



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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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

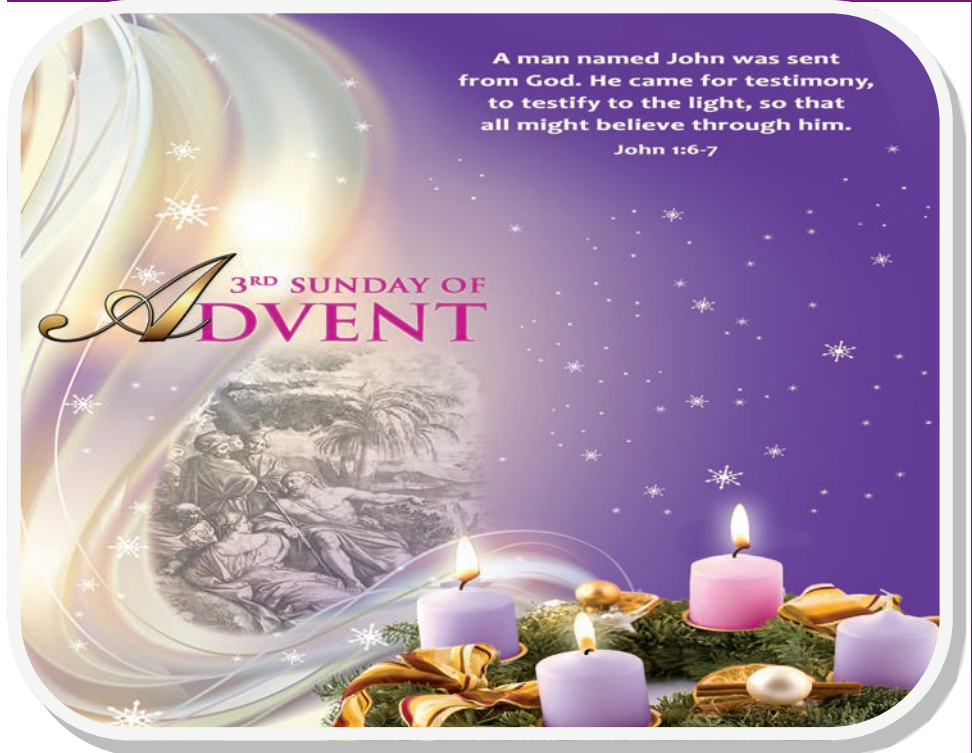
Confessions
Saturdays
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
or by appointment.

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 17, 2017



Mass Schedule
4th Sunday of Advent - Dec 24
5:00 PM Vigil (Dec 23)
8:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

Sunday Christmas Eve - Dec 24
4:00 PM Vigil Mass
6:00 PM Vigil Mass
10:00 PM Night Mass

Monday December 25 - 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 FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 17, 2017
 8:30 a.m. Janice Palakovich ✕
 11:00 a.m. Manuel Martinez ✕
Monday, December 18, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Richard Bossard ✕
Tuesday, December 19, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Bob Fister ✕
Wednesday, December 20, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Felix Potera ✕
Thursday, December 21, 2017
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
Friday, December 22, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory ✕
Saturday, December 23, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Isabel Cleto ✕
 5:00 p.m. Catherine Marshall ✕
Sunday, December 24, 2017
 8:30 a.m. Ruby Perez ✕
 11:00 a.m. Hessie Slater ✕

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017

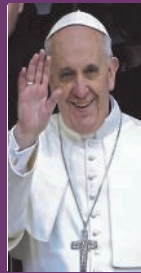
Sunday Third Sunday of Advent
 Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;
 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday Saint John of Kanty, Priest
 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;
 Lk 1:57-66
Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent
 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
 Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25



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 Jim Starkey in loving memory of Carol Starkey



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	12/18	7pm	St. John Neumann
Tue	12/19	7pm	Prince of Peace*

*Correction:

In the Christmas letter that was mailed, it stated for confessions, Tuesday Dec. 19 as St. Patrick's, but it is actually Prince of Peace.

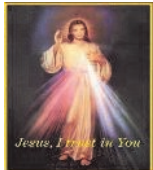
Eucharistic



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



Please Pray,
One Rosary A Day,
 For Life

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

www.rosaryoftheunborn.com

DECEMBER 17, 2017



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



December 9 & 10, 2017

Offertory \$9,745.62

Online \$2,590.50

\$12,336.12

Second Collection

Retirement Fund \$2,315.00

Online \$ 25.00

\$2,340.00

Future Second Collections

December 17, Christmas Flower Offering

December 17, SVdP will be collecting after Masses

December 24, Archdiocesan Seminarians

December 31, No Second Collection

pancake
breakfast



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

This 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.



"Thank You" to all of you who participated and helped with our Angel Tree; from preparing the angels, buying and wrapping the gifts, sorting them and helping families when they picked them up. Your generosity living the

gospel message of sharing with others is so appreciated. May you and your loved ones have a Blessed and Holy Christmas.

Thank You!



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 January 9, 2018 in Our Lady of Fatima Room. We will be collecting donations after all the Masses on December 16 & 17.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Knights will be selling items from the Monastery of the Holy Spirit this weekend. All proceeds will be donated to the Trappist Monks at the monastery. Thank You for your support.



The Christmas Pageant is Thurs. Dec 21 at 7pm. All are invited to participate in the story and join in our audience. The pageant will be followed by St. Nicholas and a reception. All parish children including actors, singers, & musicians are asked to rehearse in the nursery Sunday Dec 17 at 10:30-10:55 and Thurs

Dec 21 at 5:45. Ages 4&5 may be baby angels.

For more info contact Angelle Buckley
angellebuckley@yahoo.com or 770-979-0700
or grab information in the narthex.



Food
Collection

The cost of admission is a can of food for a local food pantry!

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.

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