

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, March 15, 2026

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

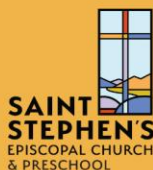
WELCOME!

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



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 29th

7:45 AM & 10:30 AM

(child care available at 10:30 AM)

Holy Eucharist @ 12:30 PM

Monday -Thursday of Holy Week

Tuesday in Holy Week, March 31st

Tenebrae / 7 PM

Interactive Stations of the Cross, April 1st

Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 PM

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

Foot Washing & Holy Eucharist / 7 PM

Good Friday, April 3rd

12:30 PM (In-Person & Livestream)

7 PM (In-Person only)

Saturday, April 4th

The Great Vigil of Easter / 7 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5th

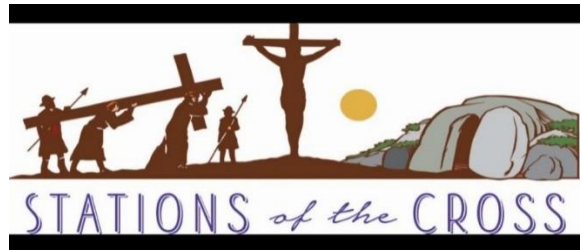
Festival Eucharist / 9 AM & 11 AM

Easter egg hunt after each service

(child care available)

For more information about the Holy Week experience go to
st-stephens.org

24901 Orchard Village Road, Santa Clarita, 91355



A Personal Journey

Join us Wednesday evening, April 1st, between 6:00 and 7:30 pm for a spiritual pilgrimage through our sanctuary, stopping at each of the fourteen Stations of the Cross. You'll have the opportunity to experience **interactive "stations"** that add visual, sensory, and meditative elements to the telling of Christ's last hours on earth.

A thought-provoking Christian practice, the Stations of the Cross have been followed for decades in churches and homes around the world.

The goal is to help you contemplate the self-giving sacrifices of Christ and draw you into deeper engagement with the Lenten-Easter story. Your personal journey may take 30 to 40 minutes as you spend time reading and reflecting, moving from one station to the next.

Everyone is welcome! For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Higginbotham at maryjohigg@gmail.com

Vigil at the Altar of Repose

From Maundy Thursday evening at 9:00pm through Good Friday at Noon, we keep watch before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose. This commemorates for us the disciples being asked to watch and pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before He was crucified.

So that we can make certain there are at least two people keeping watch for each hour of the Vigil, sign up for half hour increments (you may sign up for more than a half hour).

This way we can be certain that there is always someone before the Blessed Sacrament, and we can ensure people's safety as no one will be there by themselves.

Sign up in the parish hall, use this QR Code, or call Tracy in the Church office at 661-259-7307.

If you have any issues with the sign up page, please contact Tracy in the Church office.

<https://tinyurl.com/472xayss>





PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

The Altar Guild invites parishioners to contribute palms to be used in decorating the sanctuary for

Palm Sunday and to be carried when we process from the upper courtyard. If you have palms (no dried palms), please let Mary Mercogliano know by email mary.mercogliano@gmail.com.

Palms will need to be delivered to the church by 8:00 am on Saturday, March 28th. You may also stay and help decorate if you'd like.

Easter Flowers

We would like to have abundant flowers for Easter Sunday, April 5th. If you would like to make a contribution as a Thanksgiving or a Memorial, please fill out the form which can be found in the Narthex. For your Thanksgiving or Memorial to be included in the Easter bulletins, please turn your contribution in no later than **Sunday, March 29th**.

You may also fill out the form and pay online by using this QR Code



Thank you, St. Stephen's Altar Guild

<https://tinyurl.com/3wj5afvt>



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.



CALL FOR SPONSORSHIP

St. Stephen's Table at SCV Child and Family's Taste of the Town

1-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 3rd

• **Suggested Donations:**

- Seat - \$150 per person (*seat can also be donated*)
- Drawing \$25 for a seat at the table

**Become a sponsor and help us
provide crucial services for
SCV's vulnerable men, women & children**

Google Form Sign-up **due April 12**
Questions? Contact Cheryl Sena
mizsena@sbcglobal.net or
call/text 661-309-2412

SCAN ME



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Join the *Angel Ball* Planning Committee

**We're seeking chairs & members
for the following sub-committees:**

- ★ **Fundraising & Sponsorship**
- ★ **Auction Procurement**
- ★ **Logistics & Décor**
- ★ **Catering, Music, & Entertainment**

Ready to earn your wings?

**Scan to fill out our
Google Form:**

For any questions, please
email Erick Castro-Gaeta:
erickcastronunez@gmail.com



<https://bit.ly/AngelGala2026>

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Mark your calendars for **October 24, 2026**! We're officially forming our event planning committee,

and we need your special touch to make this night a success!

