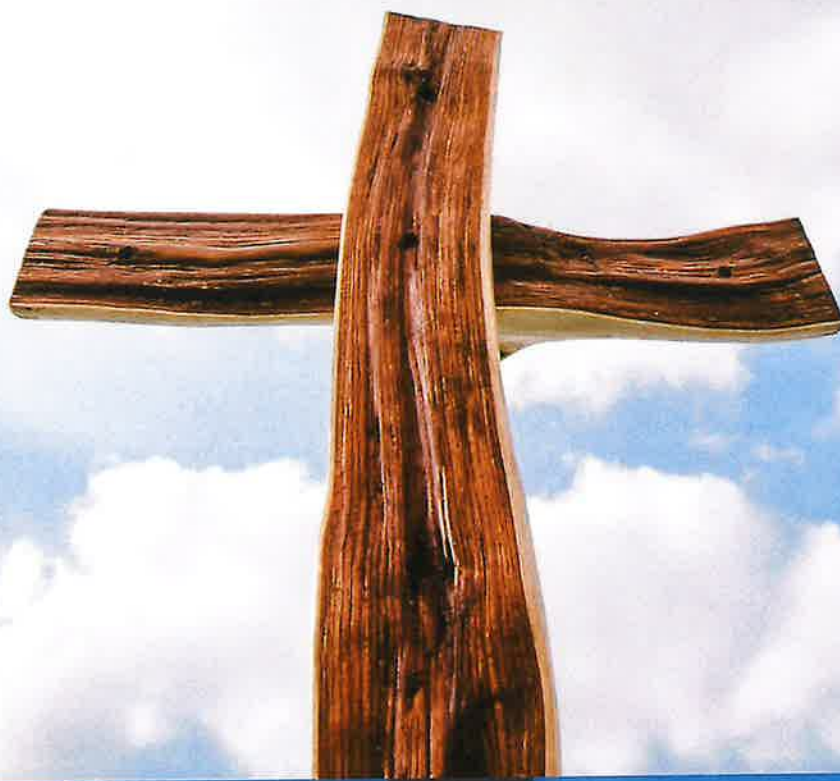


THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

THAT THE WORLD
MIGHT BE
SAVED.

— JOHN 3:17 —



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

St Stephen First Martyr


Upcoming Events:

September 13th - 9:00a - National Day of Remembrance For Aborted Babies - Everyone is welcome to join us/pray the Pro-Life Rosary in the garden!

September 13th - 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.

September 15th – 5p – Respect Life Meeting - Please join us for a general meeting. All are welcome!

September 20-21 – 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	
Sat. 9/13	5:00PM	†Soul of Marcus Barrett ~Rita & Eric Johanson
Sun. 9/14	8:00AM	†Souls of Francisco & Mary Torres ~Henry & Ione Phillips
	10:00AM	†Soul of Joshua Trinidad ~Tirso Elomina
	12:00PM	Pro Populo ~For the People
Mon 9/15	7:00PM	Parish Community
Tues. 9/16	12:00PM	†Soul of Osvaldo Puentes ~Al & Berta Ganaway
Weds. 9/17	12:00PM	Healing for Denise Ahlgren
Thurs. 9/18	12:00PM	†Soul of Ramon Gomez ~ Ms. Conchita
Thurs. 9/18	7:00PM	Parish Community
Sat. 9/20	5:00PM	60 th Wedding Anniversary Blessings Mr. and Mrs. Johanson ~Rita & Eric Johanson
Sun. 9/21	8:00AM	Healing for Amy and Trever Smith ~Bonny Carreker
	10:00AM	†Soul of Joshua Trinidad ~Tirso Elomina
	12:00PM	Pro Populo ~For the People



9/16- Luke Anthony Manglona

9/17- Kimberly Archambault, Keith Steele

9/18- Shawn Gumataotao, John-Thomas Jenkins, Amy Smith

9/20- Glen Jenkinson

9/21- Mateo Nepomuceno Cesareo



Tom & Jeannine Wing, 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, 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 Pecanak, Amy Smith.

