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Pastor
Rev. Brian Lorei

Permanent Deacons
Deacon Evelio Garcia-Carreras
Deacon Michael Mobley
Deacon Rick Kaszycki

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

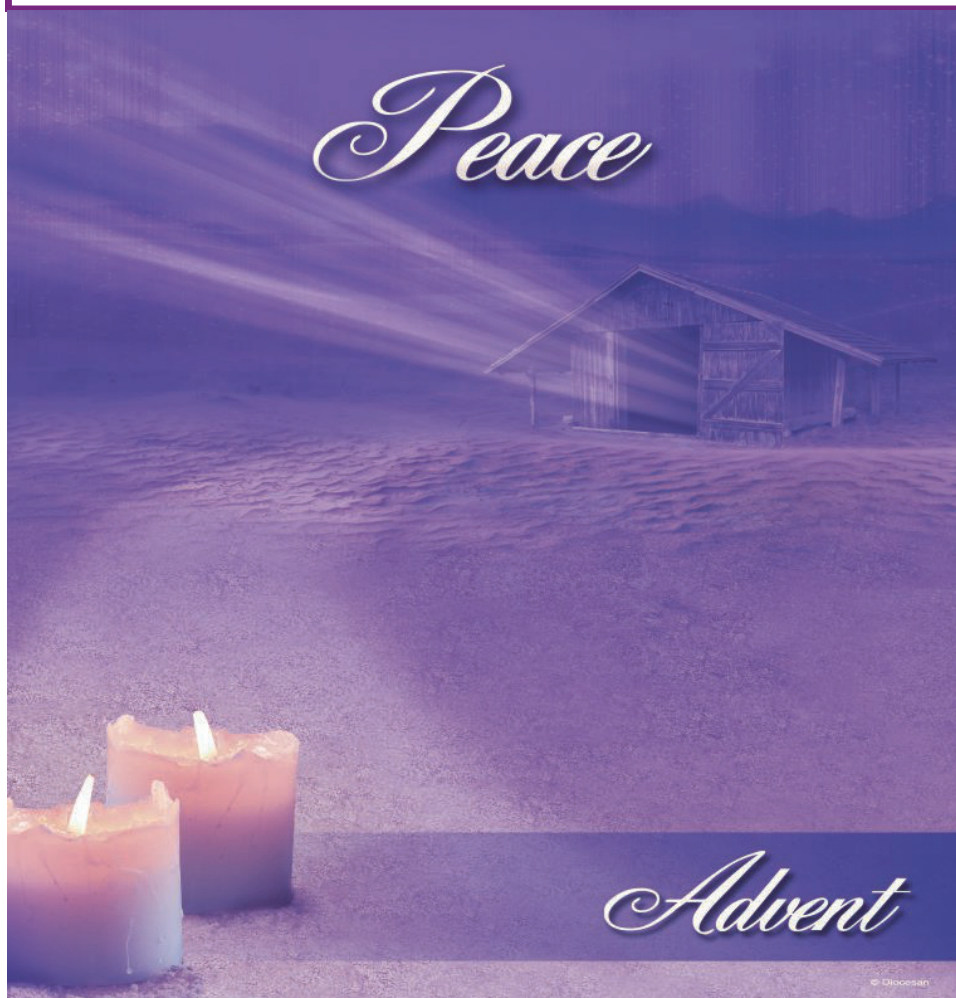
Confessions
Saturdays
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
or by appointment.

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.)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9, 2018



**St. Stephen's Parish
ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
Thursday Dec.13
7:00 P.M.**

Prepare for the Christmas Season by celebrating the
Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent!

