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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 FEBRUARY 19, 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY



A Clean Heart Create For Me, GOD;
Renew Within Me A Steadfast Spirit.

Psalms 51:12



Ash Wednesday Mass Times

9:00am 7:00pm



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	February 19, 2023
8:30 a.m.	Christine McNally ☩
11:00 a.m.	Mike Dickens ☩
Monday	February 20, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Rosemary Fumei ☩
Tuesday	February 21, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Mountaineer Priests ☩
Wednesday	February 22, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Richard Ferris ☩
7:00pm	Earthquake Victims
Thursday	February 23, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	February 24, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Nguyet Pham (L)
	5:00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	February 25, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Megan Maryanski ☩
5:00 p.m.	Rebecca Fidero (L)
Sunday	February 26, 2023
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
11:00 a.m.	Fr. John Lavorgna ☩



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is a day of universal fasting and abstinence. The following church regulations are observed throughout the season of Lent:

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays during Lent by Catholics of 14 years of age and older.

All Catholics who are at least 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age observe fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those bound by this rule may eat only one full meal.

Two smaller meals (that all together are not equal to a full meal) are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to personal needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Those who are sick, pregnant, nursing, or with a compromised health that would be adversely affected by fasting or abstinence should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

During the season of Lent, we are all called to embrace penance and perform works of charity and mercy that reflect our desire of a true conversion of heart. May this holy season of Lent 2023 lead all of us to a deeper union with Christ and with one another.



Come join us in the Fellowship Hall between Masses for coffee and donuts and enjoy watching **The Wild Goose** video series continuing this Sunday from **9:50AM – 10:30 AM**.

The Videos are about 25 minutes long with the remaining time for discussion. Discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Hear from **Fr. Dave Pivonka** and testimonies of people from across the country whose lives have been impacted by the Spirit of God. All are welcome. No registration necessary. Just show up.

THE WILD GOOSE

COUPLES CELEBRATING 50th AND 60th Anniversary in 2023



The Archdiocese of Atlanta would like to honor couples married in 1973 and 1963 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday April 1, at noon, at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A light reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited.

Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information.



Tax Benefits of Gifts and Securities

Transferring appreciated stock that you have owned for at least one year is an easy way to support the parish and receive tax benefits. To make a gift to your parish endowment fund by transferring securities, please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation (jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440) or visit cfnga.org to learn more.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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Weekend of February 12, 2023

Offertory \$ 9,634

On Line \$ 4,397

Total \$ 14,031

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

February 19, 2023	No Second Collection
February 26, 2023	Black & Indian Missions
March 5, 2023	Property Maintenance
March 12, 2023	Catholic Relief Services
March 19, 2023	Easter Flowers



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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OF ME**

"Love one another as I have loved you.
No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends."
John 15:12-13

ARCHBISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

I am very grateful to all our parishioners who have already joined together in pledging their gift to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign goal is \$8,400,000 and our parish goal is \$52,300. A percentage of the money collected above our goal will be returned to the parish and be used to support our Adult Religious Education and Youth Ministries.

To learn more about the impact of our support to the appeal and to donate online, visit www.archatl.com/appeal.

**LENTEN
FISH
DINNER**

**We will be serving from
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
every Friday evening
during Lent.
Join Us For Great Food
and Fellowship.**

Dine-In OR Take-Out

The Knights of Columbus are leading this event, but all members of our Parish are welcome to assist in any way.

Please contact us at:

kccouncil14122sstm@yahoo.com

**Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 5:00 pm**

We look forward to seeing you!



Come and enjoy Coffee and Donuts after the 8:30am Mass in the Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful time to be with familiar parishioners as well as meet those who may be new to our parish.

All Are Welcome

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