



SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BUT NOW HE IS
COMFORTED

HERE.

LUKE 16:25

St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

October 3rd - 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.

October 4th - 10:30a – First Saturday Rosary – Join us as we pray the Rosary in the Church.

October 5th – 2-3p - Life Chain – In Honor of Respect Life Month we will host our 26th Life Chain.

Please see information in the bulletin for more details.

October 7th – 1p – Harvest of Hope Reception – Please join us in the Social Hall for an informational reception about the Harvest of Hope. Light refreshments will be served and a discussion about the Bishop's vision for our Diocese and Parish will be held.

October 9 – 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
Sat. 9/27	5:00PM	†Soul of Jose P Cruz ~Carmen Cruz
Sun. 9/28	8:00AM	†Souls of Pitzen Friends and Family ~Mark Pitzen
	10:00AM	†Soul of Joshua Trinidad ~Tirso Elomina
	12:00PM	Pro Populo ~For the People
Mon 9/29	7:00PM	Parish Community
Tues. 9/30	12:00PM	Healing for Frank McCauley ~Bonny Carreker
Weds. 10/1	12:00PM	†Soul of Nereida Gonzalez Flores ~Yanira Torres & Family
Thurs. 10/2	12:00PM	Healing for Steven Carreker ~ Bonny Carreker
Thurs. 10/2	7:00PM	Parish Community
Fri. 10/3	12:00PM	Healing for Susan Leisentrirt
Fri. 10/3	7:00PM	Parish Community
Sat. 10/4	5:00PM	Healing for Denise Ahlgren ~Bonny Carreker
Sun. 10/5	8:00AM	†Soul of Joaquin Castro ~The Lemapu Family
	10:00AM	†Soul of Joshua Trinidad ~Tirso Elomina
	12:00PM	Pro Populo ~For the People



9/29- Joshua Fejeran, Angelina Rosenberg, Mark Lee Schisler, Madison Spurgeon, Jeremy Steele

9/30- Corazon Elomina, Gloria Garcia

10/2- Patrick Caughey, Lourane Phipps, Andrew Wright

10/3- Ashley Cabica, Hector Caraballo Lopez, Ma-Elva Harmon, Lesbia Martinez, Therese Prado

10/4- Chris Beam, DeLeon Madria

10/5- Sara Chambers, Kenneth Le'dee, Chloe Edith Rios



Janice Robertson, Nancy Hill, Tom & Jeannine Wing, June Holt, Leslie Shaw, Stacy Fletcher, Sandra Powell, Joyce Elliott, Laurie Elliott, Doug Walker, Hettie Johnson, Dillion Bovingar, Summer Jones, Robert JoVan, Lounell Scott, David Weeks, Walter Helmick, Andre McCall, Nellie Orta, 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)

26th SUNDAY IN OT: Take Advantage of What Has Been Given to Us

"He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.'" (Lk 16:27-31).

WORD OF LIFE

The parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus can be especially useful for those who say that if they do not see a miracle, they will not convert. In this Gospel's parable, they are given the answer they deserve: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

Actually, life is giving us continual occasions for conversion and gratitude. The proposal of this week's "Word of Life" consists precisely in examining those manifestations of God's love in order to take advantage of what has already been given to us and to fill our hearts with gratitude. We can do so by considering what would happen if we did not have the health we have, even if it is not perfect. Or, what we would do if we were not in the economic situation in which we find ourselves, if our friends stopped loving us, if our loved ones died, or if our family were not a happy household. It is possible that one or more of the things mentioned are missing, and that pain and even bitterness is ruining our lives. We have to remember then that maybe something of what we are lacking now, we did have at one time, and that there are many other things for which we can thank God and our neighbor. If we do not give thanks for what we have been given, what right do we have to complain about what we do not have? Will not our complaints, devoid of gratitude, invite the One, Who has given us everything, to take away what we have left because we value it so little that we do not appreciate it?

Purpose: Examine your motives for gratitude, beginning with God's love. Through your behavior, be consistent with the gratitude due to God and to your neighbor.



