

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ALREADY BLAZING!

— LUKE 12:49 —



## CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN



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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025**

# St Stephen First Martyr

## Upcoming Events:

**August 17<sup>th</sup> – 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 18<sup>th</sup> – 5:30p – Respect Life meeting** – Please join us for a general meeting. All are welcome!

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

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7p – Knights of Columbus Meeting** – Anyone interested in becoming a KOC, or existing members please attend the monthly meeting to discuss upcoming plans.

**September 5<sup>th</sup> – 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.

**September 6<sup>th</sup> – 10:30a – First Saturday Rosary** – Join us for Rosary in the Church

**September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will be held for our Maintenance Fund at all the Masses.**

DATE	MASS TIME	<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>
<b>Mon 8/18</b>	7:00PM	†Soul of Providencio Muniz Vega
<b>Tues. 8/19</b>	12:00PM	†Souls of the Farace Family ~Pat & Wendy Farace
<b>Weds. 8/20</b>	12:00PM	Special Intentions for Denise Ahlgren ~Amy King
<b>Thurs. 8/21</b>	12:00PM	†Soul of Lide Barrett ~Eric & Rita Johanson
<b>Thurs. 8/21</b>	7:00PM	For the Parish Community
<b>Sat. 8/23</b>	5:00PM	Special Intentions for Robin Blanchard & Holly Hegyesi ~Linda Blanchard
<b>Sun. 8/24</b>	8:00AM	†Souls of Joe & Ann Smith ~Mark Pitzen
	10:00AM	†Soul of Joshua Trinidad ~Tirso Elomina
	12:00PM	†Soul of Carlos Muniz Rivera



8/18- Stefania Nepomuceno Cruz

8/20- Nina Dunwoody, Logan lee, Joan McLeod

8/21- Atiana Christian, Constance Fischer, Lorena Rosa

8/22- Helen Walter

8/23- Gudrun Poertner

8/24- Katherine Cubi, Belen Latag, Joshua Mattison, Crystal Young



Tom & Jeannine Wing, 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)



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## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: THE WORST EVIL IS INDIFFERENCE.

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*"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" (Lk 12:49-50)*

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### WORD OF LIFE

The "Word of Life" for this week invites us not to forget that tremendous phrase from the Book of Revelation, when the Lord's envoy is addressing the ancient Churches and tells one of them that "it is neither cold nor hot," adding that those who are similar, the lukewarm, God spits out of His mouth. Perhaps the worst isn't having defects but rather not having virtues. This is the worst sin. The ideal, certainly, is to be irreproachable. But, while we try to attain perfection, let's not forget that perfection will exist only when there are many good deeds in our hands and not when there are no bad deeds in them. Indeed, the worst evil is indifference.

Unfortunately, it is also the most frequent among "good Christians."

Naturally, rejecting indifference does not imply an obligation for us to solve all the problems of the world. We are not that great. But it does oblige us to do what we can, however little that may be. That is the only thing that God expects from us—that we do what we can do and do it well.

Unfortunately, Catholics often seem sleepy, passive, or indifferent, even regarding the very crisis in which the Church is immersed, while members of other denominations or sects are extremely diligent and full of enthusiasm. From the spiritual perspective of gratitude, we must share the Lord's sentiments and desire that the world might know and love Him, that men might realize the greatness of His Divine Love and dedicate themselves to thanking Him, with works of love toward others for what they have received from Him.

**Purpose:** Do all you can to help others. Especially, comply with your apostolate duties. Convey to others a love for God.

