

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, March 1, 2026

The Second Sunday in Lent

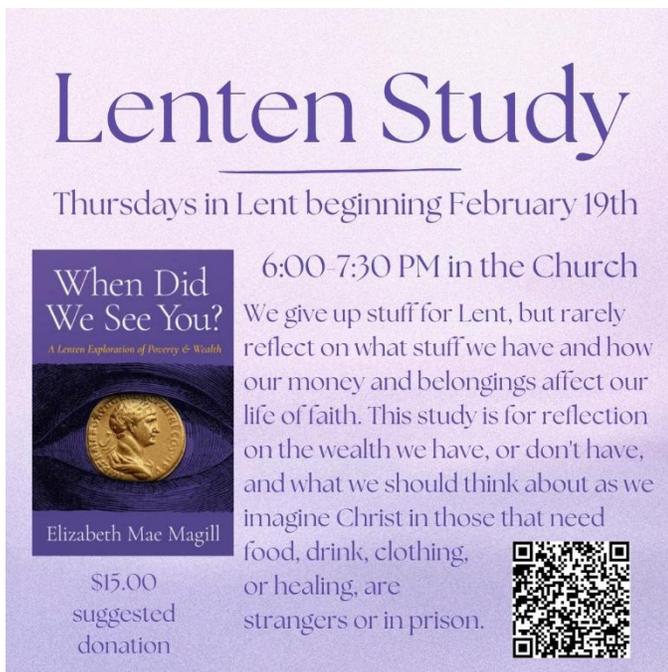
WELCOME!

If you are worshipping at St. Stephen's for the first time today, you are welcome to share in the Holy Communion. Please fill out a "Visitor" card at one of the Greeters tables and/or the guest book on the podium before you leave and get a welcome packet.

COMMUNION

If you are in need of a gluten free wafer during Communion, please let an usher know before the offertory or let one of the persons serving the host know. If you have a mobility problem, please let an usher know before the service begins and communion will be brought to you.

LOOKING FORWARD



Lenten Study
Thursdays in Lent beginning February 19th

When Did We See You?
A Lenten Exploration of Poverty & Wealth
Elizabeth Mae Magill

6:00-7:30 PM in the Church

We give up stuff for Lent, but rarely reflect on what stuff we have and how our money and belongings affect our life of faith. This study is for reflection on the wealth we have, or don't have, and what we should think about as we imagine Christ in those that need food, drink, clothing, or healing, are strangers or in prison.

\$15.00 suggested donation



<https://tinyurl.com/yvmyf2rj>



If you wish to have your birthday or anniversary prayed for during Sunday services or if you would like a white rose to signify a death in your family or a red rose to signify a birth in your family, please email Tracy in the Church office at office@st-stephens.org no later than 5:00pm on Thursdays with all of the relevant details.

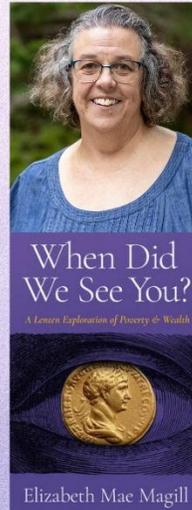
Preparing for Holy Week: Jesus, Power, and Money

Saturday, March 14, 2026

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

24901 ORCHARD VILLAGE ROAD, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91355



After a successful ministry with those who are poor and in need of healing, Jesus arrives at the seat of empire: Jerusalem.

Join us as we welcome the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Mae Magill, author of [When Did We See You: A Lenten Exploration of Poverty & Wealth](#) and consider the many stories that are covered liturgically in Holy Week services and explore what these stories mean for us in developing a Christian life.

Coffee, snacks and lunch will be provided

RSVP by scanning this QR code or by Thursday, March 12, 2026



<https://tinyurl.com/5n6fjrdh>

Lay Eucharistic Care Ministry (LEM)

My friends, if you are unable to join our community on Sunday and you would like communion brought to you, please contact Tracy in the Church office.



LEMs offer confidential, comforting presence for people facing challenges of illness or other issues that make it difficult to come to church services. LEMs bring the sacrament from the Sunday altar

the same week.

If you would like to participate in the LEM ministry, please contact Michael Branda (Michael.branda@yahoo.com) or Cathy Gero (crgero2@att.net).

**CALLING SEEKERS AT
SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

"You are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever."

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Journey through Lent with a season of preparation for baptism.

