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Pastor

Rev. Brian Lorei

Permanent Deacons

Dcn. Evelio Garcia-Carreras

Dcn. Michael Mobley

Dcn. Rick Kaszycki

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday — 5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday — 8:30 a.m.
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.)

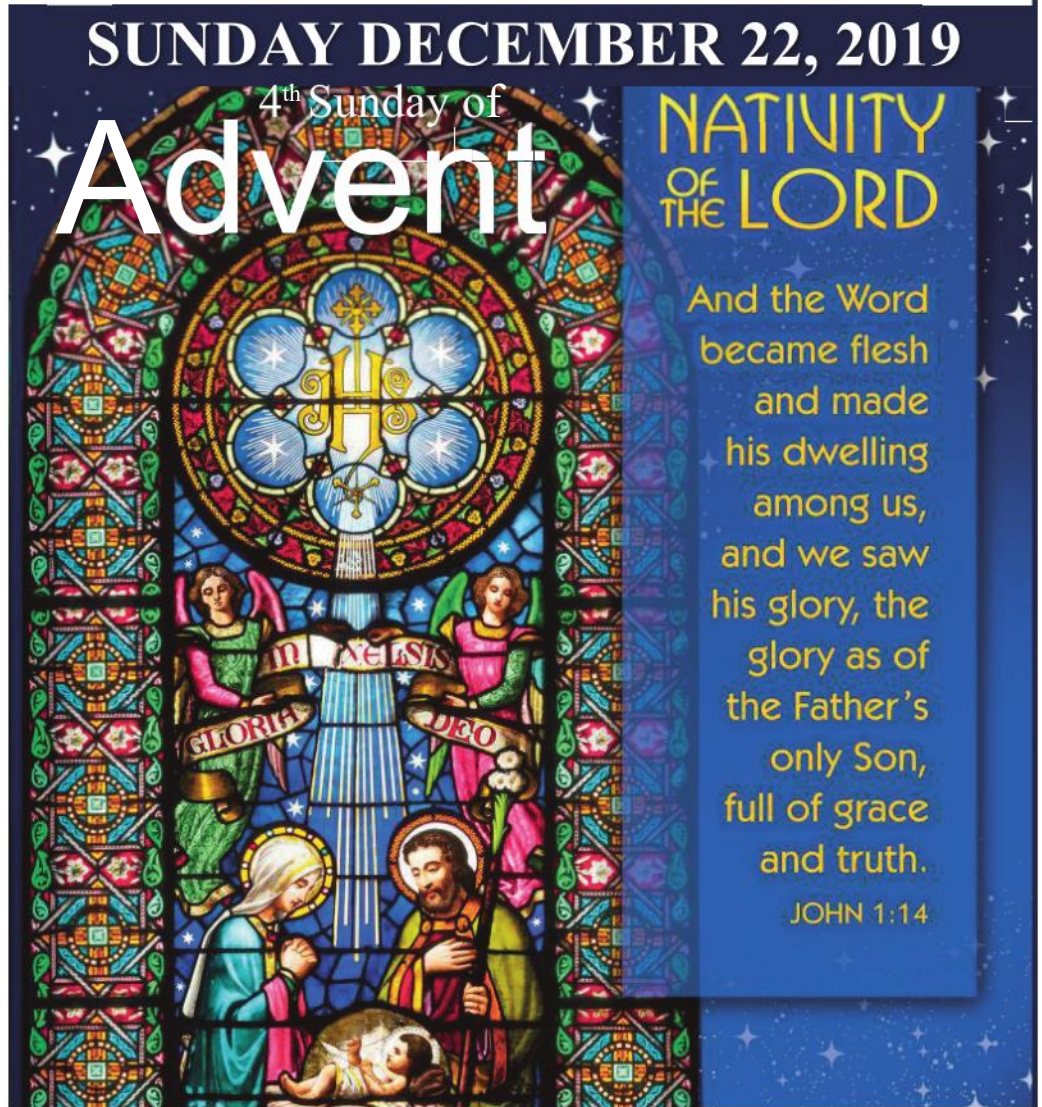
SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 2019

4th Sunday of
Advent

**NATIVITY
OF THE LORD**

And the Word
became flesh
and made
his dwelling
among us,
and we saw
his glory, the
glory as of
the Father's
only Son,
full of grace
and truth.