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## DOMINGO XX DEL TO: "EL PEOR MAL: LA INDIFERENCIA"

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*"He venido a prender fuego en el mundo: ¡y ojalá estuviera ya ardiendo! Tengo que pasar por un bautismo, y qué angustia hasta que se cumpla" (Lc 12, 49-50)*

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### PALABRA DE VIDA

La "palabra de vida" de esta semana nos invita a no olvidar aquella frase tremenda del Apocalipsis, cuando el enviado del Señor se está dirigiendo a las antiguas Iglesias y le dice a una de ellas que "no es ni carne ni pecado", añadiendo que a los que son como ella, a los tibios, Dios les vomita. Lo peor, quizá, no es tener defectos, sino no tener virtudes. Ese es el peor pecado. Lo ideal sería, ciertamente, ser irreproachable. Pero, mientras intentamos alcanzar la perfección, no olvidemos que esa perfección sólo existirá cuando se tengan muchas obras buenas en las manos y no sólo cuando no existan en ellas obras malas. No en vano, el peor mal es el de la indiferencia. Es, por desgracia, el más frecuente entre los "buenos cristianos".

Naturalmente que, el rechazo a la indiferencia no nos supone la obligación de convertirnos en los solucionadores de todos los problemas del mundo. No somos tan grandes. Pero sí nos obliga a hacer lo que podamos, por poco que sea. Eso es lo único que espera Dios de nosotros, que hagamos bien lo que podemos hacer. Por desgracia, los católicos parecen con frecuencia adormilados, pasivos, indiferentes incluso a la propia crisis en que está sumergida la Iglesia, mientras que miembros de otras confesiones o sectas se muestran enormemente diligentes y llenos de entusiasmo. Desde la perspectiva espiritual del agradecimiento, debemos compartir los sentimientos del Señor y desear, nosotros también, que el mundo le conozca y le ame, que los hombres se den cuenta de la grandeza del amor divino y que se dediquen a agradecerle con obras de amor al prójimo lo que de él han recibido.

**Propósito:** Hacer todo lo que puedo hacer por ayudar al prójimo. Muy en especial, atender los deberes del apostolado, transmitiendo a otros el amor a Dios.



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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

### Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

### Second Reading:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.

## Observances for the week of August 17, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. John Eudes, Priest
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Pius X, Pope
<b>Friday:</b>	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, Explained!

Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, Gregorian chant is a form of sacred music used in liturgical settings and prayer. It has been synonymous with Catholic musical worship since the first millennium.

## Prayer for Bravery

Dear God,  
In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation.  
Amen.

## Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,  
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/  
Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday:

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/  
Mt 22:1-14

### Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,  
8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/  
Mt 23:1-12

### Next Sunday:

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/  
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week.

**"Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51).** He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir



# 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**

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
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
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.
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. Sufrir con paciencia los defectos de los demás. Reza por los vivos y por los muertos.
6. 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.



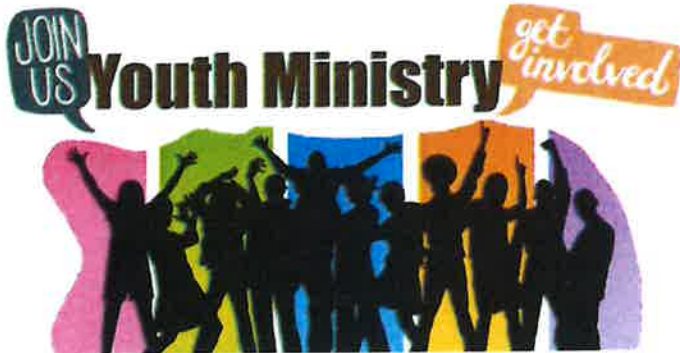


## *School of Gratitude*

*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!*



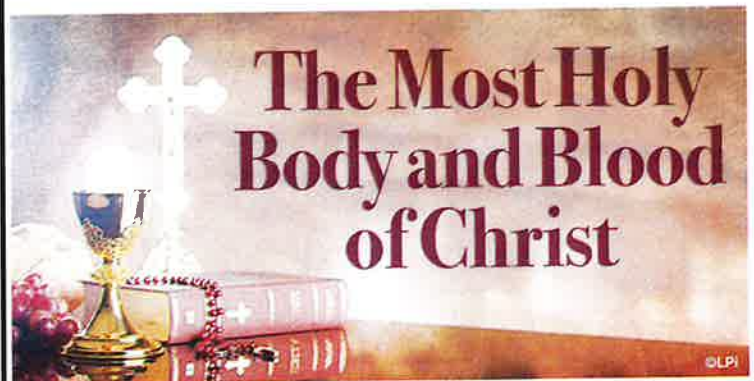
**Thursdays 6-8:30pm**  
**Saint Stephen Social Hall**



