



# SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025**

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# CHOSEN

ONES WHO CALL  
OUT TO HIM  
DAY AND NIGHT.

— LUKE 18:7 —

# St Stephen First Martyr

## Upcoming Events:

**October 18/19<sup>th</sup> – 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 19<sup>th</sup> – 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 20<sup>th</sup> – 5:30p** – Starting today there will be Monday evening English Mass followed by School of Gratitude for Young Adults ages 18-30.

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

**October 31<sup>st</sup> – 6p – All Saints Bilingual Mass**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:30a – First Saturday Rosary** – Come join us in the Church for this special opportunity to pray the Rosary.

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – 6p – Holy Wins** – Join us after Mass for a special Trunk or Treat in our parking lot. Spaces are available on a first come basis and candy donations are being accepted in the Narthax and office.

| DATE                | MASS TIME |  |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat. 10/18</b>   | 5:00PM    | †Soul of Gerald Gray ~Cindy Gray                                                  |
| <b>Sun. 10/19</b>   | 8:00AM    | †Soul of Monica Gonzalez ~Irizarry Family                                         |
|                     | 10:00AM   | †Soul of Joshua Trinidad ~Tirso Elomina                                           |
|                     | 12:00PM   | †Soul of Ramon Gomez ~Ms. Conchita                                                |
| <b>Mon 10/20</b>    | 7:00PM    | †Soul of Omar Garcia ~Ana Garcia                                                  |
| <b>Tues. 10/21</b>  | 12:00PM   | †Soul of Pete Hinely ~Harriet & David Paulk                                       |
| <b>Weds. 10/22</b>  | 12:00PM   | 10 year Wedding Anniversary of Dr. Cecila Ong & Dr. Nemy Bucayo                   |
| <b>Thurs. 10/23</b> | 12:00PM   | Healing for Cindy Gray ~Amy Smith                                                 |
| <b>Thurs. 10/23</b> | 7:00PM    | †Soul of Omar Garcia ~Ana Garcia                                                  |
| <b>Sat. 10/25</b>   | 5:00PM    | †Soul of Lisa Hendricks ~Renee & Michele                                          |
| <b>Sun. 10/26</b>   | 8:00AM    | †Soul of Mary Alice Pitzen ~Mark Pitzen                                           |
|                     | 10:00AM   | †Soul of Greta LeDee ~Bonny Carreker                                              |
|                     | 12:00PM   | †Soul of Rosa Sierra's Family ~Ana Garcia                                         |



10/20- Alexandra Jacob

10/21- Brandon Casas

10/22- Ellie Delaney

10/23- Jocelyn Littles, Birgit Sartor

10/24- Carmen Laura, Alejandra Reyes-Rivera

10/25- Hannah Bernades, Bella 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 Boving, 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)



## 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Persevere

*"Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, 'There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time, the judge was unwilling but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.' The Lord said, 'Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'" (Lk 18:1-8).*

### WORD OF LIFE

The best proof of the degree of interest we have in something is the perseverance we put into accomplishing it. If, at the first failure, we stop fighting for what we want, it is because it was never very important to us. On the other hand, when something really concerns us, we persevere until we either accomplish it or we see that it is absolutely impossible. If we do that with the things of this world, why don't we do the same with the things of God? Do we ask the Lord for holiness with the same intensity as we do for a job, or for overcoming our defects as we do for success in our studies? We say that we want to love Him, and that's true, but in practice we do not devote the same passion toward Him as we do to our work, to our friends, to having fun, or to relaxing. Therefore, let's persevere in asking the Lord for holiness and the means to achieve it. This perseverance will serve not only as proof that we want to be holy but also as an act of trusting that God has the power to accomplish such a great miracle.

On the other hand, our perseverance must be humble, knowing that we are asking for a favor and not claiming it as a right; otherwise, the only thing we will accomplish by our pride is to offend the one we ask for help, in this case, God.

**Purpose:** Every day in prayer ask God for holiness for yourself and for others, realizing that it is the most important treasure. Do everything necessary to become a saint.



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## DOMINGO XXIX: Insistir

*"Jesús, para explicar a los discípulos cómo tenían que orar siempre sin desanimarse, les propuso esta parábola: 'Había un juez en una ciudad que ni temía a Dios ni le importaban los hombres. En la misma ciudad había una viuda que solía ir a decirle: 'Hazme justicia frente a mi adversario'; por algún tiempo se negó, pero después se dijo: 'Aunque ni temo a Dios ni me importan los hombres, como esa viuda me está fastidiando, le haré justicia, no vaya a acabar pegándome en la cara'. Y el Señor respondió: 'Fijaos en lo que dice el juez injusto; pues Dios, ¿no hará justicia a sus elegidos que le gritan día y noche?, ¿o les dará largas? Os digo que les hará justicia sin tardar. Pero cuando venga el hijo del hombre, ¿encontrará esta fe en la tierra?'". (Lc 18, 1-8)*