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DOMINGO XXVI DEL TO: "Aprovechar lo que nos han dado"

"El rico insistió: 'Te ruego entonces, padre, que mandes a Lázaro a casa de mi padre, porque tengo cinco hermanos, para que, con su testimonio, evites que vengan también ellos a este lugar de tormento'. Abraham le dice: 'Tienen a Moisés y a los profetas: que los escuchen'. (Lc 16, 27-31)"

PALABRA DE VIDA

La parábola del rico Epulón y del pobre Lázaro puede ser especialmente útil para aquellos que dicen que si no ven un milagro no se convierten. En la parábola evangélica se les da la respuesta que merecen: "Si no escuchan a Moisés y a los profetas, no harán caso ni aunque resucite un muerto". En realidad, la vida nos está dando continuas ocasiones para la conversión y para la gratitud. La propuesta de la "palabra de vida" de esta semana va a consistir precisamente en examinar esas manifestaciones del amor de Dios para aprovechar lo que ya nos han dado y, desde ahí, llenar nuestro corazón de gratitud. Lo haremos planteándonos qué ocurriría si no tuviéramos la salud que tenemos, aunque ésta no sea plena. O qué haríamos si no estuviéramos en la situación económica en que nos hallamos, o si nos dejaran de querer nuestros amigos, o fallecieran nuestros familiares, o nuestra familia no fuera un hogar feliz. Es posible que alguna de las cosas citadas, u otras, nos falte y que el dolor e incluso la amargura nos esté arruinando la vida. Debemos recordar entonces que quizá algo de lo que ahora nos falta algún día lo hemos tenido y, además, que hay otras muchas cosas por las que sí podemos agradecer a Dios y al prójimo. Si no damos gracias por lo que nos han dado, ¿qué derecho tenemos a quejarnos por lo que no tenemos?. ¿No serán nuestras quejas, carentes de gratitud, las que inviten a aquel que nos lo ha dado todo a quitarnos lo que nos queda, pues lo valoramos tan poco que no lo agradecemos?.

Propósito: Examinar los motivos de agradecimiento, empezando por el amor de Dios, y ser consecuentes a través de nuestro comportamiento con la gratitud debida al Señor y al prójimo

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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*



Campaign Receptions Begin Soon

WHY A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

The decision to conduct a capital campaign is based on feedback from you, the faithful of the Diocese of Savannah. Born in the Reflect+Renew+Rejoice listening sessions, each portion of the campaign fulfills a need for the diocese now, and plans for our future.

PARISH CASE:

- Update flooring in the Sanctuary
- Rewiring of the Parish Office Building and Social Hall

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.

Please save the dates

October 7th at 1:00 pm

October 11th after the 5:00 pm Mass

October 12th following the 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses
Receptions will take place in the Social Hall

For more information, please contact our campaign director Iris Bodré at
863-940-1483 or ibodre@guidanceingiving.com



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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.



**PRONTO COMIENZAN LA
REUNIONES DE LA
CAMPAÑA**

¿POR QUÉ UNA CAMPAÑA CAPITAL?

La decisión de llevar a cabo una campaña capital se basó en la respuesta de ustedes, los fieles de la Diócesis de Savannah. Nacida en las sesiones de consulta Reflexión+Renovación+Regocijo, cada parte de la campaña resuelve una necesidad actual de la diócesis y también planificará nuestro futuro.

LOS BENEFICIOS DE COSECHA DE ESPERANZA

La campaña Cosecha de Esperanza está estructurada de tal manera que cada parroquia se queda con el 50% de todos los fondos recaudados hasta su meta parroquial una vez que se haya cumplido con la Campaña Católico Anual del 2025. Esto permite a cada parroquia completar las reparaciones, planificar su futuro y mejorar sus diversos ministerios y actividades.

Aquí en San Esteban, sabemos que tenemos una serie de proyectos que necesitan ser completados en los próximos años. Cosecha de Esperanza será parte del crecimiento de la inversión en la parroquia y la cultura de dar mientras comenzamos a subir esta colina.

CASO PARROQUIAL:

- Renovar el piso del santuario
- Reinstalar el cableado del edificio de oficinas parroquiales y salón social

Guarden la fecha y revisan su correos para recibir la invitación.

