



CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN



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SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KNOCK
AND THE DOOR
WILL BE OPENED
TO YOU.

— LUKE 11:9 —

St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

August 1st – First Friday Mass - 12p English and 7p Spanish – There will be Eucharistic Adoration starting an hour and a half before Mass and Rosary will begin thirty minutes before Mass.

August 2nd – 10:30a – First Saturday Rosary – Join us for Rosary in the Church

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.

DATE	MASS TIME	MASS+ INTENTIONS
Mon. 7/28	7:00PM	†Soul of Rivera Robles di Funtos ~Gladys Rivera
Tues. 7/29	12:00PM	Healing for Ione Phillips ~Bonny Carreker
Weds. 7/30	12:00PM	†Soul of Marietta Capapas ~Normita Baluyot
Thurs. 7/31	12:00PM	Healing for Evelyn Collins ~Bonny Carreker
Thurs. 7/31	7:00PM	To eliminate gangs in America ~Atian Surage
Fri. 8/1	12:00PM	†Souls of the Carreker Family ~Bonny Carreker
Fri. 8/1	7:00PM	American's Struggling with Addiction ~Atiana Surage
Sat. 8/2	5:00PM	Health of Edie Righanti ~Dee Eichelberger
Sun. 8/3	8:00AM	†Soul of Monica Gonzalez ~Irizzary Family
	10:00AM	†Souls of the Farace Family ~Pat & Wendy Farace
	12:00PM	Pro Populo ~For the People



7/28- Medjina Augustin

7/29- Christine Johnson, Jesus Keith, Jessenia Ortiz, Alicia Solomon, Regina Walter

7/30- Matthew Benavides, Janet Hartwell, Shelby Wells

8/1- Kaitlyn Rooney, Gloria M. Untiveros

8/2-Gabriel Sonnek

8/3- James Burgos-Cubi, Eli Gonzalez, Jason Townsend



June Holt, Leslie Shaw, Stacy Fletcher, Sandra Powell, Joice Elliott, Laurie Elliott, Doug Walker, Hettie Johnson, Dillion Bovinge, 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)

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?" (Lk 11:9-11)

WORD OF LIFE

The "Word of Life" for this week invites us to be humble before the Lord and to turn to Him with all our needs. Christ encourages us to ask and reminds us that God is Love and that He will always be attentive to our pleas.

However, there are some "buts." The first one is in the very essence of the petition. To ask means to beseech, not to demand. And generally speaking, we do not know how to ask. He who asks does not get angry if the request is not granted, for he knows that he is begging for something to which he has no right. Favors are requested, not demanded. Instead, although it may seem that we are asking, what we actually do is demand, as shown by our behavior when we are not given what we have requested: anger, estrangement from God, blackmail, or even loss of faith. Could it be that God did not grant it because we asked incorrectly? Maybe without realizing it, instead of asking, we were demanding?

The second drawback is that we ask only for material things. How should God feel about this behavior of ours? Wouldn't He be much more willing to help us if He saw that what concerns us, above all else, is holiness? What if we asked God with the same insistence for love of Him and our neighbor as we do for ourselves or our loved ones?

Lastly, the fact that the Lord encourages us to ask does not mean that we should just ask. Without gratitude, the request turns into selfishness and wearies the One Who is being asked for help.

Purpose: Ask with humility, telling God that it is fine if He does not give it to you. Ask for holiness, that is, to be in love with God. Be thankful for everything you have and offer yourself to Him.



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DOMINGO XVI DEL T. ORDINARIO: "PEDID Y SE OS DARÁ"

"Así os digo a vosotros: Pedid y se os dará, buscad y hallaréis, llamad y se os abrirá; porque quien pide recibe, quien busca halla y al que llama se le abre. ¿Qué padre entre vosotros, cuando el hijo le pide pan, le dará una piedra?» (Lc 11, 9-13))

PALABRA DE VIDA

La "palabra de vida" de esta semana nos invita a ser humildes ante el Señor y a acudir a Él mostrándole nuestras necesidades. Cristo nos anima a pedir y nos recuerda que Dios es amor y que está siempre con los oídos abiertos para escuchar nuestras súplicas.

Sin embargo, hay algunos "peros". El primero está en la propia esencia de la petición. Pedir significa rogar, no exigir. Y nosotros no sabemos, por lo general, pedir. El que pide no se enfada si no se le concede lo pedido, pues sabe que está suplicando algo a lo que no tiene derecho. Los favores se solicitan, no se reclaman. En cambio, nosotros, aunque parezca que pedimos, en realidad lo que hacemos es exigir, como demuestra nuestro comportamiento cuando no nos dan lo que hemos pedido: enfados, alejamiento de Dios, incluso chantajes y pérdida de la fe. ¿No será que Dios no te lo concedió porque pedías mal, porque, quizá sin darte tú cuenta, más que pedir exigías?

