TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED

YOU.

-LUKE 17:19





SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

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.

October 14th – 5p- Respect Life General Meeting – Join us to discuss our Successes for both the Life Chain and Garden Rosary for Pro-Life. Anyone interested in this committee is welcome to join!

October 18/19th — **Red Wagon Weekend & SVDP Bake Sale** — At all the Masses the St. Vincent De Paul Red Wagon will be in the Narthax to accept donations to stock the pantry. They will also be hosting a Bake Sale this weekend to raise proceeds to restock the pantry.

October 19th – 9a- Lectors and Ushers Training - All current lectors and ushers, as well as those interested in becoming a lector or usher are encouraged to come to this training.

October 20th – 5:30p – Starting today there will be Monday evening English Mass followed by School of Gratitude for Young Adults ages 18-30.

October 21st – 7p – Grief Support Meeting - Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.

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DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTIONS	
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	
Mon 10/13	7:00PM	No Intentions – Priests are at Priest Retreat	
Tues. 10/14	12:00PM	No Intentions – Priests are at Priest Retreat	
Weds. 10/15	12:00PM	No Intentions – Priests are at Priest Retreat	
Thurs. 10/16	12:00PM	No Intentions – Priests are at Priest Retreat	
Thurs. 10/16	7:00PM	No Intentions – Priests are at Priest Retreat	
Sat. 10/18	5:00PM	†Soul of Gerald Gray ~Cindy Gray	
Sun. 10/19	8:00AM	†Soul of Monica Gonzalez ~Irizarry Family	
	10:00AM	†Soul of Joshua Trinidad ~Tirso Elomina	
	12:00PM	†Soul of Ramon Gomez ~Ms. Conchita	
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10/13- Pablo Rodriguez, Ricardo Velez

10/14- Therese Rapolla, Clayton Walter

10/15- Barbara Johnson, Riley Smith

10/16- Cynthia Gray, Wislande Peterson

10/17-Clayton Hardin, Edward Hoffman, Martha Rakes

10/18- Joachim Ahlgren

10/19- Egdaliz Borrero



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 Pecenak, Amy Smith.

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

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Gratitude Saves Us

"Jesus said in reply, 'Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?' Then he said to him, 'Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.'" (Lk 17:11-19).

WORD OF LIFE

Jesus wants to cure us from the worst evil: sin. Sin manifests itself in many ways, although all of them can be summed up into one: an offense against God and neighbor. We sin by not loving. If we were to look for the roots of sin, we would notice that there is one that is always present: ingratitude. Ingratitude is inescapably linked to pride because the more important we think we are, the more ungrateful we become, and the more we are convinced that we actually deserve to be given everything by others. And when we think so, we are simply limiting ourselves to fulfilling our duty.

Anyone who is aware of his own qualities, his own shortcomings, and his own sinfulness will realize how much he owes God and will re-establish his relationship with the Lord as soon as possible. On the other hand, anyone who is not grateful to God, who is not aware of how much he has received, will not even feel remorse when he turns away from the Lord. He will not yearn to return to the Father's house.

If we grow in gratitude, we will be in a better position not to separate ourselves from Christ. And in case we have become estranged from Him, we will be willing to reconcile with Him again as soon as possible. From this perspective, we can affirm that gratitude saves us because, when we are thankful, we do not sin, or if we sin, we immediately ask the Lord for forgiveness. We promise Him that, when we are reconciled with Him, we will be filled with even more gratitude because the Lord has shown mercy on us and because He has not dealt with us as our sins deserve.

<u>Purpose:</u> Meditate on reasons for thanking God. Do what you should do, especially when it is difficult, out of gratitude to Him.