7 de octubre a las 1:00 pm (en inglés)

12 de octubre, después de la Misa de las 12pm

Las recepciones se llevarán a cabo en el Salón Social

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



DIOCESAN JUBILEE GATHERING

OCTOBER 11, 2025 | SACRED HEART, WARNER ROBINS

FREE – REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Includes Lunch

Adoration • Talks in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese
Live Music • Activities • Exhibit Tables
Fellowship • Relics • Mass with Bishop Parkes
Fun for the whole family – activities for all ages!

Emcees: Fr. Kevin O'Keefe and Fr. John Johnson

Keynote Speakers: Fr. Brian O'Shaughnessy
and Mother Adela Galindo, SCTJM

Exhibit Tables: Apply to set up a table at the event: for parishes, ministries, groups, religious businesses, religious shops, and more!

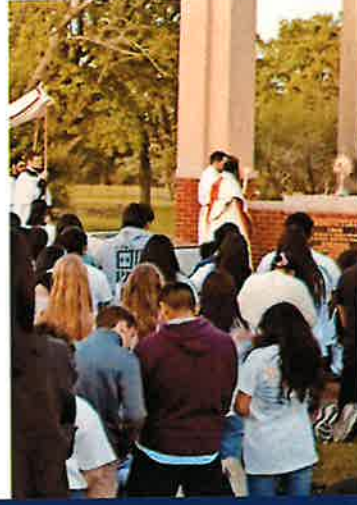
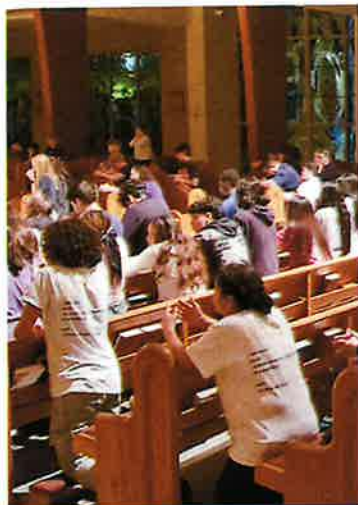
Procession Banners: Parishes, ministries, and Catholic groups are invited to apply to carry a banner in the opening procession leading into Adoration



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To view the schedule, register to attend, set up an exhibit table, or carry a procession banner, scan the QR code or visit
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CELEBRACIÓN JUBILAR DIOCESANA

11 DE OCTUBRE DEL 2025 | SACRED HEART, WARNER ROBINS

GRATIS – DEBE REGISTRARSE

Almuerzo Incluido

Adoración • Pláticas en inglés, español, y vietnamita
Música en Vivo • Actividades • Mesas de Exhibición
Convivencia • Reliquias • Misa con el Obispo Parkes
¡Diversión para toda la familia – actividades para todas las edades!

Maestros de Ceremonia: Padre Kevin
O'Keefe y Padre John Johnson
Predicadores: Padre Brian O'Shaughnessy
y Madre Adela Galindo, SCTJM

Mesas de Exhibición: Aplica para tener una mesa: ¡para parroquias, ministerios, grupos, negocios de artículos religiosos, tiendas religiosas, y más!

Pancartas para la Procesión: Parroquias, ministerios, y entidades católicas pueden registrarse para participar con su pancarta en la procesión de apertura que dará inicio con la Adoración



Para ver la agenda, registrarse para asistir, tener una mesa de exhibición, o tener una pancarta para la procesión, escanee el código QR o visite **diosav.org/10-11**



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,
and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,
devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

Gospel:

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses
and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from
the dead.' (Lk 16:31)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The rich man had a chance, every day
of his life, to choose righteousness. But
righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He
discovered too late that the only time we
have to follow God is now. Here. This moment.
Will we take our chance?

