

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH

THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED.

— LUKE 17:6 —



SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

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St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

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

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.

October 11th - 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.

October 11 & 12th – After Mass – 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.

DATE	MASS TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
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
Mon 10/6	7:00PM	†Souls of the Rosa Sierra Family ~Ana Garcia
Tues. 10/7	12:00PM	Blessings for Deacon Doug's Birthday ~Pat Delzeith
Weds. 10/8	12:00PM	Healing for Janice Robertson ~Willard Keune
Thurs. 10/9	12:00PM	†Soul of Cecila Orot Nelson ~Carmen Cruz-Lanner
Thurs. 10/9	7:00PM	†Soul of Ramonita Robles ~Gladys Rivera
Sat. 10/11	5:00PM	Healing for Renee Millner ~Michele Hendricks
Sun. 10/12	8:00AM	†Soul of Edward Hoffman Sr. ~Fr. Tom Whitman
	10:00AM	†Soul of Joshua Trinidad ~Tirso Elomina
	12:00PM	Pro Populo ~For the People



10/6- Daniel Fischer, Marie-Therese Gilbert, Santiago Robles

10/7- Deacon Douglas Delzeith, Natalia Rosa

10/8- Nilo Andes

10/9- Sophia Montejano, Leandro Sua

10/10- Ignacio Montejano

10/11- Maria Crowe, Juanita Jimenez, Peter Neufell, Jessabel Torres

10/12- Reinaldo Osorio



Janice Robertson, Nancy Hill, Tom & Jeannine Wing, June Holt, Leslie Shaw, Stacy Fletcher, Sandra Powell, Joyce Elliott, Laurie Elliott, Doug Walker, Hettie Johnson, Dillion Bovinger, 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 Pecenek, Amy Smith.

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

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Faith

Translated into Actions

"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.'" (Lk 17:5-6).

WORD OF LIFE

Generally, faith is understood to be trust in and acceptance of some intellectual mysteries that we do not fully understand. That is, certainly, an aspect of faith. For example, from this perspective, we may say correctly that we have faith in the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity or in the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist.

But having faith not only means believing in something, but more than that, it also means loving something, wanting something, and fighting for something. However, there are too many Orthodox Christians, even in this time of crisis, who do not live a life consistent with their faith and certainly do not stand up for it. "Lord, help me to love you, increase my strength so that I may be willing to lay down my life for you. Enlighten me that I may love you more." This should be our prayer this week so that our faith will not be dead, but will be transformed into life.

That is the aspect of faith that Jesus invites us to strengthen with this Gospel. A faith that fills us with courage and makes us capable of facing adversity because we are sure that the Lord is with us. Because, in the end, the real defeat is not given to us by our enemies, but rather by ourselves when, due to lack of faith, we give up fighting for our principles. We may lose many battles and find ourselves reduced to an insignificant minority, but we will not lose the war as long as we do not stop fighting. Defeat will only occur if we believe that it is not worth the fight or that God's strength is not on our side.

Purpose: Ask God for faith in His strength and in His love, as well as in the Church, and then do what He asks of you, even if it seems that it will be of no use.

DOMINGO XXVII DEL TO: Una fe que se traduzca en valor

"Los apóstoles dijeron al Señor: 'Auméntanos la fe'. El Señor contestó: 'Si tuvierais fe como un granito de mostaza, diríais a esa morera: 'Arráncate de raíz y plántate en el mar', y os obedecería'". (Lc 17, 5-6)

PALABRA DE VIDA

Generalmente, por fe se entiende confianza y aceptación de unos misterios intelectuales que no logramos entender del todo. Eso es, ciertamente, un aspecto de la fe. Desde esta perspectiva, decimos con razón que tenemos fe, por ejemplo, en el misterio de la Santísima Trinidad o en la presencia real del Señor en la Eucaristía.

Pero tener fe no significa sólo creer en algo, sino sobre todo significa amar algo, querer algo, luchar por algo. Hay demasiados cristianos ortodoxos, incluso en esta época de crisis, que sin embargo no llevan una vida coherente con su fe y que, desde luego, no dan la cara por la misma. "Señor, ayúdame a amarte, auméntame la fuerza para que esté dispuesto a dar la vida por ti. Dame más luz para que te ame más". Esta debería ser nuestra oración esta semana y así la fe no estará muerta, sino que se traducirá en vida. Esa es, además, el aspecto de la fe que Jesús nos invita a potenciar con este evangelio. Una fe que nos llene de valor y que nos haga capaces de afrontar las adversidades, porque estamos seguros de que el Señor está con nosotros. Porque, en definitiva, la verdadera derrota no nos la dan nuestros enemigos, sino que nos la damos nosotros cuando, por falta de fe, renunciamos a luchar por nuestros principios y según nuestros métodos. Podemos perder muchas batallas y vernos reducidos a una insignificante minoría, pero no perderemos la guerra mientras no dejemos de luchar y eso sólo ocurrirá cuando creamos que no merece la pena o que la razón y la fuerza de Dios no están de nuestra parte.

