



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 FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Almsgiving  Praying  Fasting

LENT





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 26, 2023
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
11:00 a.m.	Earthquake Victims
Monday	February 27, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Pedro Rodriguez ✕
Tuesday	February 28, 2023
9:00 a.m.	John Lazenby ✕
Wednesday	March 1, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Cheryl Hicks and Family (L)
Thursday	March 2, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	March 3, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory ✕
	5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
	6:45 p.m. Children's Stations
Saturday	March 4, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Sam Tanner ✕
5:00 p.m.	Chris Baker ✕
Sunday	March 5, 2023
8:30 a.m.	Rebecca McNally ✕
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish



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 are 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.

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jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440



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.



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Weekend of February 19, 2023

Offertory \$ 5,767

On Line \$ 3,915

Total \$ 9,682

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

February 26, 2023	Black & Indian Missions
March 5, 2023	Property Maintenance
March 12, 2023	Catholic Relief Services
March 19, 2023	Easter Flowers
March 26, 2023	Holy Land



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.



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



DO THIS in memory 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



If you have not yet made a gift to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal there will be pledge cards in the narthex or you can easily donate online at www.archatl.com/appeal. Once completed, please place your pledge envelope in the offertory basket. The campaign goal is \$8,400,000 and our parish goal is \$52,300. Every gift to the Annual Appeal is vitally important to assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our archdiocese each year through the education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian Initiation, on-going formation for our priests and more!



**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
Children's Stations 6:45 pm
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