Observances for the week of September 28, 2025

- Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday
- Monday:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- Tuesday:** St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** The Holy Guardian Angels
- Saturday:** St. Francis of Assisi
- Next Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday

Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday:

Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Monday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday:

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday:

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday:

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday:

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday:

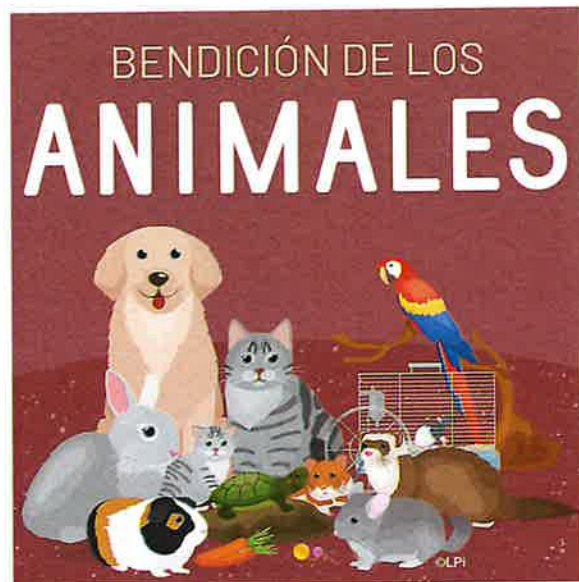
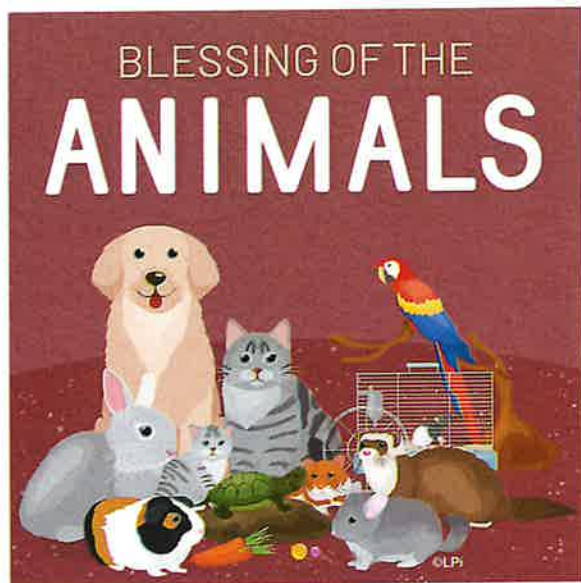
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/
Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday:

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



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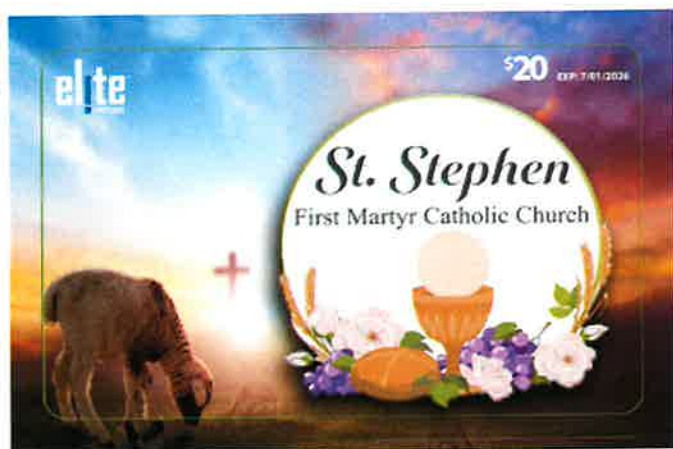


October 4th at 2:30p bring your pets for a special blessing!

On the Feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, he is the patron saint of the environment and animals.

¡4 de octubre a las 2:30 p.m., traiga a sus mascotas para una bendición especial!

En la fiesta de San Francisco de Asís, conocido por su profundo amor por la naturaleza y los animales, es el santo patrón del medio ambiente y los animales.