Propósito: Pedir a Dios fe en su fuerza y en su amor, así como en la Iglesia y, a continuación, hacer lo que Él nos pide, aunque parezca que no va a servir para nada



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PRAYER

Jesus, I trust in you.

I know that whatever happens to me is a fruit of your love.

Jesus, I love you.

You are first in my heart.

Jesus, I adore you.

You are more important than my job, my money or any other thing.

Jesus, I GIVE YOU THANKS

For having created me, for having become man, for having died and risen from the dead, for the Eucharist and Confession, for the Church, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints, for the things that I have had, for the things that I have, because I am able to help others, and for the affection that I receive.

Jesus, I ask for your forgiveness.

For the evil that I have committed and for the good I have failed to do.

Jesus, I ask for your help.

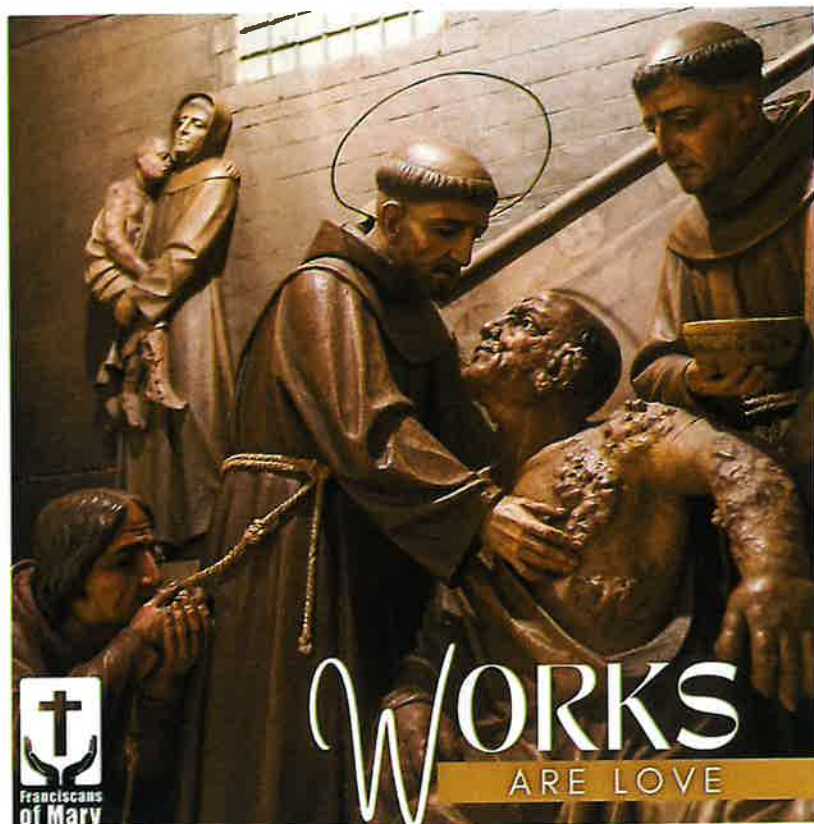
I ask for spiritual graces, such as the overcoming of my defects and for material help, for me, for others and for society.

Jesus, I offer myself to you.

You can count on me for whatever you want.

LIKE MARY.

With the tenderness of your mother and through Her way of living by living the virtues.



*Si quieres la Paz
Defiende la Vida*



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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*



WHY ATTEND A CAMPAIGN RECEPTION?

A reception is our best opportunity to learn about the Harvest of Hope campaign, ask questions, and receive answers. It's also a time for food and fellowship with our St. Stephen First Martyr family. Receptions usually last about an hour.

**RECEPTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN OUR
SOCIAL HALL**

TUESDAY **OCTOBER 7** **1 PM**

Saturday/Sunday **OCTOBER 11/12** **AFTER THE
5:00 PM &
8:00 AM &
10:00 AM
& Masses**



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For more information, please contact our campaign director Iris Bodré at 863-840-1483, ibodre@guidanceingiving.com or at the parish office, most Mondays, 4 - 6 PM



**HARVEST
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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.*



**¡Las recepciones ya
casi están aquí!**

**POR QUÉ ES IMPORTANTE ASISTIR A UNA
RECEPCIÓN DE LA CAMPAÑA**

Una recepción es nuestra mejor oportunidad para informarnos sobre la campaña Cosecha de Esperanza, hacer preguntas y recibir respuestas. También es un momento para comer y confraternizar con nuestra familia de San Esteban. Las recepciones normalmente duran alrededor de una hora.