(Names remain on the list for 30 days unless notified)

24th SUNDAY IN OT*: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
"LET YOURSELF BE DRAWN IN AND DRAW OTHERS IN"

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." (Jn 3, 14-17).

WORD OF LIFE

God's love is continually manifested in many ways, but the incarnation, suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ, together with his presence in the Eucharist, is the supreme and unsurpassable demonstration of that love. Seeing Christ crucified draws us to him, and in drawing us to him, it touches our hearts and thus gives rise to gratitude, the desire to love more each day the one who has loved us so much. The cross, with the Crucified One nailed to it, is proof of an infinite love that far surpasses any other gift we could receive from God: money, work, health... We often do not understand God's silence, but that silence is actually broken by the crucified Christ. When we see him, we must exclaim: I do not understand why you allow this or that to happen to me, but I do not doubt your love for me, because more valuable than this miracle I ask of you is the fact that you died for me to forgive my sins and open the gates of heaven to me.

And if this happens to us with Christ, it can also happen to others, not only seeing Him crucified, but seeing ourselves when we are suffering and, despite that, we do not despair, we do not become bitter, we do not turn away from Him, and it is from Him that we draw the strength to continue fighting, to forgive, to start again, to love even those who do not deserve it because they have hurt us or are hurting us. In this way, our suffering can become a testimony that draws people not to us, but to Christ, because, as St. Paul said, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." This is the best example we can give to our family members when they are far from God.

Purpose: Contemplate the Crucified One, thank Him for His love, and allow yourself to be drawn to Him. Unite yourself to Him in your own cross to bear witness that with Christ you can be happy even when you are suffering.



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* Ordinary Time

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DOMINGO XXI DEL TO*: "DÉJATE ATRAER Y ATRAE"

"Lo mismo que Moisés elevó la serpiente en el desierto, así tiene que ser elevado el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que cree en Él tenga vida eterna. Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo, que entregó a su Unigénito, para que todo el que cree en Él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna" (Jn 3, 14-17).

PALABRA DE VIDA

El amor de Dios se manifiesta continuamente y de muchas maneras, pero la encarnación, suplicio, muerte y resurrección de Cristo, junto con su presencia en la Eucaristía, es la demostración suprema e insuperable de ese amor. Ver a Cristo crucificado nos atrae y, al atraernos, nos toca el corazón y así surge en nosotros el agradecimiento, el deseo de amar cada día más a quien nos ha amado tanto. La cruz, con el Crucificado clavado en ella, es la prueba de un amor infinito que supera con creces cualquier otro don que pudiéramos recibir de Dios: dinero, trabajo, salud... No entendemos muchas veces el silencio de Dios, pero ese es en realidad un silencio roto por el Cristo crucificado. Al verle debemos exclamar: no entiendo por qué permites que esto o lo otro me suceda, pero no dudo de tu amor por mí, porque más valioso que este milagro que te pido es el hecho de que Tú hayas muerto por mí para perdonar mis pecados y abrirme las puertas del cielo.

Y si esto nos sucede con Cristo, también puede pasarle a los demás, no sólo viéndole a Él crucificado, sino viéndonos a nosotros mismos cuando estamos sufriendo y, a pesar de eso, no nos desesperamos, no nos amargamos, no nos alejamos de Él y es de Él de quien sacamos las fuerzas para seguir luchando, para perdonar, para volver a empezar, para amar incluso a quien no se lo merece porque nos ha hecho o nos está haciendo daño. De ese modo, nuestro sufrimiento se puede convertir en un testimonio que atraiga, no hacia nosotros, sino hacia Cristo, porque, como dijo San Pablo: "Todo lo puedo en aquel que me conforta". Este es el mejor ejemplo que podemos dar a los de nuestra familia cuando están lejos de Dios.

