

# St. Stephen's Welcomes You!

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, 'tu no hablas Inglés.'

We offer a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like some of our members who can't carry a note in abucket.

You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail.

We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, more Anglican than the Archbishop of Canterbury,  
or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up fast.

We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.

We welcome you if you're having problems or down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money for lottery tickets, you're welcome here.

We offer a special welcome to those who work too hard, don't work, can't spell,  
or who are here because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid;  
or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... .. and **you!**

*Attributed to : Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Community, Daytona Beach, FL*