**Jueves de 6 -8:30 pm**  
**Salón Social San Esteban**

## ***Guidelines for Receiving the Eucharist***

You are not to eat or drink anything except for water or required medicine, for one hour before actually receiving communion. This is called the Communion or Eucharist fast. It is meant to help us focus on our Lord and what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, candy, mints, etc. during Mass is therefore inappropriate. Both forms for receiving the host are acceptable, in the palm of one hand with the other hand underneath, or on the extended tongue. Extend your hands palm-side up toward the priest and stand as close to the priest as possible when receiving Communion. Never take the host from the priest. After receiving the Eucharist, you say **Amen**. Proper reverence and respect is most important, hands should be reverently folded while waiting to receive the Sacrament.



**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.**



# 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.

**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.)



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<b>YARD FLOWERS</b> 20% OFF IN PROMO CODE WWW.1800FLOWERS.COM	<b>Checkers</b> \$1 OFF ANY DINNER PLATTER 187 W GENERAL SCHOEN JULY	<b>Checkers</b> FREE \$10 FRY W/ PUR 147 CENTRAL SCHOEN JULY	<b>FIREHOUSE SUBS</b> FREE KIDS MEAL W/ PUR OF COMBO MEAL 888 W OGLETHORPE HWY
<b>magoo's</b> 10% OFF ANY REG MENU PRICED ITEMS 667 OGLETHORPE HWY	<b>magoo's</b> LG PIZZA FOR \$11.99 735 E OGLETHORPE	<b>magoo's</b> 30% OFF TOTAL BILL 801 W OGLETHORPE HWY	<b>POPEYES</b> FREE TWO PIECE DINNER W/ PUR OF 3 PIECE DINNER AND 2 BEV DRINKS 615 E OGLETHORPE AVE STATE RD 84
<b>SONIC</b> FREE SINGLE PARTY SONIC CHEESEBURGER W/ PUR OF THE SAME 725 W OGLETHORPE HWY	<b>SURCHEROS</b> PUR OF ENTREE, GET REG SIZED DRK FOR FREE 735 W OGLETHORPE HWY STE 115	<b>WAYBACK</b> 10% OFF TOTAL BILL 863 W OGLETHORPE HWY 8205	<b>WAYBACK</b> 10% OFF TOTAL BILL 863 E OGLETHORPE HWY

DISCOUNTS ARE GOOD FOR 30 DAYS. OFFERS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. OFFERS NOT GOOD WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNT OR COUPON. ALL DISCOUNTS ARE SUBJECT TO A 10% SERVICE CHARGE. DISCOUNTS ARE NOT VALID AT PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS. OFFERS ARE NOT VALID AT ALL LOCATIONS. ALL DISCOUNTS ARE SUBJECT TO A 10% SERVICE CHARGE. OFFERS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THREE WINNERS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CLOSURE OF ANY BUSINESS ON CARD.

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## 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 \$17,671!**

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

# PARISH SUPPORT

## DONATIONS

### Weekly Offertory – August 3

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

Offertory	\$10,287
Building Fund	\$609
Online Giving	\$917
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,813</b>
<b>Light Fixtures</b>	<b>Raised:</b>
<b>\$20,000 Goal</b>	<b>\$17,671</b>

### 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](http://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.*



Video links:  
English: <https://youtu.be/OtWljZwg8HQ>  
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](mailto: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

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**Parish Council****President:**

Tom Wing

**Office Hours:**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:ssfmccprayerministry@gmail.com)

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