



# St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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## Pastor

Rev. Brian Lorei

## Permanent Deacons

Dcn. Evelio Garcia-Carreras

Dcn. Rick Kaszycki

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.

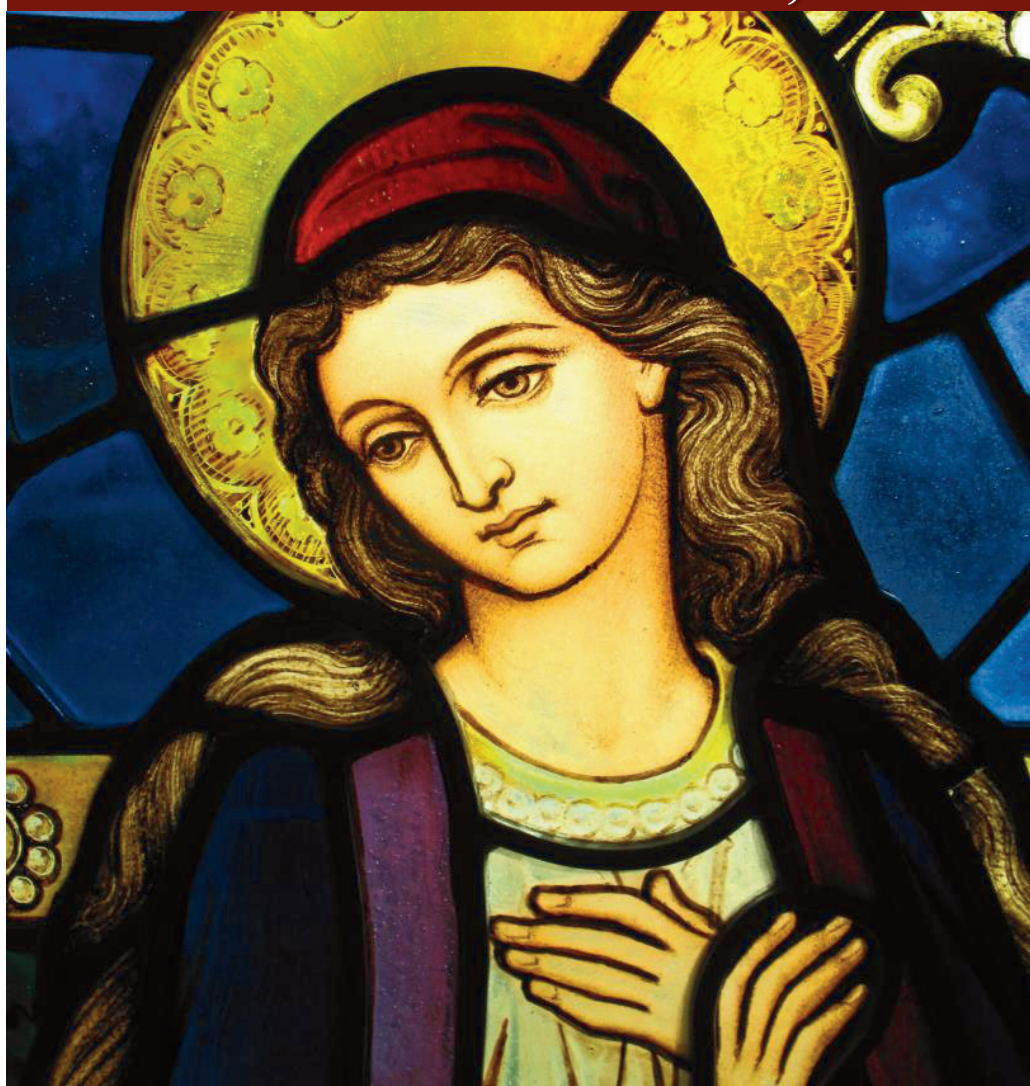
## Office Hours

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 DECEMBER 5, 2021



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION *of the* BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



## 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

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>December 5, 2021</b>        |
| 8:30 a.m.        | James & Mary Curley ☩          |
| 11:00 a.m.       | People of the Parish (L)       |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>December 6, 2021</b>        |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Kathy Stearns (L)              |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>December 7, 2021</b>        |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Ruth Laing ☩                   |
| 7:00 pm          | Protection of the Preborn      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>December 8, 2021</b>        |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Delmar & Catherine Thouvenot ☩ |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>December 9, 2021</b>        |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Communion Service              |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>December 10, 2021</b>       |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Father Tom Franzman (L)        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>December 11, 2021</b>       |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Debbie Wilker ☩                |
| 5:00 p.m.        | Bob Corney ☩                   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>December 12, 2021</b>       |
| 8:30 a.m.        | Dick Hitchcock ☩               |
| 11:00 a.m.       | People of the Parish (L)       |



On October 9 and 10, Pope Francis opened up an important Synod in Rome with a Solemn Mass inviting the Holy Spirit to accompany the Church over the next few years as she engages in this synodal process.