### PALABRA DE VIDA

La mejor prueba del grado de interés que tenemos en algo es la perseverancia que ponemos en conseguirlo. Si al primer fracaso dejamos de luchar por lo que pretendíamos, es que no nos importaba demasiado. En cambio, cuando algo nos preocupa de verdad, insistimos hasta que lo logramos o hasta que vemos que es absolutamente imposible. Si eso hacemos con las cosas del mundo, ¿por qué no hacemos lo mismo con las cosas de Dios?. ¿Pedimos al Señor, con la misma intensidad, la santidad que el trabajo, la superación de nuestros defectos que el éxito en los estudios? Decimos que queremos amarle, y es verdad, pero en la práctica no le dedicamos el mismo interés que a nuestro trabajo, a nuestros amigos o a la diversión y el descanso. Insistamos, pues, en pedirle al Señor la santidad y en poner los medios para conseguirla. Esa insistencia será una prueba de que queremos ser santos, a la vez que un acto de confianza en Dios y en que Él tiene la fuerza para conseguir un milagro tan grande.

Por otro lado, la insistencia tiene que ser humilde, sabiendo que estamos pidiendo un favor y no reclamando un derecho, pues de lo contrario lo único que conseguiremos con nuestra soberbia es ofender a aquel al que pedimos ayuda, en este caso a Dios.

**Propósito:** Pedir a Dios por nuestra santidad todos los días en la oración y pedir también por la de los demás, sabiendo que es el principal tesoro. Poner los medios para conseguirla.

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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,  
Israel had the better of the fight,  
but when he let his hands rest,  
Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

### Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

### Second Reading:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed,  
because you know from whom you learned it,  
and that from infancy you have known  
the sacred Scriptures,  
which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation  
through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tm 3:14)

### Gospel:

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones  
who call out to him day and night?  
Will he be slow to answer them?  
I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done  
for them speedily." (Lk 18:7)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

## Observances for the week of October 19, 2025

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Mission Sunday
- Monday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. John Paul II, Pope
- Thursday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest
- Friday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

### 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

### Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/  
Lk 12:13-21

### Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a,  
8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

### Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/  
Lk 12:39-48

### Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/  
Lk 12:49-53

### Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93,  
94/Lk 12:54-59

### Saturday:

Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

### Next Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23  
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



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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!*



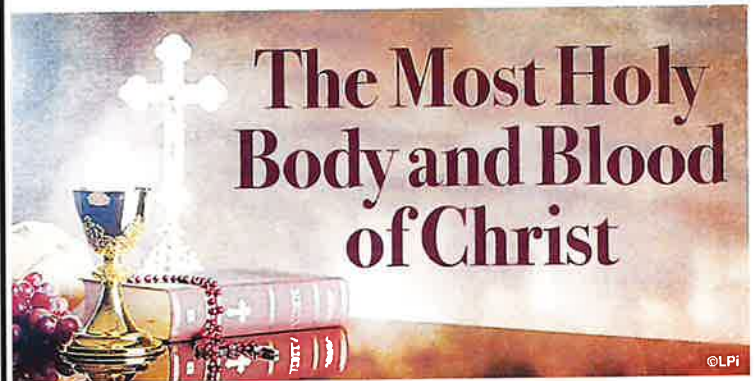
Thursdays 6-8:30pm  
Saint Stephen Social Hall



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**

**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.**



**RED MASS**  
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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  
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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.)





## LECTORS WANTED

## Ushers Needed

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.