DOMINGO XXVIII DEL TO: La gratitud nos salva

"Jesús tomó la palabra y dijo: '¿No han quedado limpios los diez?; los otros nueve, ¿dónde están? ¿No ha vuelto más que este extranjero para dar gloria a Dios?'. Y le dijo: '¡Levántate, vete; tu fe te ha salvado'» (Lc 17, 11-19)

PALABRA DE VIDA

Jesús quiere curarnos del peor de los males, que es el pecado. El pecado se manifiesta de muchas formas, aunque todas ellas se resumen en una: ofensa a Dios y al prójimo. Se peca porque no se ama y al no amar se peca. Pero si buscáramos las raíces del pecado, veríamos que hay una que se presenta siempre: la ingratitud. Una ingratitud que está ligada de forma ineludible a la soberbia, pues somos tanto más desagradecidos cuanto más importantes nos creemos y, por lo tanto, cuanto más estamos convencidos de que merecemos que nos lo den todo y que, cuando lo hacen, están limitándose a cumplir su obligación. La persona que es consciente de su realidad, de sus cualidades y defectos, y, por lo tanto, es consciente de lo mucho que le debe a Dios, aunque peque, vuelve lo antes posible a reanudar las relaciones rotas con el Señor. En cambio, el que no siente gratitud hacia Dios, el que no es consciente de lo mucho que ha recibido, cuando se aleja del Señor ni siquiera siente remordimientos y por eso no anhela volver a la casa del Padre. Si adquirimos gratitud, estaremos en mejores condiciones para no separarnos de Cristo. Y si lo hacemos, estaremos deseando volver a reconciliarnos con Él cuanto antes, en caso de que nos hayamos ido de su lado. Podemos afirmar, desde esta perspectiva, que la gratitud nos salva, porque al agradecer no pecamos o, si pecamos, enseguida pedimos perdón al Señor y le prometemos que vamos a estar a su lado, más llenos de gratitud si cabe, porque ha tenido misericordia de nosotros y no nos ha tratado como merecen nuestros pecados.

<u>Propósito</u>: Meditar sobre los motivos de agradecimiento a Dios y hacer las cosas, especialmente las que nos cuesten, por agradecimiento a Él.



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times

at the word of Elisha, the man of God.

His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:14)

Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:

If we have died with him we shall also live with him;

if we persevere

we shall also reign with him. (2 Tim 2:11-12)

Gospel:

Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." (Lk 17:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

If we have faith, we call out to God and we beg him for healing. But when our faith is rewarded, what then? Do we take our miracle and run? No, we must return to the source of our healing to say, "You have changed me, Lord. Now help me change others."

Observances for the week of October 12, 2025

Sunday:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day

Tuesday:

St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Wednesday:

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the

Church

Thursday:

St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary

Alacoque, Virgin

Friday:

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday:

St. Luke, Evangelist

Next Sunday:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission

Sunday

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Sunday:

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

Monday:

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday:

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday:

Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday:

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/ Lk 11:47-54

Friday:

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Lk 10:1-9

Next Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8



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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.



Join us in the Social Hall

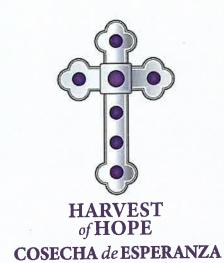
after Mass today as we come together in fellowship and prayer to learn more about the Harvest of Hope campaign.

Refreshments will be served and families with children are invited and encouraged to attend!

CAN'T STAY TODAY?

If you are unable to attend, please know our Campaign Representative Iris Bodré, is here at the parish each week on Monday, 4 - 6 pm, in the front office She is eager to speak with you and answer all of your questions!

Planting seeds for the future of the Diocese of Savannah For more information, please contact our campaign director Iris Bodre at 863-940-1483 or ibodre@guidanceingiving.com



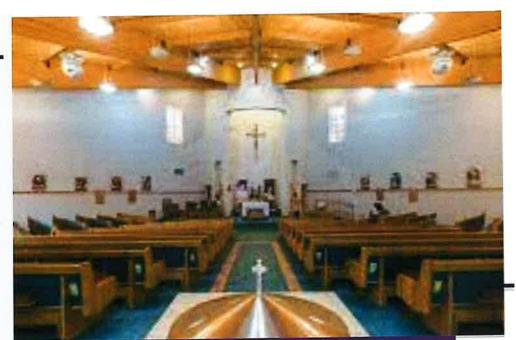
ORAMOS JUNTOS

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.



