

Merry Christmas!

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH
JOHN 1:14



Saint Stephen First Martyr
399 Woodland Dr, Hinesville, GA 31313



Dear spiritual children of St. Stephen Parish,

Christmas is much more than what our senses can perceive; it is much more than filling our homes and streets with artificial lights. It is a great mystery that we can only approach by walking the path of humility.



This is the first Christmas I share with you as your spiritual father, and I would like you to join me in the adventure of becoming like children during these special days—becoming small before the great Mystery of God who is born in a humble stable. At that stable, let us be consoled by the face of that beautiful child, the fragile God who needs our arms, our time, our conversion, our love.

Christmas is being born again; it is remembering that we are loved by God. Christmas is loving God and, out of love for Him, giving the best of ourselves in our relationship with our neighbor.

Christmas is a family celebration, a time of reconciliation, of learning to value each person whom God has placed in our lives. It is a time to respond with immense gratitude for every gift we have received from God and to allow our hearts to be transformed into grateful hearts.

We have only been sharing our journey toward God for a few months. Little by little, I am getting to know you, and you are getting to know me. But I would like this Christmas to be a renewal of our faith, hope, and love together—a new impulse in our path to holiness. For that is what God desires of us: that we be holy as He is holy.

Every day I pray for you; I hope I can also count on your prayers!

May the Lord bless you, keep you, and fill you with many graces this Christmas. May the Lord show you His face and have mercy on you. May the Lord turn His face toward you and grant you peace!

Merry Nativity of the Lord!

Fr. Eder Estrada, FM

Peace and all good!



Queridos hijos espirituales de la parroquia San Esteban,

La Navidad es mucho más de lo que pueden percibir nuestros sentidos; es mucho más que llenar nuestras casas y calles de luces artificiales; es un gran misterio al que solo, recorriendo el camino de la humildad, podemos acercarnos.



Es la primera Navidad que comparto con ustedes, como vuestro padre espiritual, y me gustaría que me acompañaran en la aventura de hacernos como niños en estos días tan especiales, hacernos pequeños ante el gran Misterio del Dios que nace en un pobre portal y ante ese portal dejarnos consolar por el rostro de ese hermoso niño, el Dios frágil y necesitado de nuestros brazos, de nuestro tiempo, de nuestra conversión, de nuestro amor.

La Navidad es un volver a nacer; es recordar que somos amados por Dios. La Navidad es amar a Dios y, por amor a Él, dar lo mejor de nosotros en la relación con el prójimo.

La Navidad es una fiesta de familia, de reconciliación, de saber valorar a cada persona que Dios ha puesto en nuestra vida. Es un tiempo para responder con un inmenso agradecimiento a cada don que hemos recibido de Dios y dejar que nuestro corazón se transforme en un corazón agradecido.

Apenas llevamos unos meses compartiendo nuestro camino hacia Dios, poco a poco les voy conociendo y me van conociendo ustedes a mí, pero me gustaría que esta Navidad sea un renovar juntos nuestra fe, esperanza y amor, que sea un nuevo impulso en nuestro camino de santidad, por que eso es lo que Dios quiere de nosotros que seamos santos como Él es santo.

¡Todos los días rezo por ustedes; espero contar también con sus oraciones!

¡El Señor les bendiga, les guarde y les colme de muchas gracias en esta Navidad; el Señor les muestre su rostro y tenga misericordia de ustedes; vuelva el Señor su rostro hacia ustedes y les conceda la paz!

¡Feliz Natividad del Señor!

Padre Eder Estrada, FM.

¡Paz y bien!



Christmas Flowers



Anthony Adkins
Donald Amos
Victor & Mariah Anderson
Deanna Archambault
Gary Archambault
Mr. & Mrs. May
Archambault
Oscar Arrozal
Violet Austin
Rolanda Balugot
Rustico & Fely Balugot
Baumann Family
Guy Berg
Joseph & Inge Berg
Carmen Berrios
Mr. & Mrs. Merrill Brooks
Clarence & Betty Brotke
Beverly Elmore Brown
Frances Brown
David Burgess
Felciano & Genoviva
Capapas
Ofelia Capapas
Denny Carreker
Helen Carreker
Mike Carreker
Bob Clark
Lisa Collins
Epifania Colon
Crowe Family
Joaquin T. Cruz
Cutlip Family



Annaliese D'Angelo
Connie D'Angelo
Indro C. Dango
Paz C. Dango
Delzeith Family
Ernest & Donna Dodson
Yi Oak Dong
Droz Family
Michael Dushner Jr.
Eichelberger Family
Ben & Sallie Elliott
Etheridge Family
Maria Etheridge
Norman Etheridge
Patrick & Concetta Farace
Omar Garcia
Gasior Family
Felix & Rosalinda Gonzales
Carmen Grant
Gerald T. Gray
Linda Greathouse
Virginia Guerro
Ricardo & Celepina Guevarra
Betty Hancock
Donald Hartwell Jr.
Lisa Hendricks
Buzz & Rina Hoffman
Hopkins Family
Dean & Geoghegan Huffman
Olga & Ramon Irizarry
Jimenez Family
Cristobal Jimenez

Christmas Flowers



Leyda Jimenez
Keiffer Family
Keltner Family
Charlie Kirk
Kiszka Family
Leisentrirt Family
Linden Family
Venessa Little
Marcelina Magtuloy
Dennis McCauley
Glen McCauley
Glen & Jean McCauley
Keith McCauley
McGonegle Family
Miller Family
Christopher Millner
Montero Velez Family
Anita Mottley
Alan Nettle Sr.
Rodney & Jean Olson
Eustacia Ortiz
Peace



Antonio Perez
Gloria Perez
Ambrosine Phillips
Clem & Marian Pitzen
Redigan Family
Donte Homero Rios Concha
Rivera Robles Family
CPL John Rivero
Rodgers Family
Schnur Family
Sierra Family
William Sites
Kang Oak Soon
Souls of Purgatory
Spurgeon Family
Lee Tolbert
Francisco & Mary Torres
Fred Vamosy
Lisa Vazquez
CPL Jeffery Wershow
Sheila Yellowday
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A very heartfelt Thank You
for worshipping with St. Stephen
First Martyr Catholic Church today
and throughout this year!



May the newborn Christ bless your
family with Peace and Joy!
We hope you will join us for Mass
in the New Year as we continue
walking together in our
Journey of Faith!

Mass Times

English Weekday Masses- Monday at 5:30p.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday weekly at 12pm and First Friday's at 12pm.

(Exposition and Holy Hour start at 10:30am followed by Rosary at 11:20am)

Spanish Weekday Masses- Monday & Thursday weekly at 7pm and First Friday's 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.