

# SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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JOHN 2:16

# St Stephen First Martyr

# **Upcoming Events:**

November 11th - Veteran's Day - Office Closed

**November 11<sup>th</sup> – 5:30p - Respect Life-** Join us in the Social Hall. Members/anyone interested please attend as we plan our Winter fundraiser!

**November 13**<sup>th</sup> - **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.

**November 15**<sup>th</sup> - **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.

**November 15**<sup>th</sup> – **3p** – **Prayer Ministry meeting** – All are Welcome to an interest and planning meeting for our Ministry. We will discuss a new platform for sending prayer requests and how we can come together as a community in prayer! Please RSVP to <u>ssfmccprayerministry@gmail.com</u> if you are able to attend.

**November 18<sup>th</sup> - 7p – Grief Support Meeting** - Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.

**November 22-23** – Please return all Food donations for the Thanksgiving St. Vincent DePaul food boxes no later than this weekend.

November 26-27 – Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday November 27 – 10:30am – Bilingual Thanksgiving Day Mass

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DATE	MASS TIME	INTENTIONS
Sat. 11/8	5:00PM	†Soul of George Griffith ~Jewel Barrett
Sun. 11/9	8:00AM	†Soul of Ben & Sally Elliot ~Henry & Ione Phillips
	10:00AM	†Soul of Charlie Kirk ~Tammie Curry
	12:00PM	Pro Populo – For the Community
Mon 11/10	5:30PM	Our Parish Community
Mon 11/10	7:00PM	†Soul of Elba Gonzalez Camacho
Tues. 11/11	12:00PM	For all Veterans
Weds. 11/12	12:00PM	†Soul of Benicio Collado Gomez
Thurs. 11/13	12:00PM	†Soul of Arvind Ganaway ~Al & Berta Ganaway
Thurs. 11/13	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
Sat. 11/15	5:00PM	†Souls in Purgatory ~Christine Williams
Sun. 11/16	8:00AM	†Soul of Pete Hinley ~Bonny Carreker
	10:00AM	Special Intentions for Roger & Barbara Archambault ~Bonny Carreker
	12:00PM	Pro Populo – For the Community



11/10- Sebastian Betancourt, Pamela Chihuahua

11/11- Judith Anderson, Dolores Eichelberger

11/12- Shavon Stoves

11/13- Eric Johanson, Jr., Owen Smith, Amy Wing

11/14- Alexander Burgos-Cubi, Willie Crowe, Rachael Harmon, Kaylie Van Duynhoven

11/16- Ronny Castanon



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)

# THE DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN: Faithfulness to the Pope

"And he found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting; and he made a scourge of cords, and cast all out of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen; and he poured out the changers' money, and overthrew their tables; and to them that sold the doves he said, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise'. His disciples remembered that it was written, Zeal for thy house shall eat me up." (Jn 2, 14-16).

# **WORD OF LIFE**

This Sunday, the Church invites us to celebrate and reflect on the "dedication" -or consecration- of the Basilica of Lateran, which is the Cathedral of Rome, the cathedral of the Pope. It is not, therefore, a matter of a mere historical event of local interest, but rather of the occasion to remember that the Pope exercises effective universal primacy over the entire Catholic Church, and that, even as the Bishop of Rome, he is also the shepherd of all the world's Catholics. Of course, this papal primacy does not replace what each bishop must do in his own diocese, but rather complements and strengthens it, guarantees its unity and catholicity, and avoids local and diocesan churches from becoming independent Churches, with their own dogma, liturgy, and morals.

Let us, therefore, renew our faith in the papal primacy, with all its consequences. That is, let us accept its teachings without discussion, and let us defend them against those who ignore them and even reject them. But in order to accept and defend them, we must first know them. A good way of showing our support for the Pope is, therefore, being regularly informed of what he teaches. In this way, our support, which is borne from heartfelt love, will be more effective and more useful.

Purpose: Pray for the Pope. Be informed of what the Pope teaches on different current issues and defend it both from those outside the Church and from those within.

