



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 3, 2023

Hope



Advent

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December 8, 2023 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

Sunday	December 3, 2023
8:30 a.m.	William & Maria Kowalczyk ✕
11:00 a.m.	Mary Giannakos ✕
Monday	December 4, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Belle and Salvatore Altizio ✕
Tuesday	December 5, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Jamie and Suvitha Burks (L)
Wednesday	December 6, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Ruth Laing ✕
Thursday	December 7, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
7:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
	Deceased Mountaineer Priests ✕
Friday	December 8, 2023
9:00 a.m.	James Panarese ✕
Saturday	December 9, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Bert Mujica ✕
5:00 p.m.	Mary Ann Creagan ✕
Sunday	December 10, 2023
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
11:00 a.m.	James Black ✕



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.



St. Stephen's Christmas Angel Tree helps families in need at Christmas time. If you select a Christmas Angel, please return the angel attached to the gift card, by **Wednesday, Dec. 13.**



**Forever Young Seniors
Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon
Monday, December 10th
at 12:00 Noon**

**Turkey and Ham will be provided!
Please bring a side dish to share.
There will be an optional Secret Santa Gift
Exchange which you may bring a wrapped
gift (\$10-15)**

Come join us for fun and fellowship



ROSARY MAKERS

Please join us on Wednesday, December 13th from 1—3 pm in the Fellowship Hall to learn how to make rosaries (cord and/or cord & bead).
Questions? Please call Vicki Cunneen at 404-578-9700.



**Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, December 7th
Vigil Mass 7:00PM**

**Friday, December 8th
Mass 9:00 AM**



Prepare the way for the Lord

If you missed the Penance Service at St. Stephen the Martyr on November 30th, Additional Penance Services are Listed Below

LOCAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Mon	Dec 4	St. Monica	7 pm
Tue	Dec 5	St. John Newmann	7 pm
Wed	Dec 6	St. Lawrence	7 pm

DECEMBER 3, 2023

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/onlinegiving

OR, You can mail your offertory gift to:

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<u>Weekend of November 26, 2023</u>	<u>2nd Coll Retirement Fund</u>
Offertory \$ 8,081	Offertory \$ 1,213
On Line \$ 3,415	On Line \$ 170
Total \$ 11,496	Total \$ 1,383

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

December 3, 2023	Property and Maintenance
December 10, 2023	Christmas Baskets for the Needy
December 17, 2023	Christmas Flowers
December 17, 2023	SVdP Monthly Collection
December 24, 2023	No Second Collection

The Children's Christmas Pageant is Wednesday, December 20th at 7pm

A reception will follow the Pageant in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

All children age 6-18 are invited to participate.

Age 3-5 can be Little Angels.

If your child would like a singing part, or to be a Little Angel, please contact Angelle Buckley at angellebuckley@yahoo.com

Singing Rehearsals-Sun Dec. 10, 10:30-10:50am and Sun Dec. 17, 10:30-10:50am in the Infant of Prague Room

If you have a middle-schooler interested in a speaking or acting role, you may contact Christine Roman at edge@ststephenthemartyr.info



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

the RESCUE project

The RESCUE Project

- Why is there something rather than nothing?
- Why is everything so obviously messed up?
- What if anything has God done about it?
- How should I respond?

Ever ask yourself these questions?
We invite you to join us for the Rescue Project.
Together we can discover the Story.

Begins Thursday January 11—February 29, 2024
Gathering and Provided Dinner—5:45pm
Video Presentation and Discussion—6:45pm—8pm
Plus Retreat Day- Saturday Feb 24th 9:45-1pm

Registration: Please Sign up in the Narthex

No Babysitting Provided

***We've Lost Our Christian Story.
Let's Get It Back!***



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Would you like to help less fortunate members of our local parish community? Do you have 30 minutes to an hour a day to spare? If so, St. Vincent de Paul has a volunteer opportunity for you and you can do it from the comfort of your own home.

Jesus said, "whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me."

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