**LAS RECEPCIONES SERÁN
EN NUESTRO SALÓN SOCIAL**

MARTES	7 DE OCTUBRE	1 PM - Inglés
DOMINGO	12 DE OCTUBRE	DESPUÉS DE LA MISA DE 12:00 PM

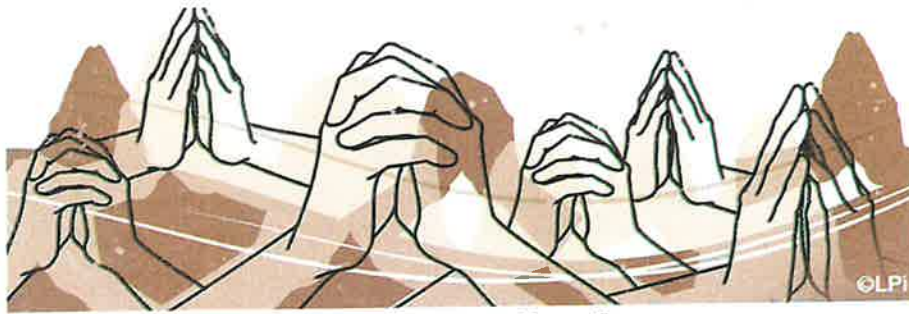
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al:*

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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 a 6 pm



Prayer Ministry

Prayer is the gift of our time, talent and treasure and a sacred act for which we can put our faith into action.

The Prayer Ministry provides prayer support to our parishioners and to the community. The Prayer Intention book is at the back of the church for you to write your prayer request. During Masses, the St. Stephen's community will join in praying for those intentions in the book. Or, you can make a prayer request, simply go to:

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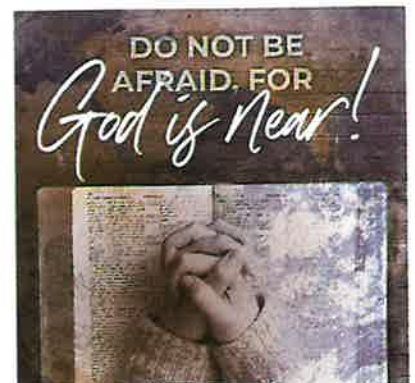
Your request will then be sent to the Prayer Ministry team for prayers. No email? No problem! Simply call the parish office where a message will be taken and forwarded to the team. Whether your request is in English or Spanish, we will pray for your intentions.

For urgent requests requiring a Priest (i.e. hospitalization, near death or a death) please contact Deacon Doug directly at 912-977-5278.

Won't you consider sharing your time, talent and treasures and joining the Prayer Ministry? Sign up sheets are in the back of church.

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done." Philipians 4:6

May God Bless you,
Sharon Borek and Kim McManus
Prayer Ministry Coordinators





Ministerio de Oración

La oración es el don de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro y un acto sagrado por el que podemos poner nuestra fe en acción.

El Ministerio de Oración brinda apoyo de oración a nuestros feligreses y a la comunidad. El libro de Intención de Oración está en la parte posterior de la iglesia para que escribas tu petición de oración. Durante las misas, la comunidad de San Esteban se unirá para orar por esas intenciones en el libro. O bien, puede hacer una petición de oración, simplemente vaya a:

ssfmccprayerministry@gmail.com



Su solicitud será enviada al equipo del Ministerio de Oración para orar. ¿No tienes correo electrónico? ¡No hay problema! Simplemente llame a la oficina parroquial donde se tomará un mensaje y se enviará al equipo. Ya sea que su solicitud sea en inglés o español, oraremos por sus intenciones.

Para solicitudes urgentes que requieran un sacerdote (es decir, hospitalización, cerca de la muerte o una muerte), comuníquese directamente con el diácono Doug al 912-977-5278.

¿No considerarías compartir tu tiempo, talento y tesoros y unirte al Ministerio de Oración? Las hojas de inscripción están en la parte trasera de la iglesia.

