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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**

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.

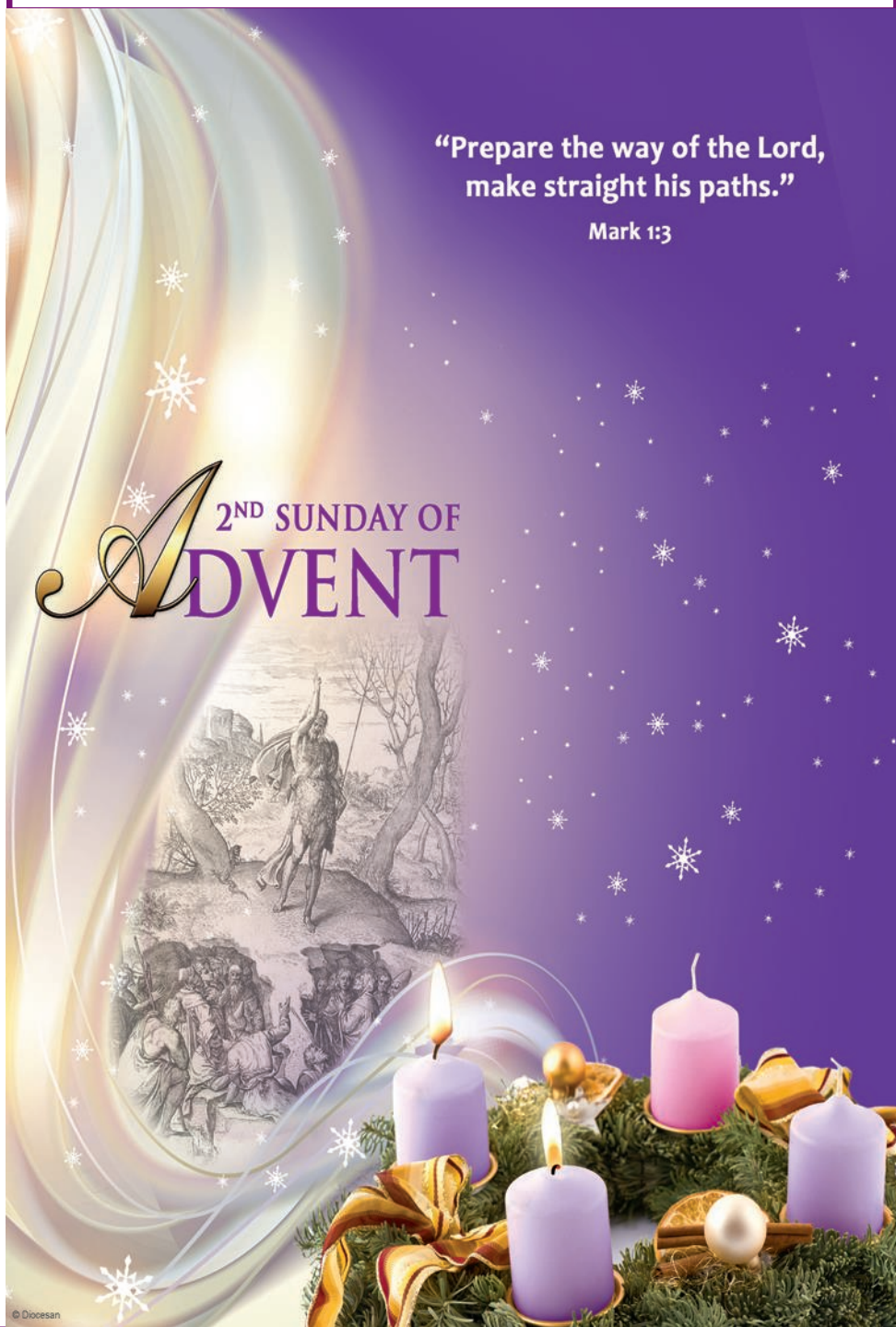
(Closed daily for lunch
from 1-2 p.m.)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2017

**“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”**

Mark 1:3

**A 2ND SUNDAY OF
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 10, 2017
8:30 a.m. The People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Douglas Harrow ☩

Monday, December 11, 2017
9:00 a.m. Joseph Punnakuziyil ☩

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
9:00 a.m. Jack Marchino ☩

Wednesday, December 13, 2017
9:00 a.m. Joseph Podhurek ☩

Thursday, December 14, 2017
9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**

Friday, December 15, 2017
9:00 a.m. Janet Spera ☩

Saturday, December 16, 2017
9:00 a.m. Robert Andrew Harrow ☩
5:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sunday, December 17, 2017
8:30 a.m. Janice Palakovich ☩
11:00 a.m. Manuel Martinez ☩

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2017

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14;
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday Saint Damasus I, Pope
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

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

Wednesday Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Come and join us for coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings after the 8:30am Mass. All are welcome.



The Altar Flowers this weekend were donated by Collen and David Jordan in loving memory of Charles McGivern



Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For the elderly. That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Mon	12/11	7pm	St. Marguerite
Tue	12/12	4-8pm	St. Monica
Wed	12/13	7pm	Holy Cross
Thur	12/14	7pm	St. Oliver Plunkett
Fri	12/15	7pm	Christ Our Hope
Mon	12/18	7pm	St. John Neumann
Tue	12/19	7pm	Prince of Peace

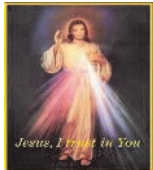
Eucharistic



Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday from 9:30am to 7:00pm
Evening Prayer at 4:30pm
and Benediction at 6:45pm



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.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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

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



Please Pray,
One Rosary A Day,
For Life

www.rosaryoftheunborn.com

DECEMBER 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Offerings On-line giving is available through our website
www.ststephenthemartyr.info



December 2 & 3, 2017

Offertory \$11,858.00

Online \$ 2,718.50

\$14,576.50

Second Collection

Debt Reduction \$8,326.00

Online \$1,265.00

\$9,591.00

Future Second Collections

December 10, Retirement Fund for Religious

December 17, Christmas Flower Offering

December 17, SVdP will be collecting after Masses

December 24, Archdiocesan Seminarians



Jesus said,
"Let the children
come to me."
Luke 18:16.



Bring your children &
all the family on the

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12, 2017, at 4:45 PM
to the Children's Rosary.

Come join the children as they lead us in prayer.
Everyone is welcome.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Next Sunday, December 17, 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.

Children's Christmas Pageant



The pageant this year is
Thursday, December 21.
Practice will be at 6 p.m.
The pageant will be at 7 p.m.,
with a reception to follow.

All kids age 4-18 are invited to participate: Age Kindergarten - 8th will rehearse with their parish religion class. Age 4-5 can be baby angels. If your child would like a solo speaking or singing part, or to be a baby angel, please contact Angelle Buckley at angellebuckley@yahoo.com.

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 arrangements 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.



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.13 by 4:30pm.

Volunteers needed on Friday December 15 to help sort the gifts from the Angel Tree. We will begin promptly at 6:00pm. Also need volunteers on Saturday December 16, from 10:00am to 12pm, to help bring the gifts to the cars. No need to sign up, just show up. Thank You for your help.



Saint Vincent de Paul Society

If you, or someone you know, are in need of emergency assistance, 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 12 in Our Lady of Fatima Room. We will be collecting donations after all the Masses on December 16 & 17.

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