El segundo inconveniente está en que sólo pedimos cosas materiales. ¿Cómo debe sentirse Dios ante este comportamiento nuestro?. ¿No estaría mucho más dispuesto a ayudarnos si viera que lo que nos preocupa por encima de todo es la santidad? ¿Y si probáramos a pedirle con la misma insistencia tanto el amor a Él y al prójimo como el resto de favores que suplicamos para nosotros o para los nuestros?

Por último, el que el Señor nos anime a pedir no significa que sólo debamos pedir. Sin agradecimiento, la petición se vuelve egoísmo y cansa a aquel al que se le está pidiendo ayuda.

Propósito: Pedir con humildad, diciéndole a Dios que si no nos lo concede no pasa nada. Pedir la santidad, es decir, el estar enamorado de Dios. Agradecer por todo lo que tenemos y ofrecernos.

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Far be it from you to do such a thing,
to make the innocent die with the guilty
so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike!
Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" (Gn 18:25)

Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God. (Col 2:12)

Gospel:

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you." (Lk 11:9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Lord, teach us to pray." The disciples are asking how to approach God, how to communicate with Him. Jesus' answer? Have no fear, and have no embarrassment. God waits at the door. Knock. The conversation is yours to start.

Observances for the week of July 27, 2025

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Wednesday: St. Peter Chrysologus,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Friday: St. Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of July 27, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22,
23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9,
10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday:

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and
8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4,
5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,
17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



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REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



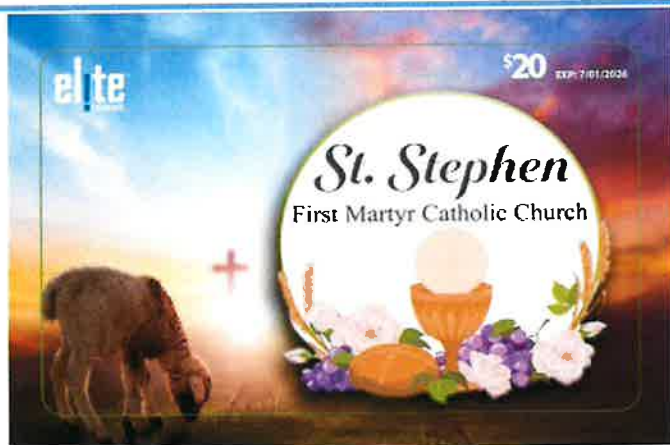
Registration for the upcoming Faith Formation Year has begun!

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 continuing to sell our Discount cards as a fundraiser to 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

flowers 20% OFF W PROMO CODE: WINNERS WWW.1809FLOWERS.COM	1-800 flowers \$1 OFF ANY DINNER PLATTER 107 W GENERAL, SCREVEN HWY	Checkers FREE SM FRY W PUR 147 GENERAL, SCREVEN HWY	FIREHOUSE SUBS FREE KIDS MEAL W PUR OF COMBO MEAL 558 W OGLETHORPE HWY
magoo's 10% OFF ANY REG MENU PRICED ITEMS 967 OGLETHORPE HWY	MACRO'S LG PIZZA FOR \$11.99 755 E OGLETHORPE HWY	PIZZA HUT 20% OFF TOTAL BILL 801 W OGLETHORPE HWY	POPEYES FREE TWO PIECE CHICKEN W PUR OF 3 PIECE DINNER AND 2 MED DRYS 615 E OGLETHORPE AVE, STATE RD 84
SONIC FREE SINGLE PATTY BONG CHESSEBURGER W PUR OF THE SAME 725 W OGLETHORPE HWY	SURCHEROS PUR OF ENTREE, GET REG SIZED DRK FOR FREE 755 W OGLETHORPE HWY STE 115	WAYBACK 15% OFF TOTAL PUR 867 W OGLETHORPE HWY #202	ZAXBY'S 15% OFF TOTAL BILL 853 W OGLETHORPE HWY

DISCOUNTS ARE GOOD FOR EQUAL OR LESS VALUE. VALUE FOR REG. PRICE. EXcludes taxes. OFFERS NOT GOOD WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNT OR COMBO MEALS. ALL DISCOUNTS ARE FOR CASH OR CHECK. DISCOUNTS GOOD AT PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS ONLY. UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE. USE PERMIT REQUIRED. NOT VALID FOR CARRY-OUT. RULES STATED MAY RESULT IN CARD SEIZURE. OFFERS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THESE 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 \$13,110!

Donor Name: _____ Phone : _____
In Honor/In Memory of: _____

PARISH SUPPORT

DONATIONS

Weekly Offertory – July 13

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

Offertory	\$5,390
Building Fund	\$88
Online Giving	\$1,074
Total	\$6,552
Light Fixtures	Raised:
\$20,000 Goal	\$13,110



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/ststephenshinesville>



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:

Fr. Eder Estrada, FM

Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Modeste Seloukou,
FM

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Diana Young

**Parish Catechetical
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Berta Ganaway
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Parish Council**President:**

Tom Wing

Office Hours:

Tues-Thurs: 9AM-2PM

Gift Shop Hours:

August 2 after Mass &
August 3 9a-12p

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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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