"No te preocupes por nada; en cambio, ora por todo. Dile a Dios lo que necesitas y agrádecele por todo lo que ha hecho". Filipenses 4:6

Que Dios los bendiga,
Sharon Borek y Kim McManus
Coordinadores del Ministerio de Oración



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

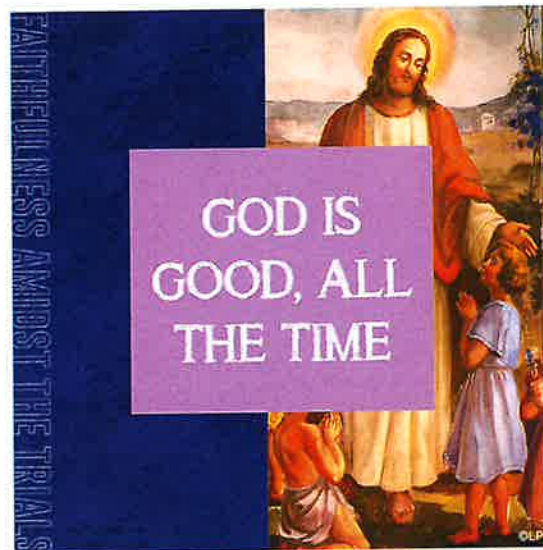
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

Observances for the week of October 5, 2025

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
- Monday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher,
Virgin
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of the Rosary
- Thursday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Saturday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

This popular phrase is an affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, a theme that is presented again and again in Scripture: come what may, God will be with us.

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God,
Help us to hear Your voice,
especially when You speak on
behalf of the voiceless,
the overlooked, and the forgotten.
Keep our ears attuned, and work
through us in a way that loves,
blesses, assures, supports, and
strengthens LIFE.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 5, 2025

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

Monday:

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday:

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:

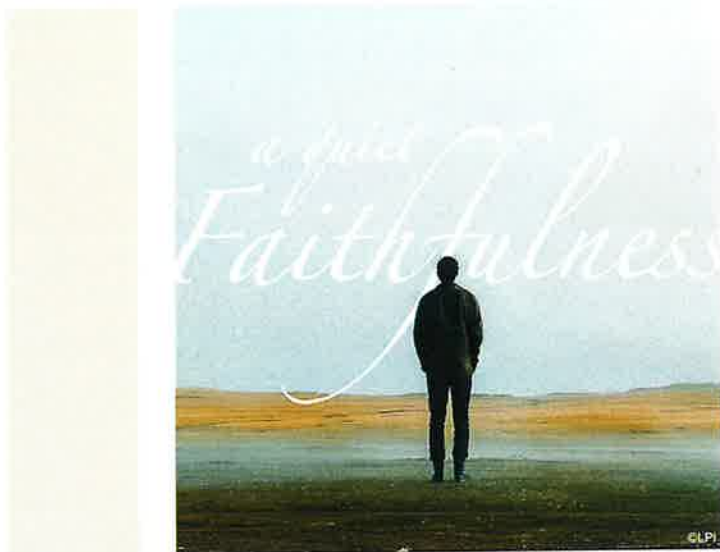
Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday:

2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."

His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: **"So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"** In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

— Father John Muir




LECTORS WANTED

Father Estrada will be having training for all lectors and ushers at 9:00 am Oct 19, 2025. All current lectors and ushers, as well as those interested in becoming a lector or usher are encouraged to come to this training.

*Ushers
Needed*

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**ST. STEPHEN
HOLY WINS**

**6:00 PM
November 1, 2025**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL
NIGHT OF CELEBRATION!**

Families are welcome to set up their cars and hand out candy, spots will be given on a first come basis. Candy donations appreciated!


(TRUNK-OR-TREAT)




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18 Y 19 DE OCTUBRE

Después de las misas



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OCTOBER 18 & 19

After Masses



WE WELCOME DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS TO SUPPORT OUR FUND RAISER TO STOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY



PLEASE BRING DONATED BAKED GOODS TO THE SOCIAL HALL ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY OCTOBER 17 OR 18 OR BEFORE EACH MASS

St Vincent de Paul Helps Those in Need

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!



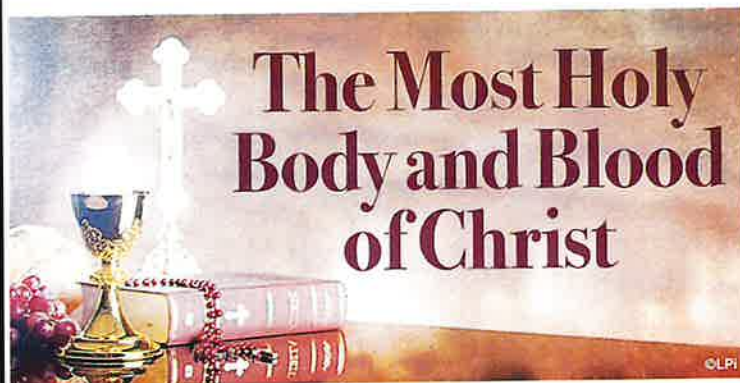
Thursdays 6-8:30pm
Saint Stephen Social Hall



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.

