



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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Deacon Michael Mobley

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday— 5 p.m. Vigil

Sunday— 8:30 a.m. and
11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon—Sat* 9:00 a.m.

(Rosary after Mass)

*Thurs 9 a.m. Communion Service

Confessions

Saturdays

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

or by appointment.

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday

9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

(Closed daily for lunch
from 1-2 p.m.)



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday March 29

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Silent Adoration after Mass until 11:00 p.m.

Good Friday March 30

1:00 p.m.- 7 Last Words of Jesus

2:30 p.m.- Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m.- Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday March 31

8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday April 1

Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of God of St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, united in One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism celebrate and are nourished and sustained by Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and in His Holy word. Brought together by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit we fulfill His command to go into the whole world and proclaim the good news of salvation by sharing our faith through Prayer, Evangelization, and acts of Charity.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 25, 2018
 8:30 a.m. William Kowalczyk ✕
 11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
Monday, March 26, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Fr. Juan De La Cruz ✕
Tuesday, March 27, 2018
 9:00 a.m. James Roman ✕
Wednesday, March 28, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Barbara Spera ✕
Thursday, March 29, 2018 Holy Thursday
 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, March 30, 2018 Good Friday
 1:00 p.m. 7 Lasts Words of Jesus
 2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 7:00 p.m. The Lord's Passion
Saturday, March 31, 2018 Holy Saturday
 8:00 p.m. All the People Joining the Catholic Church
Sunday, April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday
 8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
 11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish ✕

There will not be a 9:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday this week. There will not be Confessions on Saturday morning.

Sunday Religious Ed classes are not in session on March 25, April 1, and April 8. Wednesday night EDGE classes are not in session on March 28, and April 4. No Life Night on April 1 & 8. All classes will resume their normal schedule after the Easter Week and Spring Break.

Readings for the Week of March 25, 2018

Sunday Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39
Monday Monday of Holy Week
 Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday Tuesday of Holy Week
 Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday Wednesday of Holy Week
 Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; I Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
 Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday Holy Saturday
 Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8-11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7
Sunday Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or I Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



The Parish Office will close on Friday March 30 and will reopen on Tuesday April 3 at 9:30am. Fr. Brian and the Parish staff wish everyone a Safe, Happy and Blessed Easter.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday from 9:30am to 7:00pm
 Evening Prayer at 4:30pm
 and Benediction at 6:45pm



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Every Friday at 3:00pm
 also the 2nd Sunday of each month after
 the 8:30am Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet.
 All are welcome.



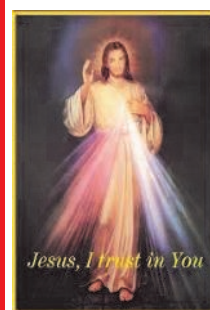
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Join us the first Saturday of each month
 following the 9:00am Mass



Palm Sunday Holy Land Collection

Our Parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through today's Palm Sunday collection. Please support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to today's second collection. The pontifical collection allows for care of Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people living in the Holy Land.



ST. STEPHEN'S DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

APRIL 8, 2018
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration,
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy,
 Rosary and Benediction.



MARCH 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD



Offerings

On-line giving is available
through our website
www.ststephenthemartyr.info



March 17 & 18, 2018

Offertory \$9,499.03

Online \$1,558.00
\$11,057.03

Second Collection

Easter Flowers \$2,062.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Our weekly budgeted expenses are \$10,297.00

Future Weekend Second Collections

March 25, Holy Land

April 1, Debt Reduction

April 8, Archdiocesan Seminarians

April 15, Parish Outreach

April 22, No Second Collection

"Taking Holy Water When Entering the Church"

According to an honored practice that goes back centuries, all Christians who enter a church take holy water and sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross as a reminder of their baptism. They cross themselves and say: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." This is so similar to the formula in which they were baptized when the celebrant of baptism inserted the person's name and said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," each time immersing or pouring water on the person being baptized. Entering the church and blessing oneself with holy water reminds one of his or her baptism when they became an adopted son or daughter of God, when they were brought into the very life of the Blessed Trinity, when they had all of their sins forgiven, when they became a member of the Church, and when they became fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God (Eph. 2:19). Entering the church and taking holy water, recalling one's baptism, also reminds one that they have drawn near to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to a multitude of angels in festal gathering, to the spirits of the just who have been made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (see Heb. 12:22-24).

Source: Rev. Kurt Belsole

www.liftupyourhearts.church

Baptism Classes

Parish families who wish to have a child baptized should be registered in the parish before taking the class. Both Parents must attend the Baptism class which is usually held the second Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon in *Our Lady of Fatima* room. Please make arrangements for a babysitter as we do not provide baby-sitting services. Please contact the Parish Office at 770-381-7488 to register for the class. Parents will need to select Godparents for their child who are active, practicing Catholics.

Baptisms are scheduled only AFTER you have taken the class. Parents must be active, practicing members of St. Stephen the Martyr for at least three months before scheduling a baptism for their child.

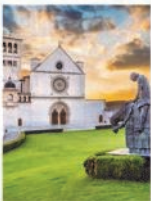


Saint Vincent de Paul Society

If you, or someone you know, are in need of emergency assistance, please contact the SVdP Help Line at 770-381-7488, ext. 251. If you can assist for a couple of hours a month, please come to one of our meetings held the Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday April 10, 2018 in Our Lady of Fatima Room. We will be collecting donations after all the Masses on April 21 & 22.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Shrines of Italy Tour **October 16 - 26, 2018**



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WIN A FREE DINNER

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Week 1 5284438* Week 2 5284458

Week 3 5284433 Week 4 5284591

Week 5 5284772 Week 6

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redeemed for a free pancake breakfast.