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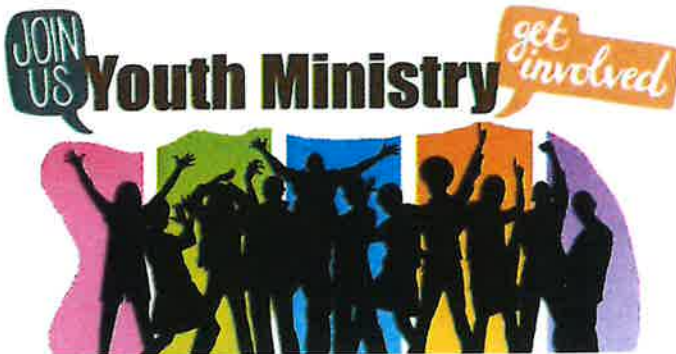
We still have many cards available for purchase! They will be for sale after all the Masses and can be purchased in the office during normal business hours.
(A Sample of the cards is above.)

School of Gratitude

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

Escuela de Gratiud

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



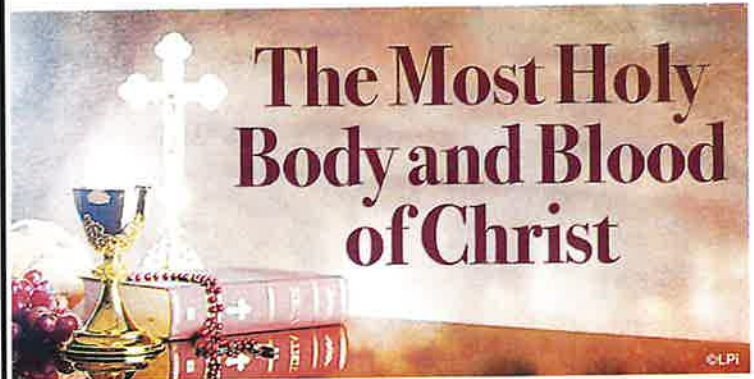
Thursdays 6-8:30pm
Saint Stephen Social Hall



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

Guidelines for Receiving the Eucharist

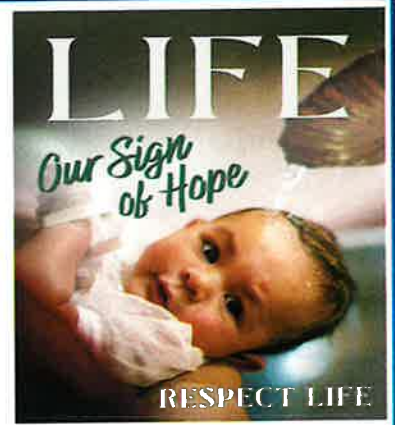
You are not to eat or drink anything except for water or required medicine, for one hour before actually receiving communion. This is called the Communion or Eucharist fast. It is meant to help us focus on our Lord and what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, candy, mints, etc. during Mass is therefore 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.

October Respect Life Month
Life Chain October 5th @1:45-3:00



The National Life Chain is held on the first Sunday of October, this is known as Respect Life Sunday! For 26 years, we've participated!

We will meet at Carter's Funeral home, next to Bojangles at 1:45. We pray, distribute signs and stand silently for 1 hour in prayer. Christians ALL across America are standing with us in SUPPORT of Life at the same time.

Please join us as we Reflect the Gift of Life to others. We never know if we make a Difference in someone's life considering an abortion, hopefully, we do!!



Sign-up sheets and flyers with additional information are at the Respect Life Display after all the Masses. Members available for questions!

See you at the LIFE CHAIN.

Respect Life Ministry

THANK YOU
GRACIAS

National Day of Remembrance Successful

Thank you to everyone who attended the National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children, Saturday, September 13!

This was our largest attendance in 3 years.

We had 26 adults , including Ft. Stewart ladies, in attendance. as well as 5 Youth from our Youth Ministry. The Youth helped set-up/take down our chairs and had previously helped clean our Memorial/garden!!!

Thank you to everyone for helping make this event so successful!

Respect Life Ministry, St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 912-876-4364

PARISH SUPPORT

DONATIONS

Weekly Offertory – Sept. 14

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

Offertory	\$5,149
Building Fund	\$132
Online Giving	\$584
Total	\$5,865

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.

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/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

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**Parish Council
President:****Office Hours:**

Mon: 9AM-6PM

Tues-Thurs: 9AM-2PM

Gift Shop Hours:

Sept 27-28

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GIFT SHOP

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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 Wednesday Evenings: 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.