Propósito: Contempla al Crucificado, dale las gracias por su amor y déjate atraer por Él. Únete a Él en tu propia cruz para ser testigo de que con Cristo se puede ser feliz incluso cuando se está sufriendo.



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HARVEST of HOPE

COSECHA de ESPERANZA

WE PRAY TOGETHER

Heavenly Father, who in Your providence have brought us together at this time and in this place, we ask You to guide, inspire, and bless our Diocese of Savannah and the Harvest of Hope campaign.

Provide us, Your children, with the rich soil of faith, hope, and love, that the seeds we are planting now will bear abundant fruit for generations.

As we work together for the full coming of Your kingdom, O Lord, may we find a new way of belonging to You and to one another, rejoicing always in Your generosity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Planting seeds for the future of
the Diocese of Savannah*



The Benefits of Harvest of Hope

PARISH GOAL:

The first funds raised by the parish will fulfill our 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Once the parish Appeal is met, 50% of all funds raised up to our \$247,268 parish goal will remain in the parish. After the parish goal is surpassed, 70% of all new funds will come back to parish!

DIOCESAN CASE:

With God's blessing and the support of the faithful, the diocesan-wide Harvest of Hope capital campaign will help ensure a lasting legacy for our local Church. Funds raised will:

- create a \$30,000 endowment for every one of our parishes and missions;
- establish endowments for seminarian education, vocations, and evangelization;
- secure funding for a centrally-located tract of land within the diocese; and
- provide for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.

For more information, please contact our campaign director Iris Bodré at 863-940-1483 or ibodre@guidanceingiving.com, OR, in the parish office on Mondays from 4 - 6 pm



**HARVEST
of HOPE**
COSECHA de ESPERANZA

ORAMOS JUNTOS

Padre Celestial, que nos has reunido hoy y aquí en Tu providencia, te pedimos guíes, inspires y bendigas nuestra Diócesis de Savannah y la campaña Cosecha de Esperanza.

Otorga Señor a Tus hijos, el terreno rico de la fe, esperanza y el amor, para que las semillas que sembramos hoy den frutos abundantes para las generaciones venideras.

Mientras trabajamos juntos por la venida plena de Tu reino, Señor, que encontremos una nueva forma de ser para Ti y para los demás, regocijándonos siempre en Tu generosidad.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.

*Sembrando semillas para el futuro de
la Diócesis de Savannah.*



**Proyectos de la campaña
Cosecha de Esperanza**

META PARROQUIAL:

Los primeros fondos recaudados por la parroquia cubrirán nuestra Campaña Católica Anual de 2025. Una vez que se alcance la meta, el 50% de los fondos recaudados hasta alcanzar nuestra meta parroquial de \$247,268 permanecerá en la parroquia. Una vez superada la meta, el 70% de los nuevos fondos regresarán a la parroquia.

CASO DIOCESANO:

Con la bendición de Dios y el apoyo de los fieles, la campaña diocesana Cosecha de Esperanza ayudará a asegurar un legado para nuestra Iglesia local. Los fondos recaudados servirán para:

- crear un fondo patrimonial de \$30,000 dólares para cada una de nuestras parroquias y misiones;
- establecer fondos patrimoniales para la educación de los seminaristas, las vocaciones y la evangelización;
- comprar terreno céntrico en la diócesis; y
- apoyar la Campaña Católica Anual 2025.

Los primeros fondos recaudados serán destinados a la Campaña Católica Anual de 2025. Una vez que se cumpla la Campaña Católica Anual, el 50% de todos los fondos recaudados hasta la meta de la campaña permanecerán en nuestra parroquia. Una vez que se haya superado la meta parroquial, el 70% de todos los nuevos fondos permanecerán en la parroquia.

Para más información, póngase en contacto con nuestra directora de la campaña Iris Bodré en el 863-940-1483, ibodre@guidanceingiving.com o en la oficina de la parroquia
lunes de 4 pm a 6 pm.

Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday:

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday:

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday:

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for breakthrough "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.

Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

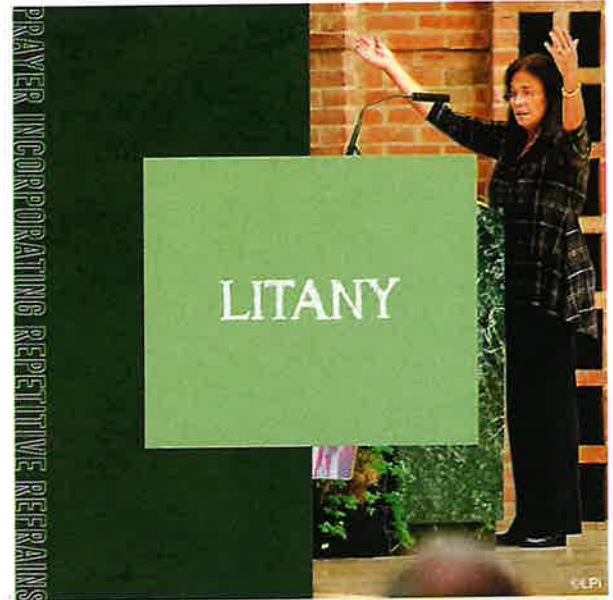
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it.
The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is
what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we
bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we
live the mercy which has saved us?

Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor
Friday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



Devotions, Explained!

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

Prayer of Love

Dear God,
Expand my heart in new ways
today,
to understand the love You have
for me,
to take that love deeply into
myself,
and to act from that love.
Amen.



OUR NEXT ST VINCENT DE PAUL RED WAGON WEEKEND WILL BE SEPTEMBER 20 & 21

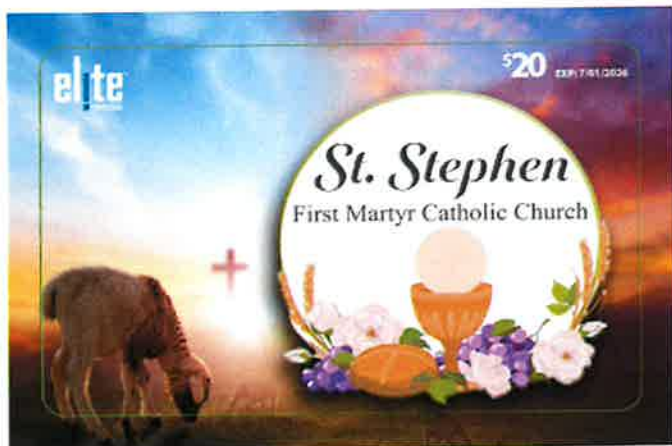
FAMILIES SEEKING FOOD FROM OUR PANTRY CONTINUE TO INCREASE. WE ASK YOUR HELP IN SUPPORTING OUR FOOD PANTRY BY BRINGING ANY NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND PERSONAL HYGEINE ITEMS SUCH AS TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, BATH SOAP, SHAMPOO AND PLACE THEM IN THE WAGON DURING OUR "RED WAGON WEEKEND" OR ANY TIME IN OUR BLUE FOOD COLLECTION BOX NEAR THE SACRED GARDEN GIFT SHOP.

"Thank you for Helping Us to Help Others in Need"

NUESTRO PRÓXIMO FIN DE SEMANA DE ST VINCENT DE PAUL RED WAGON SERÁ EL 20 Y 21 DE SEPTIEMBRE

LAS FAMILIAS QUE BUSCAN ALIMENTOS DE NUESTRA DESPENSA CONTINUÁN AUMENTANDO. LE PEDIMOS SU AYUDA PARA APOYAR NUESTRA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS TRAYENDO ALIMENTOS NO PERECEDEROS Y ARTÍCULOS DE HIGIENE PERSONAL COMO PASTA DE DIENTES, CEPILLOS DE DIENTES, JABÓN DE BAÑO, CHAMPÚ Y COLÓQUELOS EN EL VAGÓN DURANTE NUESTRO "FIN DE SEMANA DEL VAGÓN ROJO" O EN CUALQUIER MOMENTO EN NUESTRA CAJA AZUL DE RECOLECCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS CERCA DE LA TIENDA DE REGALOS EL JARDÍN SAGRADO.

