



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 1-2 p.m.)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 2020





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 13, 2020
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
11:00 a.m.	Rebecca & Ross Brandt (L)
Monday	December 14, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Donald Rodnik ☩
Tuesday	December 15, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Sheila West ☩
Wednesday	December 16, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Henry B. Franzman ☩
Thursday	December 17, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	December 18, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Tom & Beth McMurry ☩
Saturday	December 19, 2020
9:00 a.m.	Mark Stupak ☩
5:00 p.m.	Tom & Clara Ann Wilker ☩
Sunday	December 20, 2020
8:30 a.m.	Thai Family ☩
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)

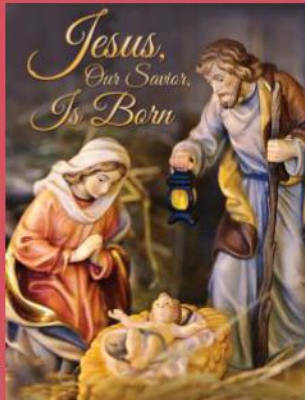


*Prepare the way
for the Lord*

ADVENT PENANCE EVENINGS

Behind Screen Only • No Face-To-Face • Masks Required

Monday	12/14	7pm	St. John Neumann
Tuesday	12/15	6pm	St. Monica



Thursday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Vigil Mass

6:00 PM Vigil Mass

10:00 PM Night Mass

Friday, December 25th

Christmas Day

10:00 AM Morning Mass



*The altar flowers
this weekend were donated by*

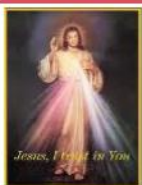
Cathy Miller

For the children of James & Addie
Peterson living & deceased

***"How shall I make a return to
the Lord for all the good He has
done for me?" - Psalm 116:12***



During Advent as we are "making a way for the Lord," we reflect on our blessings. Please consider changing the beneficiary for your IRA account to include the parish endowment fund. Simply call your IRA custodian for a change of beneficiary form. For more information, please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation at (404) 497-9440 or jgreco@cfnga.org.



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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



If you are participating in the Angel Tree Program, please return each gift card (with the angel attached) to the Church no later than **Wednesday, December 16** by 4:30pm.

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OR You can mail in your offertory gift to:

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Weekend of	Nov. 29, 2020	2nd: Retirement Religious
Offertory	\$ 5,939.00	Offertory \$ 928.00
On Line	\$ 3,085.00	On Line \$ 240.00
Total	\$ 9,024.00	Total \$ 1,168.00

Dec. 6th Offertory \$ 10,519.00 2nd Building Fund \$ 5,124.00

Due to early printing request, we are not able to provide online totals for Dec. 6th.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

December 13, 2020	Christmas Baskets for the Needy
December 20, 2020	Christmas Flowers
December 27, 2020	Catholic Charities
January 3, 2020	Property Maintenance & Enhancements



Bring a New 2021 Hymnal Home With You

The new hymnals are here.

In an effort to keep our faith community safe and healthy, we're inviting parishioners to have their own personal copy to take home and bring to Mass each week.

Please use your plastic cover from your 2020 hymnal for your

new 2021 hymnal.

Please stop by the office to receive your free copy.
(one copy per family please)

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 God-parents 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.



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," or, at least that's the assumption based on that familiar holiday song. But what does that look like at your house? Most of us anticipate the great sales at the mall on the day after Thanksgiving, string lights on the outside of our house, and decorating the inside of our homes. But how exactly are we preparing our hearts for the greatest gift we've ever been given? Through an exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus, this Advent study offers an opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas.

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