This series is for those seeking Holy Baptism at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4, 2026

**Sundays @ 9AM in The Lounge
3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29
& Saturday 4/4 at 10AM**

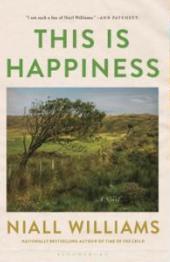
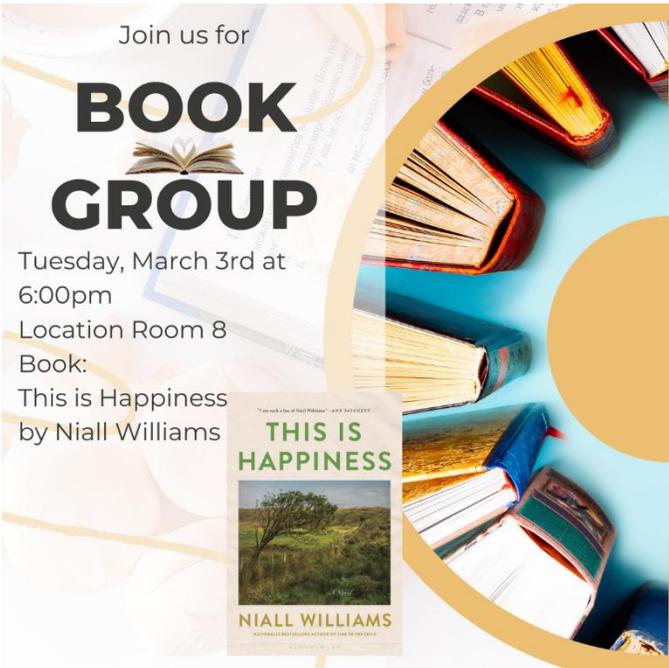


Holy Baptism is the ritual that marks a person's full initiation and entrance into the Christian Community. Our Ash Wednesday liturgy reminds us that the "season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism " If you or someone in your family has been considering baptism, Rev. Christopher extends an invitation to honor the historical roots of this season and join him on a journey of preparation for Holy Baptism at The Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 7PM. Participants will meet on Sundays at 9AM throughout Lent to deepen their understanding of the Christian tradition as they prepare to make this important formal commitment to follow Jesus in community. Please register by scanning the QR code or via this link. <https://tinyurl.com/38u4mhd7>

Join us for

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00pm
Location Room 8
Book:
This is Happiness
by Niall Williams


THE WELCOME TABLE

A Christian spiritual gathering for the LGBTQ+ community & our allies.



Tuesday, March 3, 2026
7:00 pm in the Chapel

SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
24901 Orchard Village Rd. / Santa Clarita, CA 91355 / Tel / 1 661 259 7507 / st-stephens.org

Come join us for The Welcome Table on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 7PM in the Chapel. The Welcome Table is an experience crafted by and for the LGBTQ+ community. Gather with us as we eat, pray, discuss, share communion, celebrate diversity and explore our faith in community as our true, authentic selves. Come as you are, this place is for you.

Dinner is potluck style. You can sign up for your contribution here: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7csfe5>




laundry love.

Wednesday, March 4th from 5:30-7:30pm
Coin & Drop Off Laundry
24725 Railroad Ave. in Newhall





**Men's Group Breakfast
Saturday, March 7th
8:00am**

**Dink's Deli & Bagel Bakery
on McBean Parkway**



**Food
Collection**

**Sat., Feb. 7,
9 —11am
St. Stephen's
Parking Lot**

CRITICAL NEEDS:

- Canned Pasta Meals
- Chunky Soups
- Tuna & Canned Chicken
- Vienna Sausage & Spam
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Cereal & Nutrition Bars
- Laundry & Dish Detergent

NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

Mac & Cheese; Rice & Pasta

Pasta Sauce (NOT Lrg)

Can'd Vegetables

Can'd Fruits & Ind. Fruit Cups

Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

Women's Fem Pads & Baby Diapers

Deodorant, Shave Cream, Razors

Toothbrushes & Toothpaste, Deodorant

Recycle Day- Sat., Feb. 7th

RECYCLABLE "CRV" plastic, cans, bottles.

Bring pull tabs from cans of soda & food.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!



**Childcare
Volunteers
Needed**

04/04 7:00 PM

Great Vigil of Easter

2 adults

04/05 9:00 AM Easter Service

2 adults

04/05 11:00 AM Easter Service

2 adults

Contact Shannon

shannon@st-stephens.org

Lenten Reflection

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness..."(Mathew 4:1)

Before beginning His ministry, Christ spent 40 days preparing for it by fasting in the wilderness. Lent is our 40-day spiritual journey where we prepare ourselves for the coming of Easter.

Throughout the years, Christians have chosen to re-live Christ's journey in various ways. Some have tried fasting or giving up certain luxuries. While others have chosen such things as prayer, repentance, daily devotions, and the giving of time, money, and their various talents. Whatever the choice, it was always that which the person believed would best prepare them for the coming of Easter.