¡Queremos que todos se queden Después de Misa HOY!

Únase a nosotros en el Salón Social

Después de la misa de hoy, nos reuniremos en compañerismo y oración para aprender más sobre la campaña Cosecha de Esperanza.

¡Se servirá un refrigerio y se invita y anima a las familias con niños a que asistan!

¿NO PUEDES QUEDARSE HOY?

Si no puedes asistir,
nuestro Representante de la Campaña Iris Bodré
está aquí en la parroquia cada semana los
lunes de 4:00 a 6:00 pm
Ella está deseando hablar con ustedes y responder a
todas sus preguntas.

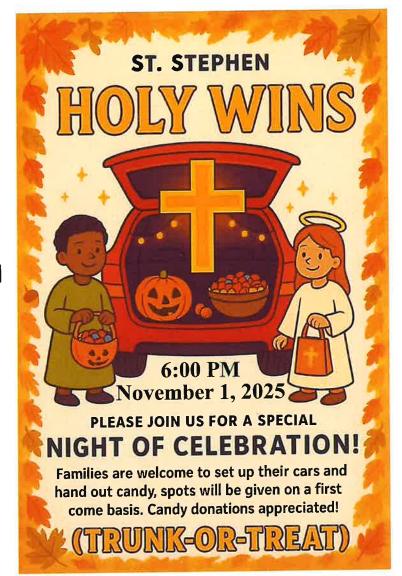
Sembrando semillas para el futuro de la Diócesis de Savannah.

Para más información, póngase en contacto con nuestra directora de la campaña Iris Bodré 863-940-1483 o ibodre@guidanceingiving.com



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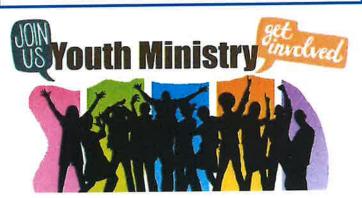
School of Gratitude

Father Estrada is hosting a School of Gratitude for Young Adults beginning Oct. 20th after 5:30p Mass and a SOG for Adults on Thursday's after 12pm 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!



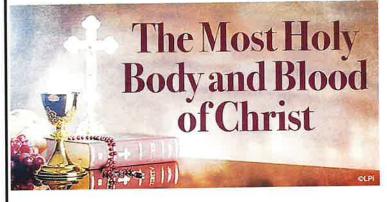
Thursdays 6-8:30pm Saint Stephen Social Hall



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

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.



Members of the legal community and all public officials are cordially invited to join Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of Savannah, in prayer and fellowship for those responsible for the administration of justice.

Open to people of all faith traditions.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025 at NOON CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Reception to follow.
Please RSVP to Maggie Blanc at
mblanc@diosav.org or 912-201-4126





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<u>Thank you for the</u> <u>support of the Discount</u> Card Fundraiser!

We still have several cards available for purchase! They can be purchased in the office during normal business hours.

(A Sample of the cards is above.)



PONATIONS

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.



Address:

Our Harvest of Hope Campaign kicks off this weekend with introduction receptions. after all the Masses Oct. 4 & 5.

Join us for light snacks and a q&a about the Harvest of Hope!
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 Please use the form below to register or update you (We may call you for additional information.)	e resident or have recently arrived in our parish -Welcome! our information. You may place this form in the collection basket.
Name:	Phone:

Parish Staff

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Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Modeste Seloukou, FM

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Sam Beiter beiterrl@yahoo.com

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Annette Miller

Office Assistant:

Diana Young

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Berta Ganaway saintstephenfaithformation @gmail.com

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Office Hours:

Mon: 9AM-6PM

Tues-Thurs: 9AM-2PM

Gift Shop Hours:

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Mass Times

English Weekday Masses- Monday at 5:30p.

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)

Wednesday- 6-7p - Holy Hour with Rosary.

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 Apt.

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 during the First Friday's Mass at 12p. 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 by email: ssfmccprayerministry@gmail.com

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