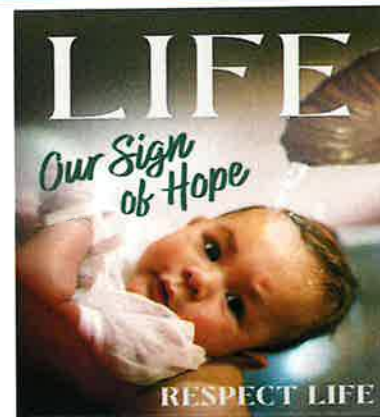


SCAM WARNING
Please note: If you receive a request for gift cards purporting to be from your pastor, parish, or the Bishop, **it is a scam and should be ignored**. If you aren't sure if an email or message is authentic, do not reply. Check with the person or parish using another method.

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.

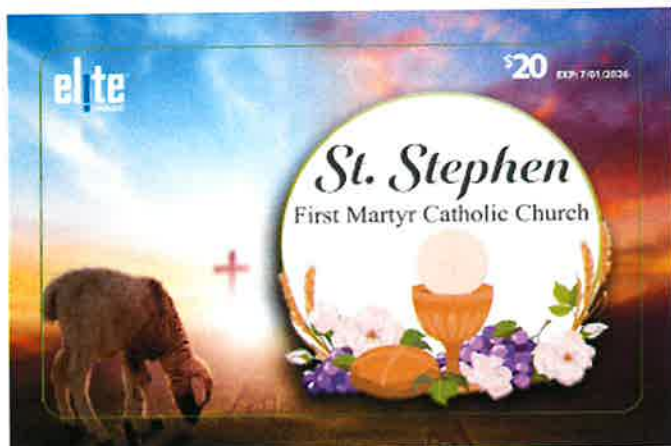
Please join us as we Reflect the Gift of Life to others. We never know if we make a Difference in someone's life considering an abortion, hopefully, we do!!



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



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SONIC FREE SINGLE PATTY SONIC CHEESEBURGER W/ PUR OF THE SAME 725 W OGLETHORPE HWY	SURCHEROS PUR OF ENTREE, GET REG SIZED DRK FOR FREE 758 W OGLETHORPE HWY STE 115	THE CUP CAFE 15% OFF TOTAL BILL 345 W OGLETHORPE HWY	WAYBACK 15% OFF TOTAL PUR 861 W OGLETHORPE HWY 6200
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Discount Cards are still available while they last!!!

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.)

PARISH SUPPORT

DONATIONS

Weekly Offertory – Sept. 28

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

Offertory	\$6,778
Building Fund	\$50
Online Giving	\$767
Total	\$7,595

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.



HARVEST
of HOPE
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Our Harvest of Hope Campaign kicks off this coming week with introduction receptions. Oct 7 at 1, and after all the Masses Oct. 4 & 5. Join us for light snacks and a q&a about the Harvest of Hope! Please RSVP to the office!

This campaign is aimed to bring great things to our Parish and the Diocese!

Active Parishioner Status

Each year we receive many requests from parishioners to qualify for weddings, be godparents or sponsors for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Communion and Baptism. When a request is made, we must be able to verify that a person is an “active member” of St. Stephen’s Parish.

An active member is one who 1) Is properly registered with the Parish office and gives regular to the offertory through envelopes or online giving. 2) Faithfully attends Mass on Sunday’s and Holy days of Obligation.

Even though you attend Mass, if you are not registered with the Parish, we have no information about you and you are not eligible to be Sponsors, God-parents, etc. While assessments of an inquirer’s status will be made individually, the above are the main factors that will be considered in making that determination. Please be sure to register with the office and keep your information up to date! You can easily send an email to ssfmcc399@gmail.com to make changes.

Parish Membership: Whether you are a longtime resident or have recently arrived in our parish -Welcome! Please use the form below to register or update your information. You may place this form in the collection basket. (We may call you for additional information.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parish Staff

Pastor:

Fr. Eder Estrada, FM
eedstrada@diosav.org

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Fr. Modeste Seloukou, FM

Deacon:

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(912) 977-5278

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Sam Beiter
beiterri@yahoo.com

Office Manager:

Annette Miller

Office Assistant:

Diana Young

Parish Catechetical Leader:

Berta Ganaway
saintstephenfaithformation@gmail.com

Parish Council President:

Office Hours:

Mon: 9AM-6PM

Tues-Thurs: 9AM-2PM

Gift Shop Hours:

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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 5:30pm followed by Rosary at 6:20pm)

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

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