



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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Pastor

Rev. Brian Lorei

Permanent Deacons

Dcn. Evelio Garcia-Carreras

Dcn. Rick Kaszycki

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

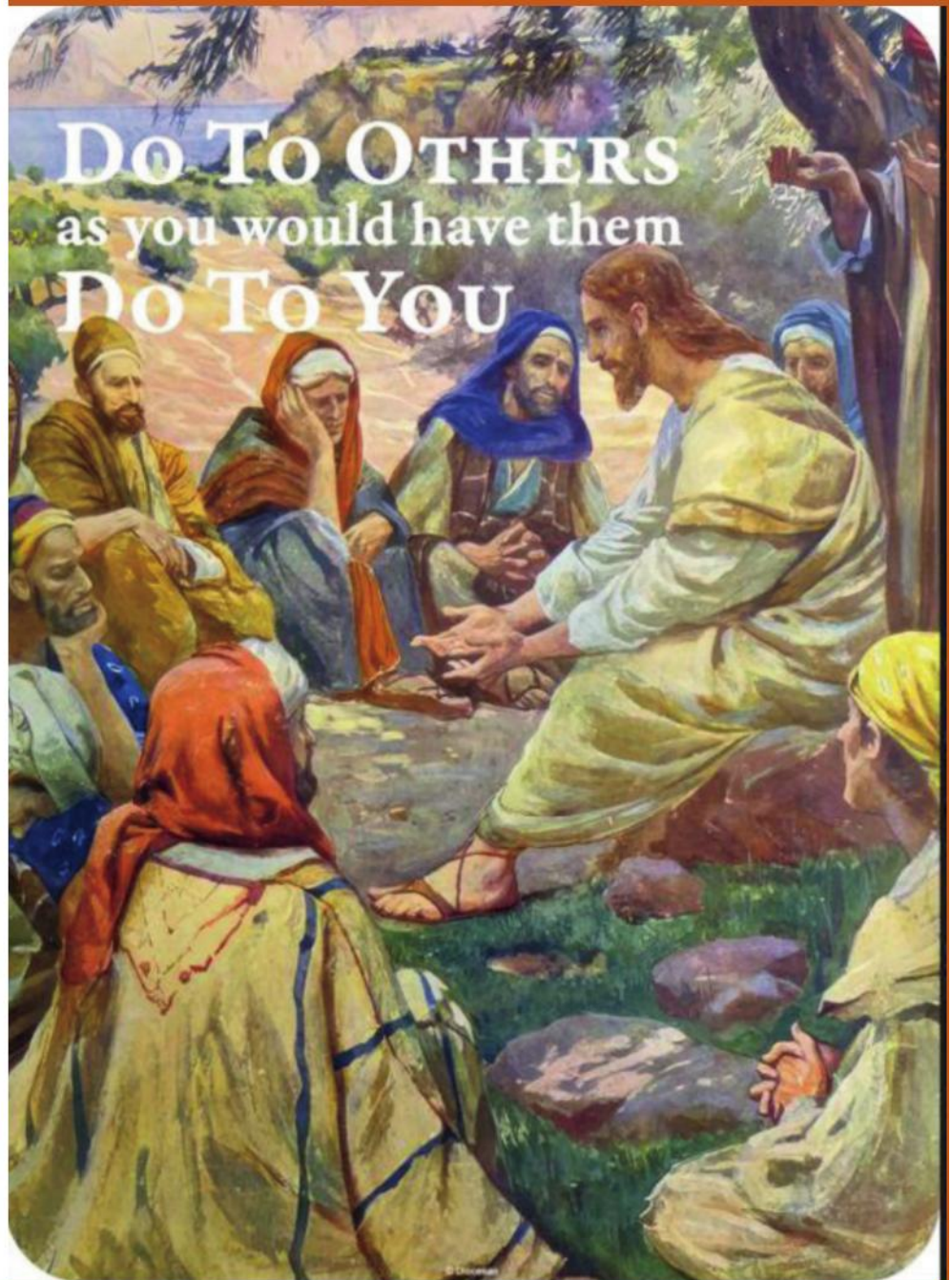
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2025





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	February 23, 2025
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
11:00 a.m.	Hieu Hoang (L)
Monday	February 24, 2025
9:00 a.m.	Ken Evans ☩
Tuesday	February 25, 2025
9:00 a.m.	Timothy Henderson ☩
Wednesday	February 26, 2025
9:00 a.m.	Tom Tarantino ☩
Thursday	February 27, 2025
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday	February 28, 2025
9:00 a.m.	Thomas Matthew ☩
Saturday	March 1, 2025
9:00 a.m.	Julie Ekwedike ☩
5:00 p.m.	Pedro Rodriguez ☩
Sunday	March 2, 2025
8:30 a.m.	William & Maria Kowalczyk ☩
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish

Lilburn Cooperative Ministry 2025 Spring Gala

**Saturday March 15, 2025
6:00-8:30PM**

Charity Benefit for needy families in our local area.
Join us for a very special evening of fine dining at
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MARCH 9, 10, 11

7pm IN THE CHURCH

Sponsored By: SJN Women's Catholic Bible Study



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday from 9:30am to 6:45pm
Benediction at 6:30pm

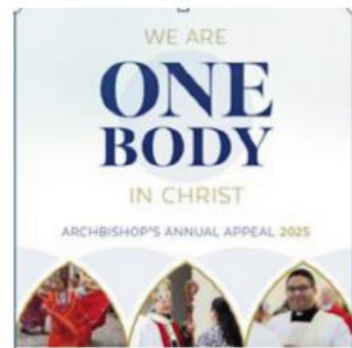
Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2025 We are One Body in Christ

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

For more information leave a message on our help-line: [770-381-7488](tel:770-381-7488) ext:251 and we will return your call.

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 February 16, 2025

Offertory \$ 8,611

On Line \$ 3,504

Total \$12,115

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Current and Upcoming Second Collection

February 23, 2025	No Second Collection
March 2, 2025	Property and Maintenance
March 9, 2025	Catholic Relief Services
March 16, 2025	Easter Flowers
March 16, 2025	SVdP Monthly Collection
March 23, 2025	Outreach



We find ourselves in the midst of a short, seven and a half week stint of Ordinary Time. It can seem like we are somewhat lost in time - no longer in the Christmas season and not yet in the throes of Lent. How can we not grow stagnant in our walk of faith during this time?

A friend once told me that Ordinary Time was his favorite season of all. He shared that, just as the liturgical color green indicates, Ordinary Time is a season of growth. As we muddle through the mundane, tackle the trivial and battle the boredom, we are invited to continue blossoming and blooming.

In today's first reading Saul finds himself in a jealous rage and wishes to extinguish David, while David's men encourage him to obliterate Saul. But when afforded the opportunity to retaliate, he refused to lay a finger on the Lord's anointed one. He acquiesced to God rather than anger.

Jesus puts the actions of David into words saying: "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you... Do to others as you would have them do to you...and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." Sounds selfless and saintly and... super hard. To act in a way that gains no reward, not even a tiny bit of dopamine, sounds just horrible.

Yet we live for the promise of a different kind of reward all together: "then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High...gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing..." So let us shake off the ordinariness of this time and dive into the growth, so that our heavenly reward may be overflowing.

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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*



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.



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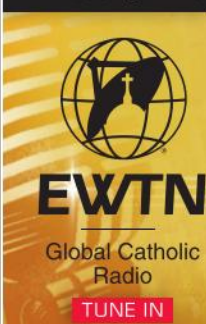


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