



CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN



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SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JESUS ENTERED
A VILLAGE
WHERE MARTHA
WELCOMED HIM.

LUKE 10:38

St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

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

August 4th - 7p – Knights of Columbus Meeting – Anyone interested in becoming a KOC, or existing members please attend the monthly meeting to discuss upcoming plans.

August 5th - 7p – Grief Support Meeting - Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.

August 9th - 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.

August 11th – 5:30p – Respect Life meeting – Please join us for a general meeting. All are welcome!

August 14th - 1p - St. Vincent DePaul meeting – Join us for our monthly meeting to discuss the upcoming Holiday's and our pantries goals to help the community.

August 16th – 17th – 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.

DATE	MASS TIME	MASST INTENTIONS
Mon. 7/21	7:00PM	To reduce racism ~Atiana Surage
Tues. 7/22	12:00PM	†Souls of the Farace Family ~Pat & Wendy Farace
Weds. 7/23	12:00PM	†Soul of Pablo Lopez ~Ermelinda Mercado
Thurs. 7/24	12:00PM	†Soul of Eric Johanson Sr. ~Eric & Rita Johanson
Thurs. 7/24	7:00PM	To reduce the crime rate throughout America ~Atiana Surage
Sat. 7/26	5:00PM	†Souls of the Ganaway Family ~Al & Berta Ganaway
Sun. 7/27	8:00AM	†Soul of Monica Gonzalez ~Irizarry Family
	10:00AM	Pro Populo ~For the People
	12:00PM	43 rd Wedding Anniversary Blessings Mr. Jose & Mrs. Ermelinda Mercado



7/21- Amy Elkins, Joshua Fejeran, Alfred Wing

7/22- Kathryn Keune

7/23- Yza Tria

7/24- Anna Spurgeon

7/25- Kevin Michel, Avery Rose Michel, Jomar Saez

7/26- Nico Elia

7/27- Haidee Bernades



June Holt, 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)

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?"
He replied, "There in the tent."
One of them said, "I will surely return to you about
this time next year,
and Sarah will then have a son." (Gn 18:10)

Psalm:

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:

It is Christ in you, the hope for glory.
It is he whom we proclaim. (Col 1:27-28)

Gospel:

The Lord said to her in reply,
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried
about many things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her." (Lk 10:42)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In life, there are so many "Marthas" — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

Observances for the week of July 20, 2025

- Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi,
Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Wednesday: St. Bridget, Religious
Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
Friday: St. James, Apostle
Saturday: Sts. Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,
27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday:

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: WORK AND PRAY

"The Lord said to her in reply, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.'" (Lk 10:41-42)

WORD OF LIFE

Continuing with last week's theme, both the Gospel and the "Word of Life" now offer us not a parable but the beautiful story of Jesus' stay at the home of Martha and Mary. This text shows us not only two models of women, but also two different ways of behaving before God and His demands, as well as in the face of life itself. One of these models is the anxious and active Martha, and the other one is Mary who prays and listens. From our spirituality of gratitude, precisely because it is based on the imitation of the Virgin Mary, we must try to unite both models because what really matters is for us to express our gratitude to the Lord by loving. Sometimes, loving means praying and attending Mass and, at others, it means working, performing works of charity, and apostolic work.

Out of love, we have to be diligent and hard-working, just as Martha was. At the same time, also out of love, we have to be contemplative, like Mary. He who loves, prays. But, at the same time, he who loves, works. Our life should be spent in search of balance between both things; by listening to what God is asking of us at every moment and by trying to apply the "ora et labora" ("pray and work") of Saint Benedict. It often happens that he who prays also works, while the opposite is not always the case. So, we see people, even representatives of the Church such as some priests, who are very active but have no time for prayer. Therefore, praying is the first step in our apostolate. Knowing, of course, that the second step is service to others. And always and in everything, to love, for praying is loving, fulfilling our duties, and helping the needy.

Purpose: Do not omit personal prayer—not even for a single day—no matter what. Attend Mass daily and go to confession regularly. Be attentive to the needs of those around you.

DOMINGO XV DEL T. ORDINARIO: "ORA ET LABORA"

"El Señor le contestó: 'Marta, Marta: andas inquieta y nerviosa con tantas cosas; sólo una es necesaria. María ha escogido la parte mejor y no se la quitarán.'" (Lc 10, 38-42)

PALABRA DE VIDA

Continuando con el tema de la semana anterior, el Evangelio, y con él la "palabra de vida", nos propone ahora no una parábola sino el hermoso relato de la estancia de Jesús en casa de Marta y María. Este texto nos muestra no sólo dos modelos de mujer, sino dos maneras diferentes de comportarse ante Dios y ante sus exigencias, así como ante la vida misma. Uno de esos modelos es la Marta inquieta y activa, y el otro es la María que reza y escucha. Desde nuestra espiritualidad del agradecimiento, precisamente porque está basada en la imitación de la Virgen María, tenemos que intentar unir los dos modelos, porque lo que de verdad nos importa es amar para expresar el Señor nuestra gratitud.

