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Dcn. Rich Kren

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

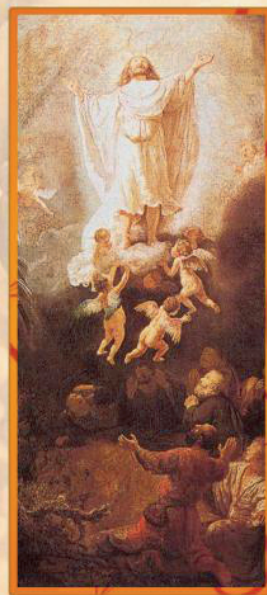
Monday through Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

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

SUNDAY MAY 16, 2021

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with joyful cries.
For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
the great king over all the earth.
Psalm 47:2-3



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	May 16, 2021
8:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Novena
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
Monday	May 17, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	Mother's Day Novena—Fr. Brian's Private Mass
Tuesday	May 18, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday	May 19, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Ty Lively Family (L)
Thursday	May 20, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	May 21, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Alan Richardson ✙
Saturday	May 22, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Kay Martinez ✙
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (L)
Sunday	May 23, 2021
8:30 a.m.	Patricia Meeker ✙
11:00 a.m.	Louise & Charles Scibel ✙

On May 22, prior to the celebration of the Vigil of Pentecost, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will expire in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

While the general dispensation will lift, there will be some exceptions.

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| 1. You are ill or you have a health condition that would significantly compromise you if you were to contract a communicable illness. Please use the dispensation and do not attend Mass. | might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness. |
| 2. You are experiencing flu-like symptoms. | 4. You care for the sick, homebound, or infirm. |
| 3. You have been exposed to someone who has tested positive or you think you | 5. You are pregnant. |
| | 6. You are 65 years of age or older |
| | 7. You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own |
| | 8. You have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass. |

Persons legitimately dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass are still to observe the Lord's Day by participating in a broadcast of the Sunday Mass or by spending time in prayer and meditating on Scripture, either individually or as a family. *We cannot live without the Eucharist, and the Church is not fully alive without its congregation.*

We cannot wait to welcome you back this Pentecost.



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RETROUVAILLE

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

IN MARRIAGE, COMMUNICATION IS MORE THAN JUST TALKING. AT SOME POINT, DID YOU STOP SHARING ABOUT THE THINGS THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO YOU? DID YOUR SPOUSE?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about our upcoming VIRTUAL Retrouvaille Weekend program, June 10-13, 2021, contact: Andy and Lilly @ 770.912.4743 or visit our website: **HelpOurMarriage.org**

We Grieve With You. New human life is fragile; one in four pregnancies end in miscarriage, still birth or infant loss. The grief experienced by mothers, fathers and families that comes from this type of loss is many times unseen and unappreciated by their brothers and sisters in Christ.



If you have experienced such a loss, please know that the prayers of the Saint Stephen the Martyr family are with you.

In your loss, there is help through the **All Embrace Ministry of Atlanta** which surrounds families who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss with support in their times of need. www.allembrace.com

Married Couples:

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned." Do you believe in the graces of God that will enrich your marriage?

Participate in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on **Jul 30-Aug 1**. You can get more information or apply online at wwme.org or by calling **678-242-WWME**.



MAY 16, 2021

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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www.ststephenthemartyr.info/giving/online-giving

OR, You can mail your offertory gift to:

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Weekend of	May 9, 2021	2nd: Mother's Day Novena
Offertory	\$ 6,710.00	Offertory \$ 2,173.00
On Line	\$ 4,563.00	On Line \$ 215.00
Total	\$ 11,273.00	Total \$ 2,388.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

May 16, 2021	Catholic Communications (SVdP in Narthex)
May 23, 2021	No Second Collection
May 30, 2021	Outreach
June 6, 2021	Property Maintenance & Enhancements
June 13, 2021	No Second Collection

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**.

**"How shall I make a return to the Lord
for all He has done for me?"**

- Psalm 116:12

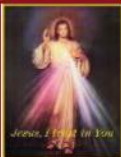


The simplest way to share your blessings is to include the parish endowment fund in your will. If you are one of the 70% of Americans without a will, please visit cfngalegacy.org or email Juliet Greco (jgreco@cfnga.org) at the Catholic Foundation to receive a free will planning guide.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Congratulations to our First Communicants!

On Saturday morning May 8th, thirteen children from our parish celebrated their First Holy Communion. We congratulate them and invite all parishioners to pray that they will continue to grow in love for Jesus as they receive Him in the Eucharist. May they always know the love and presence of our Lord.

Adam Amanuel

Mary Anna Amanuel

Daniela Del Solar

Jaclyn Lauer

Evelyn Myers

Laura Santos

Avery Tilford

Daryl Dabire

Joyce Dabire

Owen Kener

Brandon Lenfest

Ava Okin

Aaron Sulchek

We are so grateful for our **First Holy Communion team** that prepared the children for this most Holy Sacrament and made their big day possible: Kathy Roger, our DRE, our Catechists Colleen Jordan, Al Bolet and Teresia Edwards. We are especially grateful to the Parents for all they have done to teach their children the Catholic Faith. **Thank You.**

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 noon in *Our Lady of Fatima* room. Please make arrangements for a babysitter as we do not provide babysitting services.

Please pre-register for the class with the Parish Office at 770-381-7488 during normal business hours or email secretary@sstmcc.org (to ensure that the class will be held on a particular date).

Parents will need to select God-parents for their children 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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