The funds we raise will allow us to leverage our community, support the vulnerable who come to our doors, and strengthen the vital outreach ministries here at St. Stephen's.

We're looking for help with:

- Fundraising & Auction
- Logistics & Décor
- Catering & Menu Planning
- Music & Entertainment

Ready to earn your wings? Fill out our Google form!

For any questions, email Erick Castro-Gaeta: erickcastronunez@gmail.com

Let's work together to grow our outreach and support our neighbors!



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.



Lay Eucharistic Care Ministry (LEM)

If you or someone you know is unable to come to church on Easter, please contact Tracy in the Church office

Also, if you or someone you know is unable to join our community for communion on Sunday and you, or they, would like communion brought to them, 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 for the person to come to church services. LEMs bring 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).



Food Collection

Sat., APRIL 4th

9 — 11am

**St. Stephen's
Parking Lot**

CRITICAL NEEDS: *(Changes Monthly!)*

- Laundry & Dish Detergent
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Canned Fruits & Fruit Cups
- Pasta Meals-Ravioli, Beefaroni, etc.
- Chunky Soups
- PB & Jelly (sm-med size)
- Tuna & Canned Chicken
- Vienna Sausage & Spam
- Cereal & Nutrition Bars

NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

Mac & Cheese; Rice & Pasta
Pasta Sauce (NOT large)
Can'd Vegetables (NO Beans)

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

Shampoo, Hand Soap
Baby Diapers & Wipes
Deodorant, Shave Cream, Razors
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Recycle Day- **Sat., APRIL 4th**



RECYCLABLE "CRV" plastic, cans, bottles.

Bring pull tabs from cans of soda & food.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

<https://tinyurl.com/2yh8fn4p>

Dinners for 8 — Sign-Ups Now until April 12

It's time for a new round of Dinners for 8! We invite both new and returning participants to sign up for the coming year. Groups will be arranged after the sign-up period closes on April 12, and participants will receive their new group assignments by email. We look forward to another year of good food and fellowship!

If you are unfamiliar, groups of 8 are formed - this could be couples or singles - and, over dinner, gives you an opportunity to meet, socialize, and get to know some new people you may not know. Each group would meet at least 4 times per year, and each couple or single would take turns hosting dinner which can be at your home, in the park, at a restaurant, etc. Generally, the host provides the main course, and others bring side dishes, appetizers, and dessert.

Please sign up by either using the QR code or emailing Sheri Flay at ybandsf@sbcglobal.net by April 12 so that we can form the groups and get the information out to everyone by the end of October. Question? Sheri Flay: (805) 660-7811 or email to address above.

St. Stephen's Prayer List

Current Needs: Joanne, Vickie, Innocent victims of global and domestic conflicts and wars, especially in the U.S., Israel, Iran war, Jim and Judy, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Lisa and Lou, Lella, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Summer, Bill, John and the Nelson family, Marie, Lilly, Nevelle, Jess, Patrick, Amy, Dolores and family, Steve, Heather, Maria, Jerome, Joy and Dennis, Nancy, Peggy, Angela, Brendan, Avery, Don, Ms. Monica, Greg, Debbie, Linda, Theresa, Terry, Hank, and their family, Haley, Moses, Roger, Kira, Delfred, Rosemary, Trish, Duke, Ron, Jim, Ken and Sara, Rebecca, Tom, Colleen, **Eve, Roger, Jennie , Gina**

Rest in Peace:: Wilhelm Grotheer, Kathy Hannigan, Sharon Legg, **Judy Putnam, Michael Audino, Lella Dvorak**

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.

St. Stephen's Week		March 22, 2026 to March 29, 2026	
TODAY'S SERVICE		7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 3/22		VPOD: Cheryl Sena	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
9:00am		Baptism Class / Lounge	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
10:30am		Sunday School / Spurling Hall	
MONDAY 3/23			
6:45pm		Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall	
TUESDAY 3/24			
6:00pm		Vestry meeting / Spurling Hall	
WED. 3/25			
7:00am		Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast	
9:30am		Circle of Gratitude / Zoom	
6:00pm		EfM / Room 8	
6:00pm		Worship Committee meeting / Church	
7:00pm		PFLAG / Spurling Hall	
THURS. 3/26			
9:30am		Book Study Group / Sacristy	
1:00pm		SAGES Movie Day / Laemmle Theatre in Newhall	
6:00 pm		Lenten Study / Chapel	
6:30pm		Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall	
7:30pm		Parish Choir Rehearsal / Church	
FRIDAY 3/27			
SAT. 3/28			
NEXT SUNDAY 3/29		VPOD: Shari Schlaman	
		Palm Sunday	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
9:00am		Baptism Class / Lounge	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
10:30am		Sunday School / Spurling Hall	