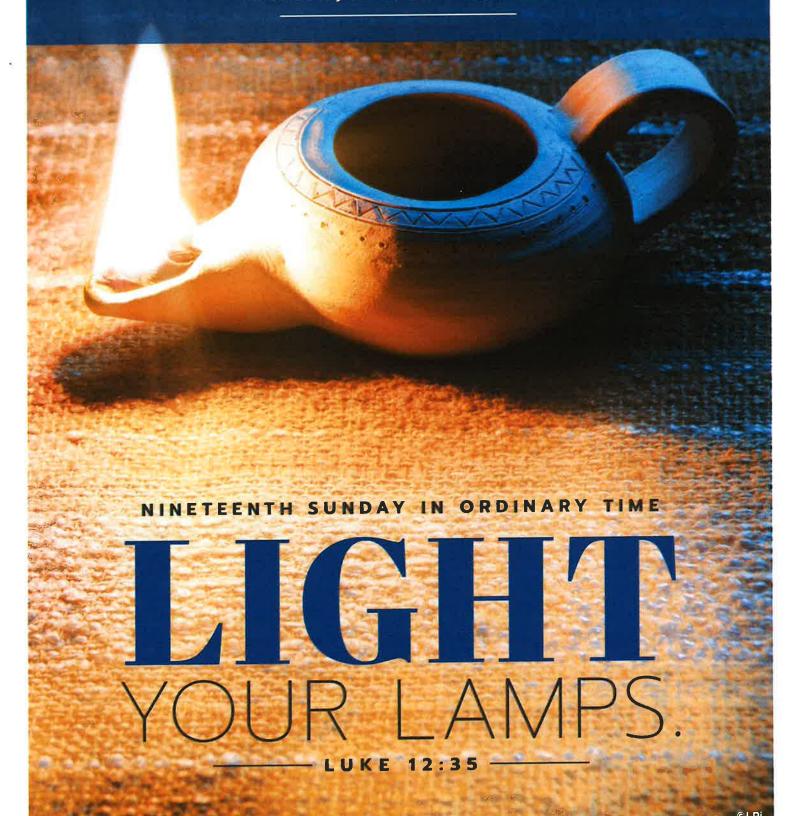


CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025



St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

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 15th – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation - Mass will be in English at 5p and Spanish at 7p.

August 16th – **17**th – **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 17th – **9a** – **Faith Formation Meet & Greet** – Please join us for the First Day of Faith Formation, parents and students should attend to meet the teachers and get important information for the upcoming year! Registration can be done at this time too, but we encourage early registration in the office if possible.

August 19th - **7p** – **Grief Support Meeting** - Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.

DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTIONS
Mon 8/11	7:00PM	†Souls of the Ganaway Family ~Al & Berta Ganaway
Tues. 8/12	12:00PM	†Soul of David Stroud ~Merle Stroud
Weds. 8/13	12:00PM	†Soul of Caroline Thompson ~David & Harriet Paulk
Thurs. 8/14	12:00PM	†Souls of the Farace Family ~Pat & Wendy Farace
Thurs. 8/14	7:00PM	Special Intentions for the Martinez Family ~Mimie Martinez
Fri. 8/15	5:00PM	Special Intentions for the Powell and Carreker Families ~Bonny Carreker
Fri. 8/15	7:00PM	For those living with schizophrenia and mental illnesses ~Douglas Blanchard
Sat. 8/16	5:00PM	†Souls of the Eichelberger, Gasior, Cutlip Families ~Dee Eichelberger
Sun. 8/17	8:00AM	†Souls of Carmen Grant & Anita Mottley ~Henry & Ione Phillips
	10:00AM	Pro Populo ~For the People
	12:00PM	†Soul of Ramon Gomez ~Ms. Conchita



8/11- Carmen Batista, Juan Marrero, Charles Scott, Manuel Vazquez

8/12- Pierre-Gino Daout, LaTonya Jones, Antonio Ong, Sandra Scott, Tracey Springer-Mathis

8/13- Cassandra Berg-Gordon, Edward Leech

8/14- Christian Bello, Trever Smith

8/15- Ian Ayden Diaz Cruz, Song Dushner, Kennedy Kares, Willard Keune, Noah Mattison, Duc Nguyen, Abigail Taylor

8/16- Theresa Joseph

8/17- Steven Jones, Corina Steele, Chastity Van Duynhoven



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)

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: DO NOT BE AFRAID.

"Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." (Lk 12:32)

WORD OF LIFE

There are very few people who are not afraid, maybe only the saints. Those who are having a hard time fear that their situation will never end. Those who are enjoying life are aware that their happiness is fragile and at any moment a misfortune can happen to them. In addition, there is another fear that sometimes assails us, that of our Church being defeated by the forces of evil. For this reason, it is very useful to remember the words of Christ in this Sunday's Gospel: "Do not be afraid, little flock" We should fear neither the present nor the future. If God is with us and we with Him, even if Heaven and Earth tremble, we will be protected even though we don't quite understand what's going on.

However, the trust that the Lord invites us to have must be based on prudence. God is our Protector and He is the Lord of our history, but that does not mean that we can go through life carelessly, making serious mistakes, as if whatever we do will turn out well because we have a Father Who straightens out what we distort. Although God is Almighty and acts throughout history, we must also be responsible for our own actions. In order not to fear, in addition to trusting in God, we must avoid those things that, if they do occur, would fill us with fear. That is Christian prudence. It is not about doing nothing, but about measuring our strength and, above all, about not doing evil, so that we do not leave any debt unpaid.

And, if evil has been done, the first thing to reestablish hope is repentance, followed by confession. The second is to make sure that it does not happen again. Only if we rid ourselves of sin and live in love will we be at peace and without fear.

<u>Purpose:</u> In the midst of trials and tribulations, trust in God and do everything possible so that those problems either do not occur or are resolved legitimately.

DOMINGO XIX DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO: "NO TEMAS"

"No temas, pequeño rebaño, porque vuestro Padre ha tenido a bien daros el Reino." (Lc 12, 32)

PALABRA DE VIDA

Poca gente hay que no tenga miedo. Quizá sólo los santos. Los que lo están pasando mal temen que esa situación no se acabe nunca. Los que disfrutan, son conscientes de que su dicha es frágil y en cualquier momento puede ocurrirles una desgracia. Además, hay otro temor que a veces nos asalta, el de que nuestra Iglesia se vea derrotada por las fuerzas del mal. Por eso, es muy útil recordar las palabras de Cristo en el Evangelio de este domingo: "No temas, pequeño rebaño". No debemos temer ni ante el presente ni ante el futuro. Si Dios está con nosotros y nosotros con Él, aunque tiemblen el cielo y la tierra, estaremos protegidos. Incluso cuando no entendamos bien lo que está pasando.

Sin embargo, la confianza que el Señor nos invita a tener tiene que estar basada en la prudencia. Dios es nuestro protector y él es el Señor de la historia, pero eso no significa que nosotros podamos ir por el mundo de forma despreocupada, cometiendo graves errores, como si hiciéramos lo que hiciéramos todo fuera a salir bien debido a que tenemos un Padre que endereza lo que nosotros torcemos. Si bien Dios es Todopoderoso y actúa en la historia, también nosotros debemos ser responsables de nuestras actuaciones. Para no temer, además de confiar en Dios, debemos evitar aquellas cosas que, de producirse, nos llenarían de miedo. Esa es la prudencia cristiana. No se trata de no hacer nada, sino de medir bien nuestras fuerzas y, sobre todo, de no hacer el mal, para que éste no nos pase luego las facturas que hemos dejado impagadas. Y, si el mal se ha hecho, lo primero para recuperar la esperanza es el arrepentimiento, seguido de la confesión, y lo segundo es poner los medios para que no se vuelva a producir. Sólo si salimos del pecado y vivimos en el amor, estaremos en paz y sin miedo.

<u>Propósito</u>: Confiar en Dios en medio de las tribulaciones y poner los medios para que los problemas no se produzcan o se resuelvan, siempre dentro de la legalidad.