"Gracias por ayudarnos a ayudar a otros necesitados"



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We still have many cards available for purchase! 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 above.)

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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you an adult 18 years of age or older who:

- Has not been baptized, or has been baptized into the Catholic faith but not received the sacraments of confirmation and / or communion?
- Or were baptized in another faith tradition, but are interested in becoming Catholic?
- Or perhaps just want to learn more about your faith?

If so, we have an adult faith formation process starting on Wednesday, 17 September 2025 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The program will meet on Wednesday evenings thereafter at the same time and place until Easter 2026 (April 5th 2026).

If you would like more information regarding this process, please contact Deacon Doug Delzeith at:

Telephone: 912-977-5278 / Email: ddelzeith@yahoo.com

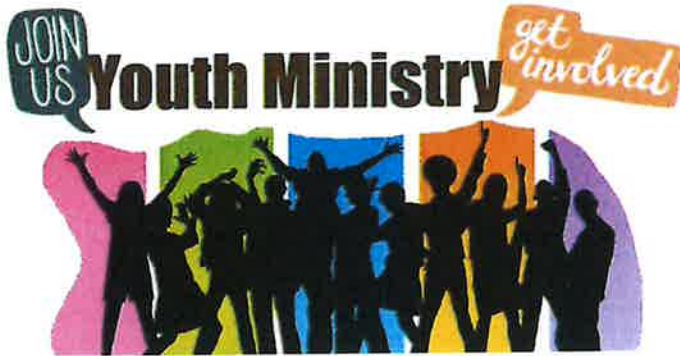
Please note: If you or your spouse are presently married and have had previous marriages: annulments of former marriages must be obtained prior to seeking initiation into the Catholic Church. This is required for Catholics and non-Catholics as well. Please contact Deacon Doug Delzeith at 977-5278 or email: ddelzeith@yahoo.com for more information about the annulment process.

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!



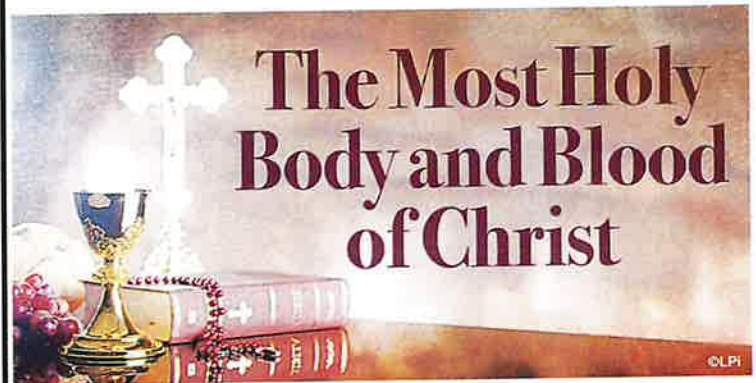
Thursdays 6-8:30pm
Saint Stephen Social Hall



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.

PARISH SUPPORT

DONATIONS

Weekly Offertory – August 31

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

Offertory	\$5,595
Building Fund	\$191
Online Giving	\$1,132
Total	\$6,918

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.

Our Harvest of Hope Campaign will kick off in September! We are so excited for what this means for our Parish! Please see the videos if you haven't already!



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Video links:

English: <https://youtu.be/OtWIjZwg8HQ>

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: _____

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Fr. Modeste Seloukou, FM

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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.

OCIA Classes **Beginning September 17, 2025**** 7-8:30p in Social Hall**

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 Sunday of every month at 1pm and must be completed prior to scheduling baptism date. One Godparent must be an active Catholic and attend class as well. 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

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. An active member is one who is properly registered with the Parish office, regularly gives offertory, attends parish activities when possible and most importantly 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, Godparents, 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.