor:

Fr. Eder Estrada, FM

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Fr. Modeste Seloukou, FM

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Parish Council President:

Tom Wing

Office Hours:

Tues-Thurs: 9AM-2PM

Gift Shop Hours:

July TBD

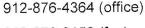
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Mass Times

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Sunday- 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish), 2:00pm Spanish in Jesup. Confession- Weekdays during Holy Hour, Saturday 4:15-4:45pm & By

Appointment.

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.

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. Please contact the Office for scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick

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