A Synod is a meeting or council convened in the church, either at the universal or diocesan level, to deal with issues around doctrine, liturgy, administration, etc. Pope Francis has convened this current synod with the intent of engaging the church to understand and examine the entire concept of Synodality. He believes the synodal process will help the church to journey more closely with the faithful, listening to them and guiding them along the way of the Gospel.

The theme of this synod is: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." This synod is a two year process which will end on October 2023 in Rome. It is organized to be implemented at the diocesan level and will include sessions and workshops to foster an environment of listening, dialogue and community discernment so that we can truly understand the spiritual needs of all and seek ways to fulfill them. Implementing the synodal process here in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer invited the entire Atlanta Archdiocesan family to participate in this effort. In his letter announcing the Synod, the Archbishop noted: In the coming weeks and months, your pastors, ministry leaders and brothers and sisters will be inviting you to speak and to listen as part of this process.

The archdiocese will provide resources about the process throughout our communities. Look for opportunities to participate in a listening session or contribute to a survey and to join us in prayer, study, and reflection as we journey together.

As we continue our Eucharistic Renewal, we invite each of you to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, praying that this Synod will bear abundant fruit. Come Holy Spirit.

For more information, visit the following websites: [www.archatl.com/synod/](http://www.archatl.com/synod/) or [www.usccb.org/synod](http://www.usccb.org/synod).



## Prepare the way for the Lord

**If you missed the Penance Evening at St. Stephen the Martyr on Dec. 2, Additional Penance Evenings are Listed Below**

### ADDITIONAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

|                  |              |            |                         |
|------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>12/6</b>  | <b>7pm</b> | <b>St. Oliver</b>       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>12/9</b>  | <b>7pm</b> | <b>St. Marguerite</b>   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>12/13</b> | <b>7pm</b> | <b>St. Patrick</b>      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>12/14</b> | <b>6pm</b> | <b>St. Monica</b>       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>12/15</b> | <b>7pm</b> | <b>Mary Our Queen</b>   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>12/16</b> | <b>7pm</b> | <b>St. John Neumann</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>12/16</b> | <b>7pm</b> | <b>Holy Cross</b>       |



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DECEMBER 5, 2021

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|                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Weekend of Nov. 21, 2021</b> | <b>2nd Coll. Thanksgiving Bask</b> |
| <b>Total \$ 10,881.00</b>       | <b>Total \$ 2,065.00</b>           |

|                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Weekend of Nov. 28, 2021</b> | <b>2nd Coll. Campaign for H.D.</b> |
| <b>Offertory \$ 7,308.00</b>    | <b>Offertory \$ 636.00</b>         |
| <b>On Line \$ 3,329.00</b>      | <b>On Line \$ TBD</b>              |
| <b>Total \$ 10,637.00</b>       | <b>Total \$ 636.00</b>             |

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## Current and Upcoming Second Collections

|                   |                                    |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| December 5, 2021  | Property and Maintenance & Enhance |
| December 12, 2021 | Christmas Baskets for the Needy    |
| December 19, 2021 | Christmas Flowers                  |
| December 26, 2021 | Catholic Charities                 |
| January 2, 2022   | Property and Maintenance & Enhance |



## 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**.

If you selected a Christmas Angel from the tree, please return each gift card, with the angel attached with it, to the Church office no later than **Wednesday, December 15** by 4:30pm.

**Volunteers are needed on Saturday, December 18** from 10:00am to 12 noon, to help bring the food baskets and gifts to the cars. No need to sign up, just show up.

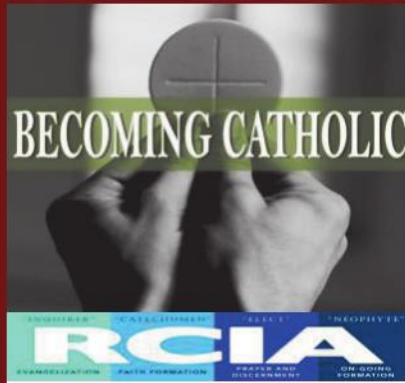
**Thank You For Your Help!**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Coffee and donuts are back and are served after the 8:30am Mass in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy this wonderful time to be with familiar parishioners as well as meet those who may be new to our parish.



*All Are Welcome.*



## RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Interested in becoming Catholic? Or are Catholic and want to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We invite you to join us on Mondays in the St. Pio Room from 4-5:30 pm.

This is also open for Catholic adults who would like to learn about their Baptized faith. There are excellent presentations each week. Open to all.

## 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](mailto: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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