# DEDICACIÓN DE LETRÁN: Fidelidad al Papa

"Encontró en el templo a los vendedores de bueyes, ovejas y palomas, y a los cambistas sentados; y, haciendo un azote de cordeles, los echó a todos del templo, ovejas y bueyes; y a los cambistas les esparció las monedas y les volcó las mesas; y a los que vendían palomas les dijo: 'Quitad esto de aquí; no convirtáis en un mercado la casa de mi Padre'. Sus discípulos se acordaron de lo que está escrito: 'El celo de tu casa me devora'." (Jn 2, 14-16)

# **PALABRA DE VIDA**

Este domingo, la Iglesia nos invita a celebrar y reflexionar sobre la "dedicación" -o consagración- de la basílica de Letrán, que es la catedral de Roma, la catedral del Papa. No se trata, pues, de un mero acontecimiento histórico de interés local, sino de la ocasión de recordar que el Papa ejerce el primado universal efectivo sobre toda la Iglesia católica y que, aun siendo obispo de Roma, es también el pastor de todos los católicos del mundo. Esta labor, por supuesto, no sustituye a la que cada obispo tiene que hacer en su diócesis, sino que la complementa y la afianza, garantizando su unidad y su catolicidad y evitando que las Iglesias locales o diocesanas se conviertan en Iglesias independientes, con su dogma, su liturgia y su moral propias.

Renovemos, pues, nuestra fe en el primado papal, con todas sus consecuencias. Es decir, aceptemos sus enseñanzas sin discutirlas y defendámoslas ante aquellos que las ignoran e incluso las rechazan. Pero para aceptarlas y defenderlas primero hay que conocerlas. Una buena forma de mostrar nuestro apoyo al Papa es, pues, estar informados de manera habitual de lo que él enseña. Así nuestro apoyo, que nace del amor que está en el corazón, será más eficaz y más útil.

<u>Propósito</u>: Rezar por el Papa. Informarse de lo que enseña el Papa en las distintas cuestiones de actualidad y defenderlo, tanto ante los de fuera de la Iglesia como ante los de dentro.



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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.

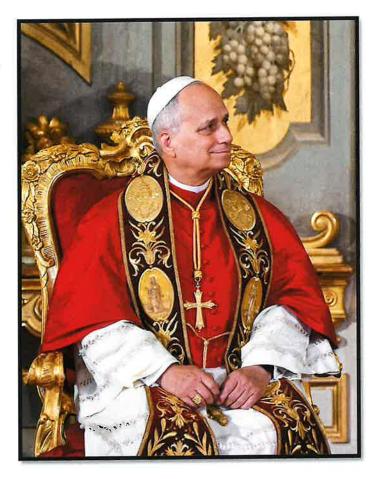
I ask for spiritual graces, such as the overcoming of my defects and for material help, for me, for others and for society.

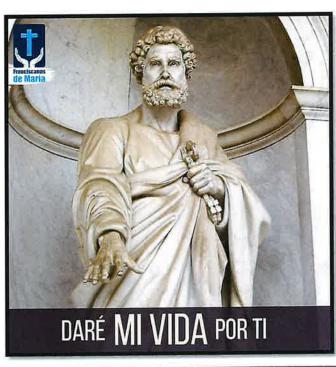
# Jesus, I offer myself to you.

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. Amen.





# Weekly Prayer

# **Sunday's Readings**

# **First Reading:**

Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. (Ez 47:12)

#### Psalm:

The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High! (Ps 46)

# Second Reading:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

# Gospel:

Jesus answered and said to them,
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"You are the temple of God," Paul tells us. But in today's Gospel we see how easily even temple areas become corrupted. Jesus, purge the greed and selfishness from our hearts. Make them fit dwellings for your Holy Spirit.

# Observances for the week of November 9, 2025

**Sunday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica;

Monday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day

Wednesday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Saturday: St. Albert the Great,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Devotions, Explained!

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition of nine early-morning votive Masses offered in anticipation of Christmas. Celebrations follow Mass, where delicacies like baked rice cakes and breakfast rolls are enjoyed.