JOHN 1:14



Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday December 24th Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

6:00 pm Vigil Mass

10:00 pm Night Mass

Wednesday December 25th Christmas Day

10:00 am Morning Mass



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 22, 2019
8:30 a.m.	Julius & Frances Kovacs ✠
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
Monday	December 23, 2019
9:00 a.m.	Beth McMurry ✠
Tuesday	December 24, 2019
4:00 p.m.	For the Children of the Parish (L)
6:00 p.m.	For the Deceased Parishioners ✠
10:00 p.m.	For the People of the Parish (L)
Wednesday	December 25, 2019
10:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish (L)
Thursday	December 26, 2019
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	December 27, 2019
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	December 28, 2019
9:00 a.m.	Jim Burks ✠
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (L)
Sunday	December 29, 2019
8:30 a.m.	Rebecca & Ross Brandt (L)
11:00 a.m.	Carlos DaSilva ✠

On Tuesday December 24th, there will be no 9:00 am Mass and no Exposition/Adoration hours, however, the church will be open to pray before Jesus our Lord, present in the Tabernacle.



The Altar Flowers this weekend were donated by St. Stephen's Parishioners in loving memory and honor of their loved ones this Advent Season.

December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

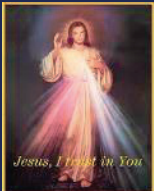
The Future of the Very Young

That every country takes measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

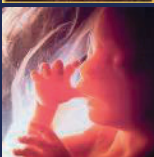


DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

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



Please Pray the *Rosary* For The Protection of the Unborn
rosaryoftheunborn.com



welcome

Please welcome **Deacon Rich Kren** as our new Deacon for St. Stephen The Martyr parish.

Deacon Rich was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Biloxi, Mississippi in May of 2016. There he was assigned to a rural parish, St. Matthew the Apostle, in White Cypress, MS. He recently relocated from Mississippi and is currently residing in Tucker, GA.

He is retired from the Navy, working as a Meteorologist and Oceanographer. He has been married to his wife, Deborah Mae for 37 years and together they have three children and two grandchildren.

Bishop Konzen has assigned him to our parish until July 2020, but we hope he will be with us much longer.

Deacon Rich will be assisting our faith community in many ways, and he needs our prayers and support. We are joyful to welcome him and his wife Deborah Mae to our parish family.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 23rd at noon thru Thursday, Dec. 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

Fr. Brian and the Parish Staff wish everyone a Blessed & Merry Christmas.



Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Vigil Mass
6:00 PM Vigil Mass
10:00 PM Night Mass

Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Day

10:00 AM Morning Mass

Tuesday, December 31st & January 1st

Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

5:00 PM Vigil Mass
10:00 AM Morning Mass



DECEMBER 22, 2019

TITHES & OFFERINGS

FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED. FREELY GIVE

On-line giving is @
www.ststephenthemartyr.info

Weekend of December 15		2 nd Coll. Rel. Retire Fund	
Offertory	\$ 7,844.00	Offertory	\$ 1,923.00
On Line	\$ 2,749.00	On Line	\$ 145.00
Total	\$ 10,593.00	Total	\$ 2,068.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

December 22	Christmas Flowers
December 29	Catholic Charities
January 5, 2020	Property Maintenance & Enhancements
January 12, 2020	LifeTeen/EDGE



YOU'RE INVITED To be included in our updated parish directory

This January, we will be creating a new 2020 updated photo directory and we need your help.

If you are not in our 2019 directory, we are asking that you submit a picture for the 2020 directory at your earliest convenience.

This can be done in two ways. Email the picture electronically to secretary@sstmcc.org or drop the picture off at the office and we will copy/scan it.

It is important that the people in your picture are in a Portrait arrangement, rather than Landscape.

e.g. if you have children, please make sure the children are in front of their parents rather than to the side. See examples.



YES



YES



No



No

If you have any questions, or need help with taking a photo or submitting a photo, please contact Teresia at the parish office 770-381-7488 or secretary@sstmcc.org

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lilburn Co-op Winter Coat Drive

Help those in need to stay warm.

Do you have a used coat in good condition to donate? Lilburn Co-op is looking for clean, reusable coats and jackets to be distributed to children and adults in our community.

Please bring your coats directly to Lilburn Co-op located at 5329 Five Forks Trickum Rd.

Donation hours are Monday-Saturday 9am -5pm



And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

– Luke 2:10



The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia is grateful this Christmas season for our faith-filled brothers and sisters in the archdiocese. Thank you for your generous spirit during this past year in ensuring the future of our Catholic community. www.cfnga.org For more information, please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation: jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440.



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 7:00 pm. Our next meeting will be January 14, 2020, in Our Lady of Fatima Room. We will be collecting donations after all the Masses the weekend of 12/22/19.

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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