



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

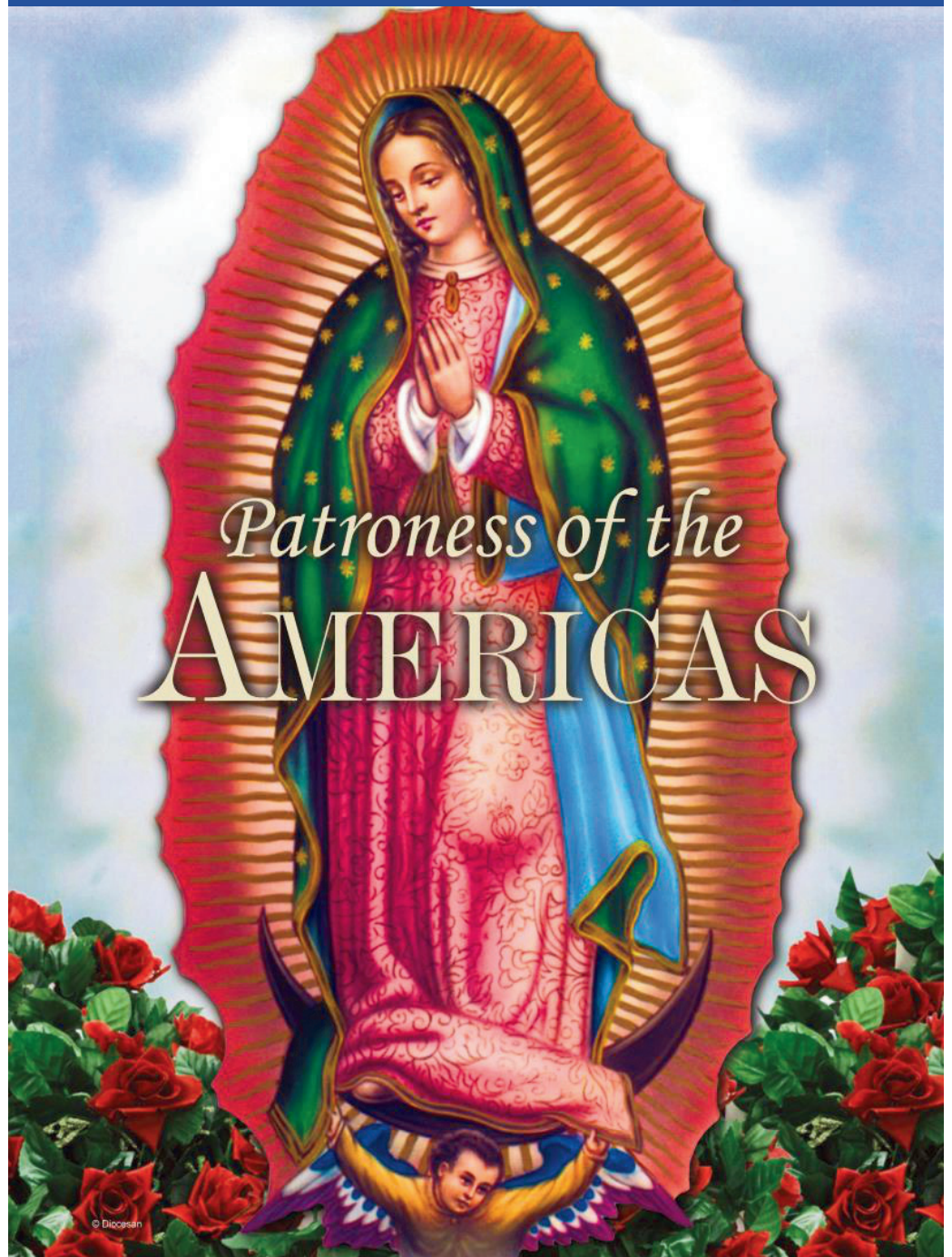
Monday through Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday

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

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12, 2021





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 12, 2021
8:30 a.m.	Dick Hitchcock ✕
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish (L)
Monday	December 13, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Dave Billish ✕
Tuesday	December 14, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Harold Sweet ✕
Wednesday	December 15, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Donald Rudnick ✕
Thursday	December 16, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	December 17, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Henry & Margaret Franzman ✕
Saturday	December 18, 2021
9:00 a.m.	Dan & Melinda O'Herron (L)
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (L)
Sunday	December 19, 2021
8:30 a.m.	Norma Shearer ✕
11:00 a.m.	Tom & Ruth Black (L)



Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference."

Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. Our parish is joining a nationwide effort entitled: "**Walking with Moms in Need.**" We're excited to be joining SJN in this critical new ministry and hope many SSTM parishioners will come along for the journey. For more information, please see the parish website or contact Claire Smith at clairesmith1885@gmail.com.

"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) 497-9447 or jgreco@cfnga.org.



Prepare the way for the Lord

ADDITIONAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Monday	12/13	7pm	St. Patrick
Wednesday	12/15	7pm	Mary Our Queen
Thursday	12/16	7pm	St. John Neumann
Thursday	12/16	7pm	Holy Cross

Friday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

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

Saturday, December 25th

Christmas Day

10:00 AM Morning Mass

December 25th & 26th—Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday December 25th—5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday December 26th—8:30 AM & 11:00 AM



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There will be a Children's Rosary prayed at St. Stephen the Martyr on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 4:30pm. We hope you will be able to join the children.

All are welcome to come and pray the Rosary with us.



DECEMBER 12, 2021

TITHES & OFFERINGS

FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED. FREELY GIVE.

**Unable To Give Your Offertory In Person?
Consider Using Our On-line Giving Portal**

www.ststephenthemartyr.info/giving/online-giving

OR, You can mail your offertory gift to:

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Weekend of Dec. 5, 2021		2nd Coll. Building Fund	
Offertory	\$ 10,978.00	Offertory	\$ 6,403.00
On Line	\$ 6,169.00	On Line	\$ 4,255.00
Total	\$ 17,147.00	Total	\$10,658.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

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
January 9, 2022	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**.

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!**



**The Altar Flowers This Weekend Were
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THIRD 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.



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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