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Deacon Evelio Garcia-Carreras

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday— 5 p.m. Vigil

Sunday— 8:30 a.m. and
11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon—Sat* 9:00 a.m.

(Rosary after Mass)

*Thurs 9 a.m. Communion Service

Reconciliation

Every Saturday after the
9:00 a.m. Mass 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 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.
Entrance Antiphon

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 11, 2016
8:30 a.m. Joseph Podhursak ☩
11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)

Monday, December 12, 2016
9:00 a.m. Fr. John DeVore ☩

Tuesday, December 13, 2016
9:00 a.m. Richard Ferris ☩

Wednesday, December 14, 2016
9:00 a.m. Janet Spera ☩

Thursday, December 15, 2016
9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**

Friday, December 16, 2016
9:00 a.m. Agnelo Fernandes ☩

Saturday, December 17, 2016
9:00 a.m. Paul and Phyllis Montello (L)
5:00 p.m. The People of the Parish (L)

Sunday, December 18, 2016
8:30 a.m. Fr. Richard Keiran ☩
11:00 a.m. Carlos da Silva ☩

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2016

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23;
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10,
11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday
Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;
Lk 7:24-30

Friday
Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday
Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24



Monday December 12th
Feast of Our Lady of Gaudalupe
9:00 AM Mass



DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

END TO CHILD SOLDIERS. That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

EUROPE. That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

OTHER LOCAL PENANCE SERVICES

Tuesday Dec. 13th, St. Oliver 7:00 PM

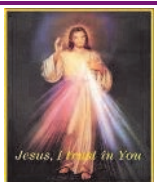
Thursday Dec. 15th, Holy Cross 7:00 PM

Monday Dec. 19th St. Patricks 7:00 PM



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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



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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

at St. Stephen's every Tuesday
from 9:30am to 7:00pm
Evening Prayer at 4:30pm
and Benediction at 6:45pm



St. Stephen's Christmas Angel
Tree helps families in need at
Christmas time. If you selected a
Christmas Angel from the tree,
please return each wrapped gift,
with the angel attached to the
gift, to the Church no later than

Wednesday Dec. 14 by 4:30pm.

Volunteers needed on Friday December 16 to help sort the gifts from the Angel Tree. We will begin promptly at 6:00pm. Also need volunteers on Saturday morning December 17, from 10:00am to 12 noon, to help bring the gifts to the cars. No need to sign up, just show up. Thanks in advance for your help.



Our Annual Life Teen Retreat is coming!!!

"GLORY REVEALED" is a great opportunity to bring all the teens of St. Stephen's together for a fun spirit filled weekend, January 13-15, 2017. More information is available in the Narthex at the Church Information Center.

Bulletin Announcements and Room Reservations:
Please submit in writing to secretary@sstmcc.org

DECEMBER 11, 2016



Offerings

On-line giving is available through our website

www.ststephenthemartyr.info



December 3 & 4 2016

Offertory \$11,690.00

Online \$ 2,671.50

\$14,361.50

Second Collection

Debt Reduction \$7,672.00

Online \$1,735.00

\$9,407.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Our weekly budgeted expenses are \$13,583.00

Future Second Collections

December 11, Christmas Food Baskets for the Needy

December 18, Christmas Altar Flowers Offering

December 17 & 18, SVdP will be collecting after all Masses

December 25, Christmas Offering

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Singers for the Children's
Christmas Pageant**

The Christmas pageant is fast approaching.
It will be at the Children's Liturgy on Christ-
mas EVE at 4:00pm, with practices on Sun-
day Dec. 18 at 9:45am and Monday Dec. 19
at 6pm. If you have a child interested in singing a small part alone
or in a very small group and can make ALL three of the listed
events- please reach out to me at angellebuckley@yahoo.com
and I'll arrange an audition on an upcoming Sunday morning at
church. Remember all school aged kids can participate from age 3
(baby angels) to 18! Thanks! Angelle.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Next Sunday, December 18, is our monthly Pancake
Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by the K of C,
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.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

If you, or someone you know, are in need of emergency assis-
tance, please contact the SVdP Help Line at 770-381-7488, ext.
251. If you can assist for a couple of hours a month, please
come to one of our meetings held the Second Tuesday of each
month at 7:00pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday December
13, 2016 in the Our Lady of Fatima room. We will be collecting
donations after all the Masses on December 17 & 18.

Baptism Classes

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 12:00 noon in Our Lady of Fatima room. Please make arrange-
ments for a babysitter as we do not provide babysitting services. Please
contact the Parish Office at 770-381-7488 to register for the class.
Parents will need to select Godparents for their child who are active,
practicing Catholics.

Baptisms are scheduled 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 for their child.

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