# Prayer of Missionary Zeal

Dear Lord,

Give us eyes to see the depth of grace You provide to Your Church. May that goodness ignite in us fire to share the truth of Your mercy with every soul we encounter. Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

# Readings for the week of November 9, 2025

# Sunday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

# Monday:

Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/ Lk 17:1-6

# Tuesday:

Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/ Lk 17:7-10

# Wednesday:

Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

# Thursday:

Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

# Friday:

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/ Lk 17:26-37

#### Saturday:

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1**-**8

#### **Next Sunday:**

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/ 2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19



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# **Gospel Meditation**

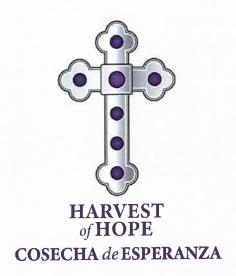
# **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

- Father John Muir



# 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.

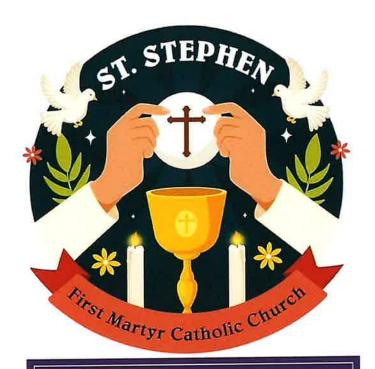
Provide us, Your children, with the rich soil of faith, hope, and love, that the seeds we are planting now will bear abundant fruit for generations.

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



# IT'S COMMITMENT WEEKEND!

# **WE CAN DO THIS!**

If you need more time to pray about your sacrifice, please know you can make your gift online at any time or bring your pledge card to Mass in the next few weeks.

https://apps.diosav.org/create-new-pledge

The Harvest of Hope Campaign benefits our entire diocese through evangelization, vocation support, endowments, and land acquisition.

Here at St. Stephen First Martyr we will: Replace the flooring in our sanctuary and update the electrical wiring in our parish office and social hall!

50% of all funds raised up to our \$247,268 parish goal will remain in the parish. After the parish goal is surpassed, 70% of all new funds will remain here.



For more information, please contact our campaign director Iris Bodré at 863-940-1483, ibodre@guidanceingiving.com or in the parish office most Mondays from 3:30 - 5:30 pm



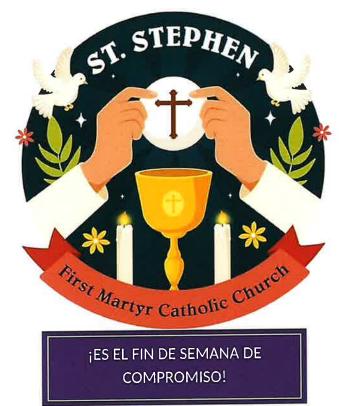
# **ORAMOS JUNTOS**

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.



# "¡Si se puede!"

Mientras que usted reza sobre su sacrificio, recuerde por favor que usted puede hacer su compromiso <u>en línea en cualquier momento o puedes traer su tarjeta de compromiso a la misa en las semanas que vienen.</u>

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La Campaña Cosecha de Esperanza beneficia a toda nuestra diócesis mediante la evangelización, el apoyo a las vocaciones, las donaciones y la adquisición de terrenos.

En San Esteban Mártir vamos a:

¡Renovar el piso dentro de nuestro santuario y actualizar el sistema eléctrico en el edificio de la oficina parroquial y el salón social!

El 50 % de todos los fondos recaudados, hasta alcanzar nuestra meta parroquial de \$247,268 permanecerá en la parroquia. Una vez superada la meta parroquial, el 70 % de todos los nuevos fondos permanecerá aquí.

# Muchas Gracias

Para más información, póngase en contacto con nuestra directora de la campaña Iris Bodré en el 8630940-1483 o ibodreguidanceingiving.com y en la oficina parroquial, lunes de 3:30 a 5:30 pm.

Sembrando semillas para el futuro de la Diócesis de Savannah.

