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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.

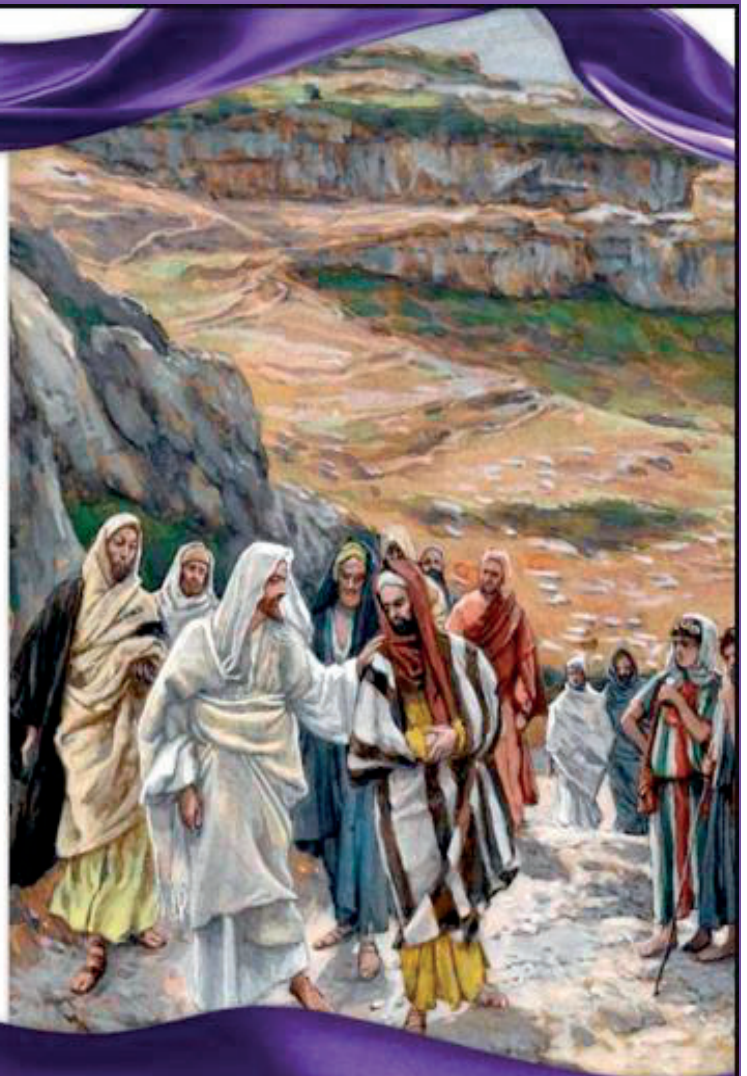
(Closed daily for lunch
from 1-2 p.m.)

SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2024

"The hour has
come for the
Son of Man
to be glorified.
Amen, amen,
I say to you,
unless a grain of
wheat falls to the
ground and dies,
it remains just
a grain of wheat;
but if it dies,
it produces
much fruit."

John 12: 23, 24

Jesus Discourses with His
Disciples by James Tissot
Circa 1890-1894



5TH SUNDAY OF

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	March 17, 2024
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
11:00 a.m.	Sarah & Joe Lutgring (L)
Monday	March 18, 2024
9:00 a.m.	Family/Friends of D'Souza Family ☩
Tuesday	March 19, 2024
9:00 a.m.	Mountaineer Priests ☩
Wednesday	March 20, 2024
9:00 a.m.	Joe and Becky Fumei (L)
Thursday	March 21, 2024
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	March 22, 2024
9:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory ☩
5:00 p.m.	Stations Of The Cross
6:45 p.m.	Stations Of The Cross
Saturday	March 23, 2024
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Franzman ☩
5:00 p.m.	Al Harlin ☩
Sunday	March 24, 2024
8:30 a.m.	Linda Platt Pashaian ☩
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish



St. John Neumann St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry

The SVdP food pantry at St. John Neumann is running low on several items. They are in need of:

Canned vegetables (no green beans or corn)
Canned Fruit
Canned Beans
Canned Tuna
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Toiletries

Please bring your pantry donations to St. John Neumann on Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm and on Saturdays 10am to 12pm. St. John Neumann also has baskets at their lower hall for collections at any time while the church is open.

Thank you for your generosity



The Archdiocese of Atlanta Defines “Active Parishioners” as:

- Those who have been registered in the parish for at least six (6) months; (please note that if you registered during the last six (6) months in the parish, you must provide evidence that you were previously active members at another parish, for a cumulative period of at least six (6) months)
- And attend Mass weekly and on Holydays of Obligation.
- And contribute financially (in a trackable way) to support the parish and Annual Appeal.
- And contribute time and talent by participating in at least one ministry in the parish

Note that active membership is determined by the parish in which the family is a member.



LOCAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 2024

Thur March 21 Corpus Christi 7:00 PM

*With the Lord there is Mercy and
Fullness of Redemption.*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday during Lent
at 5 pm and at 6:45 pm in the Church.



Want to get a better interest rate on your savings?

A charitable gift annuity provides higher interest rates, based on age, than savings accounts and they can also benefit your parish endowment. Current rates: 65—5.7%; 70—6.3%; 75—7.0%; 80—8.1%; 85—9.1%. For and illustration, please contact Julie Greco at the Catholic Foundation (jgreco@cfnga.org or call 404-497-9440).

MARCH 17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 March 10, 2024</u>	<u>2nd Coll Catholic Relief Services</u>
Offertory \$ 9,203	Offertory \$ 623
On Line \$ 5,217	On Line \$ 70
Total \$14,420	Total \$ 693

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collections

March 17, 2024	Easter Flowers
March 24, 2024	Holy Land
March 31, 2024	Archdiocesan Seminarians
April 7, 2024	Property & Maintenance
April 14, 2024	Outreach



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Auxiliary Annual Appreciation Tea/Silent Auction Fundraiser. Sat. Apr. 13, 11:30a-m1:30pm, St Peter Chanel Church, Roswell. Join us in celebrating the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne's 85th

anniversary of caring for cancer patients at their Home in this Diocesan-wide event. Reservations \$50pp (tables of 8 available); silent auction donations, sponsors, program ads, more information/payment at our website www.olphaux.org, or mail payment made to OLPHAUX to P. O. Box 420273, Atlanta, GA 30342. Invite friends, family members, and colleagues! Questions- contact Christi (Donations Chair) at coseifring@bellsouth.net.



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



Our monthly Pancake Breakfast is today, Sunday, March 17th. We will start serving immediately following the 8:30 am Mass and all are welcome to join us for a wonderful breakfast and an opportunity for fellowship with other Parishioners.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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



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.

Synod on Synodality

For the next stage of the Synod on Synodality, the Archdiocese is hosting Regional Listening Sessions throughout Lent attended by one of the bishops of Atlanta.

Monday, March 18, 7 p.m. On-Line Virtual Session

Sign up on this link to register for this session:

<https://archatl.com/events/2024-synod-regional-listening-sessions/>

All are invited to participate. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear in more depth those in our church and those who have left the church. Young and old, divorced and married, all races and cultures, and all walks of life. Please keep praying for the Holy Spirit to guide us in this Synodal Process.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April For the role of women.

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.



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