



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 17, 2023

Joy



Advent



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 17, 2023
8:30 a.m.	Josh Ferris ☩
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday	December 18, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Catherine Marshall ☩
Tuesday	December 19, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Bob Corney ☩
Wednesday	December 20, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Sharon Dickens ☩
Thursday	December 21, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	December 22, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Bert Mujica ☩
Saturday	December 23, 2023
9:00 a.m.	Tom and Ruth Black (L)
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	December 24, 2023
8:30 a.m.	Bud Patton ☩
11:00 a.m.	John Pawenski ☩
4:00 p.m.	Children of the Parish
6:00 p.m.	Deceased Parishioners ☩
10:00 p.m.	People of the Parish



*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 18	St. Patrick	7 pm
Mon	Dec 19	Holy Cross	7 pm
Wed	Dec 20	St. Marguerite	7 pm



*The Parish Office will be closed
Monday December 25th and Tuesday
December 26th in observance of the
Christmas Holiday.*

*Father Brian and the parish staff
wish everyone a Blessed and Merry
Christmas!*

4th Sunday of Advent Sunday

December 23rd-24th

Regular Mass Schedule: 5pm, 8:30am, 11am



Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Vigil Mass

6:00 PM Vigil Mass

10:00 PM Night Mass

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day

10:00 AM Morning Mass



Free Christmas Breakfast

Today, Sunday, December 17, is a special Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

All are invited to come and have a **FREE** breakfast with

Santa Claus, compliments of the St. Stephen's Knights of Columbus.

DECEMBER 17, 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 December 10, 2023</u>		<u>2nd Coll Christmas Baskets</u>	
Offertory \$	10,069	Offertory \$	2,603
On Line \$	4,466	On Line \$	3,380
Total	\$ 14,535	Total	\$ 5,983

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

December 17, 2023	Christmas Flowers
December 17, 2023	SVdP Monthly Collection
December 24, 2023	No Second Collection
December 31, 2023	Catholic Charities
January 7, 2024	Property and Maintenance

**Join Us For The Children's
Christmas Pageant
Wednesday, December 20th.**
6:00 pm—Rehearsal
(closed to an audience)

**7:00 pm—Children's Pageant
Open To All**

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



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church is pleased to announce that we have received a grant award of \$1,000 from Catholic Foundation of North Georgia. This grant will be used to help cover the cost of St. Stephen's Life Teen / Confirmation Retreat in February 2024.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Join us the first Saturday
each month following the 9:00 am Mass.



THIRD 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!***

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT.

Have you ever considered the possibility of serving God as a priest? Come pray and explore if this could be the vocation God has prepared for you. Join us for our annual Men's Discernment Retreat December 28th and 29th at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. Register at calledbychrist.com/events/discernment-retreat



Pope Francis December Prayer Intention **Persons with Disabilities**

We pray people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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