# Thank You!

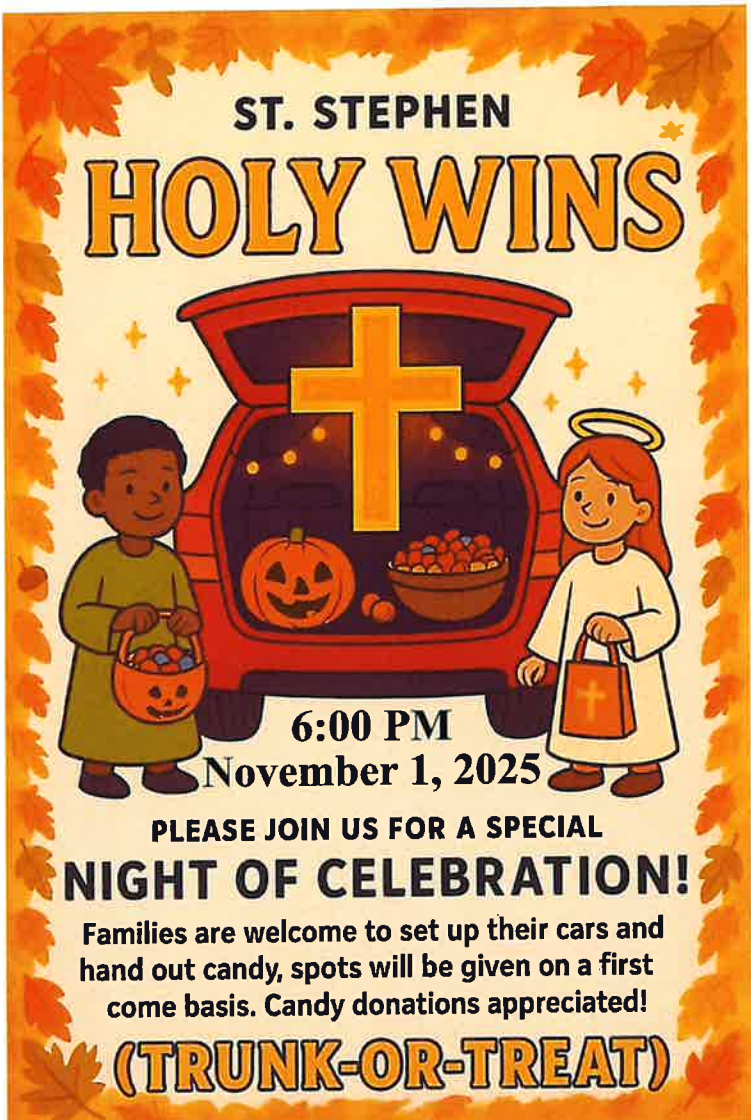
### Life Chain successful Despite Heavy Rains

Thank you to the "35" people who braved the weather to support Life on Sunday!! What a blessing!!!

"65" people had signed up and with good weather, this could've been our largest attendance in years!

A "big" thank you to all our Respect Life Members who worked hard at All the Masses encouraging participation.

God bless you for supporting Life. See you next year!



**ST. STEPHEN**  
**HOLY WINS**

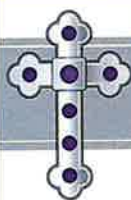
6:00 PM  
November 1, 2025

**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)**

HARVEST of HOPE / COSECHA de ESPERANZA



## Reception TODAY!

### One More Chance

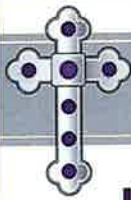
If you couldn't stay with us last week, please join us after the 8 am Mass, as we come together in fellowship and prayer to learn more about the Harvest of Hope campaign.

The reception will last about half an hour and you will not be asked to make a gift.

**Families with children are encouraged to attend!**

For more information, please contact our campaign director Iris Bodre at 863-940-1483 or [ibodre@guidanceingiving.com](mailto:ibodre@guidanceingiving.com)

HARVEST of HOPE / COSECHA de ESPERANZA



## Recepción HOY!

### Última Oportunidad

Si no se pudieron quedar la semana pasada, acompañanos hoy después de la Misa a las 8 am. Vamos a juntarnos en oración y para aprender más sobre la campaña Cosecha de Esperanza.

La reunión dura solo media hora y no le vamos a pedir dinero en el momento

**Familias con niños también pueden asistir**

Para más información comuníquense con nuestra directora Iris Bodre al 863-940-1483 o [ibodre@guidanceingiving.com](mailto:ibodre@guidanceingiving.com)

# PARISH SUPPORT

## DONATIONS

### Weekly Offertory – OCT 5

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

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Offertory     | \$7,761         |
| Building Fund | \$2,311         |
| Online Giving | \$842           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$10,914</b> |

### 3 great ways to support our Parish

1. **USE THE ENVELOPES** Located in the Pews.
2. **TEXT 'GIVE' TO 912-551-5553**
3. **GIVE ONLINE**—Scan QR Code or go to:  
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ststephenhinesville>



**Are You Certified to Volunteer?** VIRTUS training; background check; code of conduct. If you would like to volunteer in any way within the church go to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) to register. (912) 201-4074.



HARVEST  
of HOPE  
COSECHA de ESPERANZA

***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](mailto:ssfmcc399@gmail.com) to make changes.***

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## Parish Staff

### **Pastor:**

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FM

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### **Office Manager:**

Annette Miller

### **Office Assistant:**

Diana Young

### **Parish Catechetical Leader:**

Berta Ganaway  
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### **Parish Council President:**

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> graders and meet Sundays Sept. through May.

### **Matrimony**

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance of the proposed date.

Participation in a marriage preparation program is required. Couples contemplating marriage MUST meet with the priest before setting a date.

### **Baptism**

For a child to be baptized, you must be attending Mass regularly, attend a Baptism class and fill out a registration form. **Classes are held the last 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](mailto:ssfmccprayerministry@gmail.com)

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