Raint Stephen's

Knights of Columbus

To Annual

Rack of Ribs Sale

December 6\* 2p-8p

# Available for Purchase:

- \$12 Rib dinners with sides & a roll.
- \$25 Individual Rack of Ribs.
- \$100 for 5 Racks of Ribs.
- Cash or Credit Card Accepted.

# The Details:

- **↓**Cooked Over a Real Wood Fire.
- Proceeds will go to the Church for replacement of AC in Social Hall.
- ♣Pick-up will be at the Social Hall from 2pm until 8pm or until we are sold out on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This is also the SVDP Karaoke Night, so you could plan to have a rib dinner and stay for the Karaoke.
- ♣Advance tickets on sale after all Masses beginning November 8<sup>th</sup> by the Knights of Columbus members.
- ♣ Tickets can also be purchased in the Office or by contacting POC Rito Arredondo @ 912-391-7084

# SAINT VINCENT DE PAUI

Our Annual Thanksgiving Box food drive will begin Nov. 1st and donations will be accepted until Nov. 23rd. If you want to shop early the following items are what they include in the boxes: canned corn, sweet potatoes and green beans. Boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing and Mac 'n' Cheese. Gravy packets and bags of rice.

(Anyone in need of a box must register with SVDP by Nov. 17th)



# **Respect Life Meeting**

Nov.11-- Tuesday @5:30

Join us in the Social Hall. Members/ anyone interested please attend as we plan our Winter fundraiser!

**Prayer Ministry Meeting** 

November 15<sup>th</sup> – 3p

All are Welcome to an interest and planning meeting for our Ministry. We will discuss a new platform for sending prayer requests and how we can come together as a community in prayer!

Please RSVP if you can attend to:

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Sing your heart out, celebrate with friends, and help spread Christmans cheer!

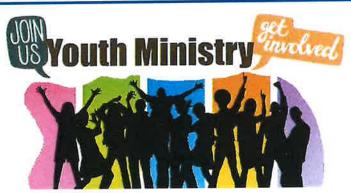
# School of Gratitude

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!



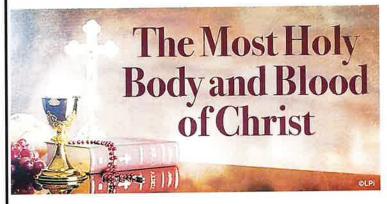
Thursdays 6-8:30pm Saint Stephen Social Hall



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 α 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





Are YOU Ready to Fight Against Cancer???

# JOIN ST STEPHEN RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

To Join or Donate to our Team https://main.acsevents.org/goto/ststephenhinesville



**Any Cancer Survivors** 

or if you are going through Cancer Contact Marsha for a Free Survivor's Tshirt

Relay for Life Liberty County
May 1st 2026

ANY QUESTIONS TEXT OR EMAIL MARSHA CLIFTON 912-737-1344 OR LOOKYOURBESTWITHME@YAHOO.COM



# Thank you for the support of the Discount 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 - OCT 26

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

Offertory	\$4,654
Building Fund	\$0
Online Giving	\$959
Total	\$5,613

# 3 great ways to support our Parish

- 1. USE THE ENVELOPES Located in the Pews.
- 2. TEXT 'GIVE' TO 912-551-553
- 3. GIVE ONLINE—Scan QR Code or go to:

https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ststephenhinesville





Address:

**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.

Several Parishioners have already made a Commitment to our Parish for the Harvest of Hope. This weekend is our Commitment Weekend, please place commitment cards in the offertory basket!

We are so thankful to those who have already made commitments and donations and are so grateful to our Parish!

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 <a href="mailto:ssfmcc399@gmail.com">ssfmcc399@gmail.com</a> to make changes.

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

# Parish Staff

# Pastor:

Fr. Eder Estrada, FM eestrada@diosav.org

# **Parochial Vicar:**

Fr. Modeste Seloukou, FM

#### Deacon:

Doug Delzeith ddelzeith@yahoo.com (912) 977-5278

# Sacristan:

Sam Beiter beiterrl@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:**

NOV 15 &16 after Mass
SACRED GARDEN
GIFT SHOP
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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

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