



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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Pastor

Rev. Brian Lorei

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Dcn. Evelio Garcia Carreras

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Sunday Masses

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)

*Thursday 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 12 p.m.)

SUNDAY JULY 12, 2020

○ Holy spirit of God;
Take me as Your disciple.
Guide me, illuminate me,
Sanctify me.

Receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit

WISDOM — The ability to see things as they truly are in an open-minded manner

UNDERSTANDING — A heart that accepts, cares, listens, understands, forgives

KNOWLEDGE — The ability to comprehend the truths of the universe

RIGHT JUDGEMENT — The ability to make good and wise decisions

COURAGE — The strength to do what is right in spite of challenges

REVERENCE — A deep respect for God, for others and for all creation

WONDER & AWE in GOD's PRESENCE —
A sense of the greatness and majesty of
God coupled with a deep realization of
His nearness

Go Forth and Serve the Lord



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	July 12, 2020
8:30 a.m.	Jim Curley ☩
11:00 a.m.	Jim Burks ☩
Monday	July 13, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Patricia Bryant ☩
Tuesday	July 14, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Barbara & Janet Spera ☩
Wednesday	July 15, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Alphonsa Thomas ☩
Thursday	July 16, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	July 17, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Alfy Thomas ☩
Saturday	July 18, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Marjory White ☩
5:00 p.m.	For Our Nation
Sunday	July 19, 2020
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m.	Hartley & Mary Black ☩

PUBLIC MASSES HAVE RESUMED

Thanks be to God!

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass **has been extended for all in the Archdiocese through Sunday, August 2nd.**

We are encouraging parishioners to come on weekdays to help manage the number of attendees.

The faithful are required to use face masks, as are ministers of Holy Communion. Please bring your own face masks. Pews will be marked to ensure six feet of distance in all directions between household groups or individuals.

Please refrain from any physical contact at the Our Father or the Sign of Peace. The Precious Blood will not be offered at Holy Communion for the time being.

Holy Water fonts will remain empty, but parishioners are encouraged to take home Holy Water from the large Holy Water Tank located in the narthex.

The nursery will remain closed. Hand Sanitizer will be available in the narthex and the church surfaces will be cleaned after each Mass.

Anyone who is not feeling well should remain at home, out of concern for others. Those who are at risk or concerned that they or their family might become sick should stay at home and view online Masses.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Building Your Marriage Before It Starts Workshop

Registration spots are available for September 7 and November 2 workshops.

A one-day marriage preparation workshop for couples who want to build a marriage that will have the foundation to last a lifetime. Completion of the workshop meets the requirements for marriage preparation of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Each workshop is directed by the Marriage and Family Ministry at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.



Register Online at <https://www.hscatl.com/Workshops/Build-Marriage>

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July 20-24

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<https://www.holyheroes.com/Summer-Faith-Adventure-Catholic-VBS-s/110.htm>

JULY 12, 2020

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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Unable to give your offertory in person?

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Weekend of	July 5, 2020	2nd Coll. — P. M. and E.
Offertory	\$ 8,614.00	Offertory \$ 3,987.00
On Line	\$ 6,430.00	On Line \$ 3,830.00
Total	\$15,044.00	Total \$ 7,817.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

July 12, 2020	Mission Cooperative
July 19, 2020	No Second Collection
July 26, 2020	No Second Collection
August 2, 2020	Property Maintenance & Enhancements
August 9, 2020	No Second Collection



It is with great JOY, even APPREHENSION, along with contemplative prayer that the International Board has made a decision to offer a Virtual Weekend.

Phase 1 of the Retrouvaille Program will be provided as an extended four-day "Virtual" experience with evening sessions on Thursday and Friday, July 30 and 31, then continue Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 am until dinner time, August 1 and 2. The Presenting Team will be members of the International Board. The extended schedule will allow us to maintain the integrity of the program with fidelity to the outlines. This program will take place 7:30 PM Thursday.

If you have knowledge of couples in your parishes who are in need of a Retrouvaille weekend, please refer them to our Registration couple, Andy and Lilly Cichon at 770.912.4743. An explanation of our ministry can be found at www.helpourmarriage.org.

An "in person" Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for October 2-4. If gathering restrictions allow, we will go forward with this as planned at the Wyndham Hotel, 6345 Powers Ferry Road NW, Atlanta, GA.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, Grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deo Gratias!

We are grateful for all parishioners who have remembered our parish in their will or estate plans. Anyone who has made a planned gift to our parish becomes a member of the Deo Gratias Society. You will be invited to the annual Mass and Celebration with Archbishop Hartmayer on Saturday, August 15 at 10 a.m. If you have included our parish, a Catholic school or other Catholic ministry in your will or estate plans, please contact Juliet Greco at (404) 497-9440 or jgreco@cfnga.org so that we can honor you!



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 a couple of hours a month, please leave a message on the help line and you will be contacted. You can mail your contribution to the church or do online giving using the **Miscellaneous** option and putting SVdP SSTM in the **Special Instruction**.



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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