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, December 9, 2018
 8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Graces Received
 11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)
Monday, December 10, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Deacon Evelio and Rosie (L)
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Daniel McCarthy ✠
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Michael McDaniel (L)
Thursday, December 13, 2018
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
 7:00 p.m. **Advent Penance Service**
Friday, December 14, 2018
 9:00 a.m. Janet Spera ✠
Saturday, December 15, 2018
 9:00 a.m. For the Martinez-Canedo Families (L)
 5:00 p.m. The People of the Parish (L)
Sunday, December 16, 2018
 8:30 a.m. Fr. Michael Sherliza ✠
 11:00 a.m. Lynn and Ken Evans (L)

Readings for the Week of December 9, 2018

Sunday **Second Sunday of Advent**
 Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
Monday Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday **Saint Damasus I, Pope**
 Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
 Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Thursday **Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**
 Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9-13ab; Mt 11:1-15
Friday **Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
 Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday **Third Sunday of Advent**
 Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



*The Altar Flowers this weekend
 were donated by
 Anna K. Johnson
 in celebration of
 Maria Kowalczyk and
 Stephanie Johnson's Birthdays*

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Mon	12/10	7 pm	St. Oliver
Mon	12/17	7 pm	St. John Neumann
Tue	12/18	3:30-8 pm	St. Monica
Wed	12/19	7 pm	Christ Our Hope
Thu	12/20	7 pm	Holy Cross



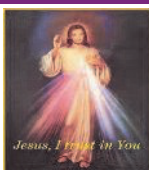
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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



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.



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 Honor the World Youth Day
 experience and join High
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 we celebrate with a

World Youth Day Rally
 on Saturday, January 26, 2019
 at St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church.
 For more information contact
 Katy Oubre at 770-381-7488 x227

Monday December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Vigil Mass

6:00 PM Vigil Mass

10:00 PM Night Mass

Tuesday December 25

Christmas Day

10:00 AM Morning Mass

DECEMBER 9, 2018



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



Weekend of December 2

Offertory \$9,749.00

On Line \$4,143.50

Total \$13,892.50

Second Collection

B & P Maint Fund \$13,075.03

On Line \$ 1,780.00

\$14,855.03

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Our weekly budgeted expenses are \$10,297.00

Future Weekend Second Collections

December 9, Religious Retirement Fund

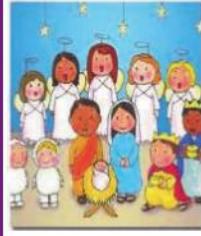
December 16, Christmas Altar Flowers

December 16, SVDP will be collecting donations after all the Masses

December 23, No Second Collection

December 30, Catholic Charities

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Christmas pageant this year is Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall. Rehearsal will be promptly at 6:00 PM. All are welcome.

Children/Teens are invited to participate. Age 4-5 can be Little Angels. K-8th will rehearse with their parish religion class. Please contact Angelle for singing/music auditions at angellebuckley@yahoo.com.

If you have a middle-schooler interested in a speaking or acting role. please contact Christine Roman at romal326@bellsouth.net

Please like the St. Stephen's Facebook Page at [st. stephen the martyr catholic church Lilburn](https://www.facebook.com/st.stephen.the.martyr.catholic.church.Lilburn) for info and updates.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

December 28-29, 2018

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 16, is our monthly Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by the K of C, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are invited to come and have a **FREE** breakfast with Santa Claus, compliments of the St. Stephen's Knights of Columbus.

ALSO, The Knights of Columbus will be selling Honey, Fudge, Biscotti and Fruitcakes from the Holy Spirit Monastery on Saturday evening and Sunday after the Masses. All proceeds go to the Monastery of the Holy Spirit.



St. Stephen's Christmas Angel Tree helps families in need at Christmas time. If you selected a Christmas Angel from the tree, please return each wrapped gift, with the angel attached to the gift, to the Church no later than Wednesday Dec. 12 by 4:30PM.

Volunteers needed on Friday December 14 to help sort the gifts from the Angel Tree. We will begin promptly at 6:00PM. Also need volunteers on Saturday December 15, from 10:00AM to 12 Noon, to help bring the gifts to the cars. No need to sign up, just show up. Thank You for your help.

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.

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