For your personal journey, what would best prepare you?



St. Stephen's Bookstore

Have you seen what's in our Bookstore? We now have several handcrafted items made by our parishioners ...

Beautiful **handcrafted items** from our parishioners — **Wooden Crosses** with the church logo, **watercolor note cards**, wooden **candle holders**, beaded **Episcopal rosaries!**

"Sacred Gems" CDs - Judy Baity's piano music will soothe your soul and stir your heart. Enjoy timeless beauty & tranquil sounds for just \$5 each.

Favorite recipes from St. Stephen's parishioners in the **Keepsake Recipe Book** — compiled in an easy-to-use hardcover, just \$5!

Browse our shelves filled with books by **contemporary theologians**, books of **prayers, meditations, and spiritual practices**, and much more!

Donate \$3 - \$10 for a book of your choice - depending on length, date, and condition.

Donations may be made by cash, check, or online at www.st-stephens.org/ Just scroll to the bottom, click "**GIVE NOW**" and designate "**Book Store**" under fund choice.

Help keep our bookstore open on Sundays! Please volunteer your time after services. If interested, speak with Mary Jo or contact her via email at maryjohigg@gmail.com

Join the Communications Committee!

"The Comm Comm"

Do you want to give back a bit of your time and contribute to St. Stephen's communication plans?

The Comm Comm meets the first Monday of every month at 3pm on Zoom.



Join us Monday, March 2 at 3pm on Zoom

SAGES Luncheon at Wood Ranch

Thursday, March 12, 2026

1:00 PM

Please RSVP to
Fran Cantella



Crafter's Group Meeting
Saturday, March 14th
1-4 PM

Now meeting the second Saturday of every month!

St. Stephen's Prayer List

Current Needs: Joanne, Vickie, Innocent Victims of global and domestic conflicts and wars, Jim and Judy, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Lisa and Lou, Lella, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Summer, Bill, John and the Nelson family, Marie, Lilly, Nevelle, J.J., Raph and Jess, Patrick, Amy, Dolores and family, Steve, Heather, Maria, Moses, Dorothy, Dianne, Dave, Jerome, Nancy, Peggy, Chris, Felicitas, Richard, Pat, Brendan, NickKJ, Avery, Dorothy, Rick and Linda, Don, Joy and Dennis, Ms. Monica, Ms. Roxana, Greg, Victims involved by Denver crash involving members of the Lady Flyers and their families, Muriel, Debbie, Brian and daughter, Linda, Theresa, Raph and Jess, Terry and Hank and their family, Kira, Haily, Moses, Roger, Delfred, Rosemary, Trish, Duke, Ron, **Jim H.**

Rest in Peace:, Manuel Alejandro Lorenzana Villegas, Doel Joaquin, Maria J. Ventura, Rafe, Wilhelm Grotheer

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at pstable@pegasus2.net or call the church office at 661.259.7307. Please be aware that your prayer request content will be shared with the members of the prayer chain. If you wish for Peggy to hold your prayer request in confidence, please clarify that in your submission. Prayer requests remain active for 4 weeks and must be renewed thru ~~Peggy or the office to be on the list again~~



GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S

If you are able to continue supporting the mission and ministry of St. Stephen's, you can pay your pledge or make a new or recurring donation online here st-stephens.org/giving. You can also text your donation by texting the word GIVE to 661.228.8909 and following the prompts. Click here for an easy [How To Use Text Giving guide](#). We are deeply grateful for your commitment and support.

St. Stephen's Week	March 1, 2026 to March 8, 2026
TODAY'S SERVICE 7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 3/1	VPOD: Nick Vestuto
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	Baptism Class / Lounge
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
12:00pm	YESS / Youth Room
12:00pm	Daughters of the King / Lounge
5:00pm	Den meeting / Spurling Hall
MONDAY 3/2	
6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall
TUESDAY 3/3	
6:00pm	Book Group Discussion / Room 8
6:30pm	Crew 314 / Spurling Hall
7:00pm	The Welcome Table / Chapel
WED. 3/4	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude / Zoom
5:30pm	Laundry Love / Coin Op & Drop off Laundry
6:00pm	EfM / Room 8
THURS. 3/5	
9:30am	Book Study Group / Sacristy
6:00pm	Lenten Study / Church
6:30pm	Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall
7:30pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal / Church
FRIDAY 3/6	
SAT. 3/7	
NEXT SUNDAY 3/8	
VPOD: Nick Vestuto	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	Baptism Class / Lounge
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
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