Lo que pasa es que amar significa en unas ocasiones rezar e ir a misa y, en otras, trabajar y hacer obras de caridad o de apostolado. Por amor habrá que ser diligente y laborioso, como lo fue Marta. a la vez, también por amor, habrá que ser contemplativo, como María. El que ama, reza. Pero, a la vez, el que ama trabaja. Nuestra vida tiene que transcurrir en la búsqueda del equilibrio entre ambas cosas, escuchando lo que Dios nos pide en cada momento e intentando aplicar aquel "ora et labora" de San Benito. Por otro lado, suele suceder que el que reza también trabaja, mientras que no siempre ocurre lo contrario. Así, vemos a personas, incluso representativas de la Iglesia como algunos sacerdotes, que son muy activos pero que no tienen tiempo para la oración. Orar, por lo tanto, es el paso primero en nuestro movimiento. Sabiendo, eso sí, que el paso segundo es el servicio al prójimo. Y siempre y en todo, el amor. Porque rezar es amar y cumplir con nuestros deberes y ayudar al necesitado también lo es.

Propósito: No dejar la oración personal ni un sólo día, pase lo que pase. Procurar la misa diaria y la confesión frecuente. Estar atentos a las necesidades de los que nos rodean.



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REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Registration for the upcoming Faith Formation Year has begun!

Sign up forms are in the Narthax and can be turned in with payment to the office or to Berta Ganaway. On August 10th from 9a-12p registration forms can be turned in at the Social Hall.

August 17 is first day of classes, this will be a meet and greet with the teachers! Parents and children should be present.

This weekend the Knights of Columbus are beginning 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.)



13498893 FOR FUNDRAISING INFO: 866-543-5483 FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE: 866-701-3473

1000 flowers 20% OFF W/ PROMO CODE: WINNERS WWW.1000FLOWERS.COM	1000 flowers \$1 OFF ANY DINNER PLATTER 157 W GENERAL SCREVEN HWY	Checkers FREE \$4 FRY W/ PUR 147 GENERAL SCREVEN HWY	FIREHOUSE SUBS FREE KIDS MEAL W/ PUR OF COMBO MEAL 556 W OGLETHORPE HWY
magoo's 10% OFF ANY REG MENU PRICED ITEMS 947 OGLETHORPE HWY	marco's LG PIZZA FOR \$11.99 794 E OGLETHORPE	PIZZA HUT 10% OFF TOTAL BILL 801 W OGLETHORPE HWY	POPEYES FREE TWO PIECE DINNER W/ PUR OF 3 PIECE DINNER AND 2 MED DRINKS 615 E OGLETHORPE AVE STATE RD 34
SONIC FREE SINGLE PATTY SONIC CHEESEBURGER W/ PUR OF THE SAME 725 W OGLETHORPE HWY	SURCHEROS FREE DRINK PUR OF ENTREE, GET REG SIZED DRK FOR FREE 715 W OGLETHORPE HWY STE 115	WAYBACK 10% OFF TOTAL PUR 843 W OGLETHORPE HWY #232	ZAXBY'S 10% OFF TOTAL BILL 423 E OGLETHORPE HWY

DISCOUNTS ARE GOOD FOR EQU. CHLDS. SEEN IN LITE. VAL. OF REG. PRICED ITEMS ONLY. OFFERS NOT GOOD WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNT OR COMBO MEALS. ALL DISCOUNTS EXCEPT FOR ALCOHOL. DISCOUNTS GOOD AT PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS ONLY. UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE, THIS FUNDRAISING CARD IS NOT VALID FOR CASH. ALL BUSINESSES MUST COMPLY WITH RULES STATED MAY RESULT IN CARD SEIZURE. OFFERS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. *FREE WINNERS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CLOSURE OF ANY BUSINESS ON CARD.

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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 \$13,085!

Donor Name: _____ Phone: _____

In Honor/In Memory of: _____

PARISH SUPPORT

DONATIONS

Weekly Offertory – July 6

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

Offertory	\$7,072
Building Fund	\$2,387
Online Giving	\$642
Total	\$10,101
Light Fixtures	Raised:
\$20,000 Goal	\$13,085

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

Pastor:

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Office Hours:

Tues-Thurs: 9AM-2PM

Gift Shop Hours:

July TBD

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Mass Times

English Weekday Masses- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12pm.

(Exposition and Holy Hour start at 10:30am followed by Rosary at 11:30am)

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.

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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