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers.

that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith,

they might have courage. (Wis 18:6-7)

Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)

Gospel:

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Lk 12:48)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are the servants and God is our master. He has told us His will, and given us all that we need to carry out His directions. Do we have the courage to act as our master desires? Do we have what it takes to be stewards of God's grace?

Observances for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Clare, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious **Wednesday:** Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest,

Martyrs

Thursday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr **Friday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Catholics who move to a new place of residence often wish to have their dwelling blessed, to call the favor and help of God upon all those who live in the house and all those who will enter it. The Roman Ritual provides two formats for such blessings.

Prayer for Generosity

God who has gifted me every good thing,

Help me to remember what truly matters.

To treasure love above all else,

and to serve readily.

Amen.



Welcome Father Modeste

Fr. MODESTE SÉLOUKOU BÉDIÉ, FM.

**Identity and origins:

I am Father Modeste SÉLOUKOU BÉDIÉ, a man of faith born on January 8, 1989, in Cameroon. I grew up in a family deeply committed to Christian values and community. Rooted in a rich and diverse culture, I was inspired from a young age by a sense of service and compassion, principles that continue to guide my life and mission.

** Spiritual journey:

As a member of the Franciscans of Mary, I consider myself a missionary of gratitude, driven by the desire to put Christ's love into practice through service toothers. Our mission is to love and make others love Love (God). My priestly vocation was realized with my ordination as a deacon on April 3, 2024, in Guatemala, by Monsignor Víctor Hugo Palma Paul. This momentous occasion in my spiritual life marked the beginning of a mission dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and promoting peace and brotherhood in the world.

** Ordination and commitment:

I was ordained a priest in Cameroon by Monsignor Emmanuel Dassi Youfang, Bishop of Bafia, on August 17, 2024. This consecration reinforced my commitment to the Church and to my religious community. For me, being a priest goes far beyond the celebration of the sacraments: it is a call to embody God's love and mercy in all dimensions of daily life. Hence my ordination motto: "to recapitulate all things in Christ" (Eph 1:10).

School of Gratitude

Father Estrada is hosting a School of Gratitude Thursday's after Mass . Everyone is welcome to join!

Escuela de Gratitud

El Padre Estrada está impartiendo una Escuela de Agradecimiento los lunes después de la Misa. ¡Todos son bienvenidos a unirse!

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
- 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

- 1.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
- 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.
- 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 offening 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
- 3. 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

- 1. 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.
- 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 fisicamente no pueden participar pueden beneficiarse del don de la indulgencia plenaria ofreciendo su aufrimiento al Señor o realizando alguna práctica pladosa.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday:

Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday:

Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/ Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/ Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday:

Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/ Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/ Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag-previously unknown to them-were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— Father John Muir

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Registration for the upcoming Faith Formation Year has begun!

Sign up forms are in the Narthex 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 great with the teachers! Parents and children should be present.

Discount Cards are still available while they last!!!

We are so close to making our goal please help us! 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



Our Light Fixture Fundraiser is going so well!!! We will close out
donations for the "Sponsor a Light" fundraiser August 31st.

Anyone who still wants to make a \$500 Sponsorship to Memorialize or
Honor a loved one should do so by August 31st.



We are open to taking payments towards sponsorship, but arrangements must be made with the Office by August 31st. After this date donations can still be made but the plaque will be sent to the printers at this time and can not be changed. 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 \$17,551!

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



PONATIONS

Weekly Offertory – July 27

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

\$5,044
\$61
\$1,040
\$6,145
Raised:
\$17,551



- 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



PROTECT PROTECT HEAL

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://voutu.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 Please use the form below to register or update yo (We may call you for additional information.)	resident or have recently arrived in our parish -Welcome! our information. You may place this form in the collection basket.
Name:	Phone:

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Tom Wing

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Tues-Thurs: 9AM-2PM

Gift Shop Hours:

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 11:20am)

Spanish Weekday Masses- Monday and Thursday at 7pm.
(Exposition and Holy Hour start at 5:20pm 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 the First Tuesday at 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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