



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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Pastor

Rev. Brian Lorei

Permanent Deacons

Dcn. Evelio Garcia-Carreras

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Dcn. Rich Kren

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 22, 2024

The angel said to them,

"Do not be afraid; for behold,

I proclaim to you

good news of

great joy. . .

a savior

*has been
born*

for you

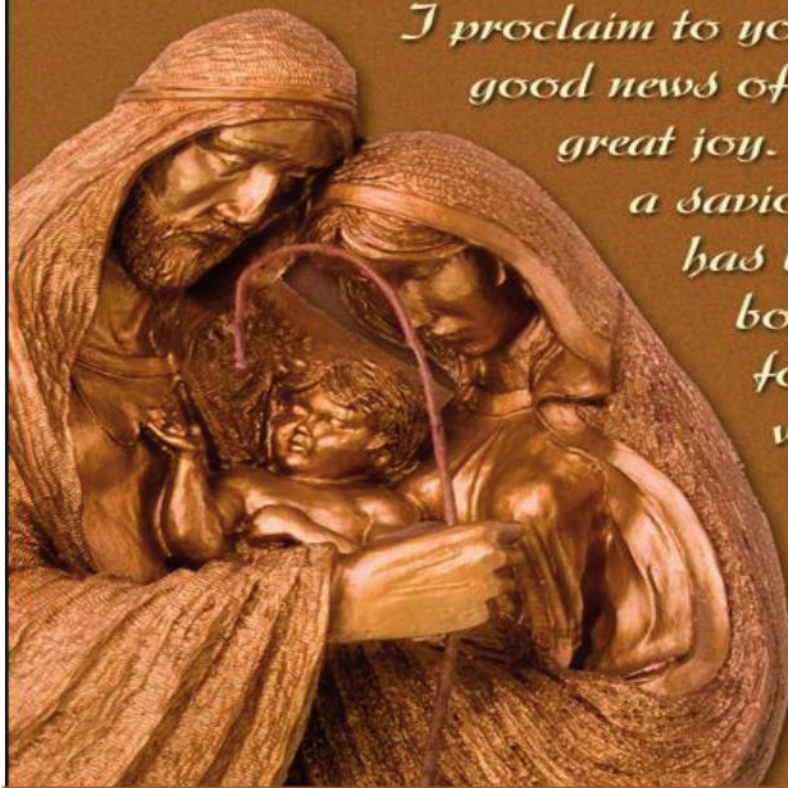
who is

Christ

and

Lord."

Luke 2:10, 11



Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Vigil Mass

6:00 PM Vigil Mass

10:00 PM Night Mass

Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Day

10:00 AM Morning Mass



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

Sunday	December 22, 2024
8:30 a.m.	Arthur Liberty ☩
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday	December 23, 2024
9:00 a.m.	Ruth & Tom Black (L)
Tuesday	December 24, 2024
	No Adoration
4:00 pm.	Children of Parish (L)
6:00 p.m.	Deceased Parishioners ☩
10:00 p.m.	People of the Parish (L)
Wednesday	December 25, 2024
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Thursday	December 26, 2024
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	December 27, 2024
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday	December 28, 2024
9:00 a.m.	Luis F. Rodriguez ☩
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	December 29, 2024
8:30 a.m.	Michele Van Horn ☩
11:00 a.m.	Al Harlin ☩



Christmas Masses Tuesday, December 24th **Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass
6:00 PM Vigil Mass
10:00 PM Night Mass

Wednesday, December 25th **Christmas Day** **10:00 AM Morning Mass**

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 27th through 29th at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. Register at calledbychrist.com/events/discernment-retreat



COUPLES CELEBRATING **50th AND 60th** **Anniversary in 2025**

The Archdiocese of Atlanta would like to honor couples married in 1975 and 1965 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday February 8, 2025, 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.

"Thank You" to all of you who participated and helped with our Angel Tree; from buying the gifts cards, preparing the food baskets and delivering them to the Lilburn Co-Op. Your generosity, living the gospel message of charity with others, is so appreciated. May you and your loved ones have a Blessed and Holy Christmas.



The Parish Office will be closed
Tuesday December 24th, Wednesday,
December 25th and Thursday December
26th in observance of the
Christmas Holiday.
Father Brian and the parish staff
wish everyone a Blessed and Merry
Christmas!

DECEMBER 22, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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:

St. Stephen The Martyr Catholic Church
5373 Wydella Road SW, Lilburn, GA 30047

Weekend of Dec 15, 2024

Offertory \$ 7,705

On Line \$ 7,060

Total \$14,765

2nd Coll: Christmas Baskets

Offertory \$ 3,140

On Line \$ 370

Total \$ 3,510

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collection

December 22, 2024	Christmas Flowers
December 22, 2024	SVdP Monthly Collection
December 29, 2024	Catholic Charities
January 5, 2025	Property & Maintenance
January 12, 2025	Arch. Hispanic Ministries
January 19, 2025	LifeTeen/Edge
January 19, 2025	SVdP Monthly Collection



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.



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Every Friday at 3:00pm
Also the 2nd Sunday of each month after the 8:30am Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet.
All are welcome.



New Pictorial Church Directory 2025

Exciting News! It's time for a new pictorial St. Stephen the Martyr Church Directory.

Our St. Stephen the Martyr directory will not be complete without you! Help us put names with faces to the community. We would like to get 100% participation.

The Photographers will be here at St. Stephen Tuesday Feb 25th—Saturday Mar 1, 2025.

Each family photographed for a directory receives a complimentary 8 x 10 color portrait and directory. The whole process takes 45 minutes to one hour.

Scheduling your photography appointment:

Weekends: You may sign up in person after any Mass in January 2025 (in the Narthex).

On-Line (weekdays): You may sign up by going to www.ucdir.com

click the box to the right that says "Photography Session Sign Up"

enter Church Code: **GA210**

Church Password: **photos** Then follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. (this online scheduling option only available on weekdays)

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION of North Georgia

And the Angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

The joy of Jesus Christ is celebrated with anticipation each year. Continue the Catholic legacy of joy by ensuring your parish is around to serve for generations. A year end gift to the endowment fund provides for parish needs now and in the future. Give on line at cfnga.org/give and search for your parish. Contact the Catholic Foundation at 404-497-9440 to learn more.

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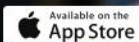
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