



St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church

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Pastor
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Permanent Deacons
Deacon Evelio Garcia-Carreras
Deacon Michael Mobley
Deacon Rick Kaszycki

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 24, 2017



Mass Schedule
4th Sunday of Advent - Dec 23, 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 24, 2017
 8:30 a.m. Ruby Perez ☩
 11:00 a.m. Hessie Slater ☩

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00 p.m. For the Children of the Parish (L)
6:00 p.m. For the Deceased Parishioners ☩
10:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish (L)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Monday, December 25, 2017
10:00 a.m. Fr. Juan de la Cruz (L)

Tuesday, December 26, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Mary Ann Morris ☩

NO ADORATION TODAY

Wednesday, December 27, 2017
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**

Thursday, December 28, 2017
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**

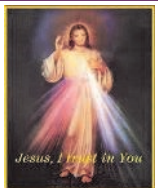
Friday, December 29, 2017
 9:00 a.m. **Communion Service**

Saturday, December 30, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Carlos da Silva ☩
 5:00 p.m. Don Davisson ☩

Sunday, December 31, 2017
 8:30 a.m. Barbara Spera ☩
 11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish (L)



The Altar Flowers Sign Up sheets for 2018 are available on the Events board next to the parish office. The cost of each arrangement is \$60.



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

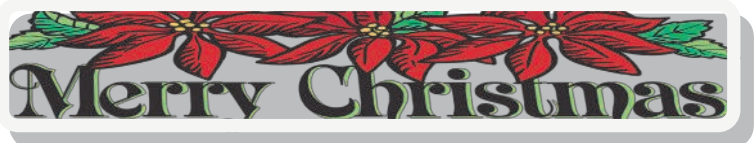
Join us the first Saturday of each month
 following the 9:00am Mass

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

Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent
 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 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

Monday The Nativity of the Lord
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;
 Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14



Tuesday Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
 I Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 I Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
 I Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 I Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105: 1-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12,
 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40



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.



The Parish Office will be closed
 Monday, Dec. 25, Tuesday Dec. 26,
 Friday Dec. 29 & Monday Jan. 1
 in observance of the
 Christmas and New Years Holiday.
 Fr. Brian and the Parish staff wish
 everyone a Blessed Christmas.



St. Stephen's Knights of Columbus will be
 hosting a **5th Sunday Rosary** on
 Sunday December 31, 2017,
 immediately following the 11:00am Mass.
 Everyone is welcome.

DECEMBER 24, 2017



Offerings

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



December 16 & 17, 2017

Offertory \$10,530.26

Online \$ 1,700.50
\$12,230.76

Second Collection

Christmas Flowers \$2,316.43

Online \$ 45.00
\$2,361.43

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Our weekly budgeted expenses are \$10,297.00

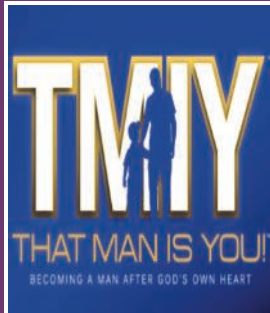
Future Second Collections

December 24, Archdiocesan Seminarians

December 31, No Second Collection

January 7, Debt Reduction

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THAT MAN IS YOU!
Revelation of the Father
Winter/Spring Session
Meets

Every Saturday Morning
7:30AM-9:00AM

(Breakfast will be served)

Beginning January 20, 2018

Attention Men: We are kicking off a new semester of TMII- "Revelation of the Father". The great thing about the program is that even if you missed last year, you can still jump into the program and benefit from it. *That Man Is You* is an interactive men's program focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Sign-up online at www.thatmanisyou.org

TMII will meet each Saturday through April 21, 2018
(except Saturday March 31, 2018)



CHRISTMAS PRAYER

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.



**Igniting the Light
of Christ within You!**



Afternoon of Reflection

by Paul Koleske

Sunday January 14, 2018

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

St. Stephen the Martyr Church



Let the Holy Spirit minister to you during this moving event with Paul Koleske - Catholic speaker - singer - songwriter - recording artist.

Paul's music and message offers an exceptional listening experience that speaks to the mind, touches the heart, and enlivens the spirit!

Bring your family and friends.

Want a sneak preview? Go to: www.paulkoleske.com

Paul will be sharing his music at all weekend masses

***Doors open for seating @ 1:30 p.m.**

Enjoy some quiet time in church

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 January 20 & 21.

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 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 for their child.

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