

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, July 19, 2026

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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



We are partnering with NAACP and Boys & Girls Club to ensure local students head into the new school year with everything they need to succeed. Our goal is to create 50 Supply-Filled Backpacks by July 24, 2026.

Help us by donating:

Backpacks	Rulers
Glue Sticks	White School Glue
Lunch Box or	Loose-Leaf Paper
Lunch Snacks	
Pencils	3-Ring Binders
Pencil Cases	Black, Blue, Red Pens
Scissors	Composition Books
Tissues	Flash Drives
Backpacks (no	Index Cards
drawstring, please)	
Colored Pencils	Organizers/Planners

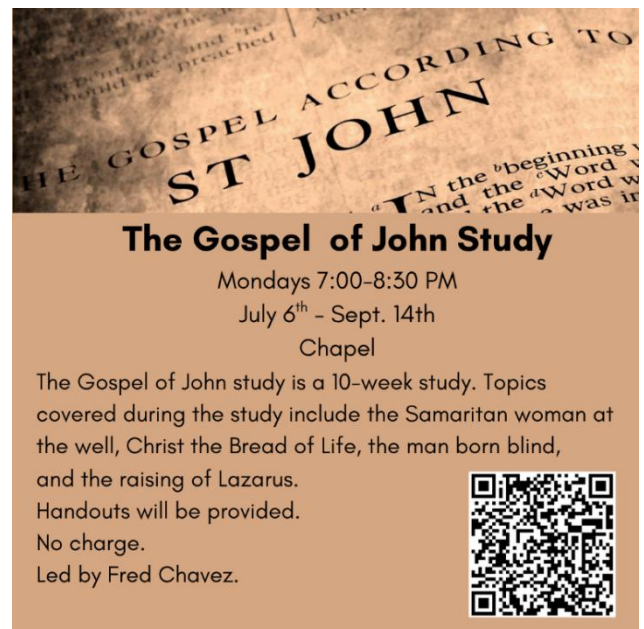
Crayons	Pocket Folders
Erasers	White Out Tape
Highlighters	Staplers
Markers	8 Tab Dividers
Pencil Sharpeners	Post-it Notes

Our Amazon Wish-list can be found at:

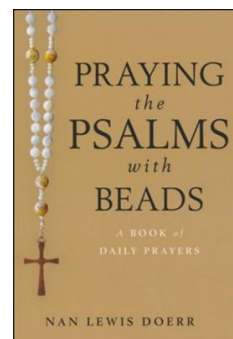
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/OZDDTIS91W73?ref=wl_share

If you'd like to volunteer and help us put these backpacks together, please sign up through this link: <https://forms.gle/qXMW9ridQq3LJBbH8> or text Erick at 661-877-6861.

Contributions of any size are appreciated and will make a meaningful impact in supporting students' success. Monetary donations can be added to the collection plate with a note "Back2School Fundraiser" on the envelope. For checks, please write "Back2School Fundraiser" in the memo.



<https://tinyurl.com/5n79jt79>



If you are praying with Rev. Christopher while he is on sabbatical using the Praying the Psalms with Beads book, you can use this chart to make sure that you are all on the same day.

<https://tinyurl.com/yc3abzh3>



Join us on Friday, July 31, for Queer Movie Night! We're screening *But I'm a Cheerleader* (1999, Rated R). The romantic comedy follows Megan (Natasha Lyonne), who is sent to a conversion therapy camp with Mike (RuPaul Charles) as the camp's lead counselor. Instead of falling in line, she meets Graham (Clea DuVall) and starts to figure out who she really is.
RSVP: <https://forms.gle/7L6txXF7Bs2EpL389>

In God's house there is always room for more: more ideas, more people, more ways to share, more stories to tell. And in the world that God created, there is more needed: more love, more connection, more peace, more creativity. Plenty Good Room reminds us that there is always room in God's house; we just need to make ourselves at home and invite others to join us. The ways we steward our relationships, resources, and responses to grow ministry and serve our neighbors are the ways we connect our gratitude to our generosity.



There's Plenty Good Room in God's House, which means there's Plenty Good Room at St. Stephen's. This Fall we'll be talking about inviting others to experience St. Stephen's on our campus and out in the world and share in the Plenty Good we have to offer.



JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO RAISE MONEY!

Date: Aug 06, 2026

Time: 11:00AM to 11:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

24320 Town Center Drive
Valencia, CA 91355
861-288-1288

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

Walk to End Alzheimer's

WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



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Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders. Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.





EfM invites YOU to grow in faith through small group study and reflection!

God calls us to be active participants in ministry. EfM offers the opportunity to discover how to respond to that call; how to discover and nurture your call to service.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a unique adult program that helps participants explore the Christian tradition, history, and contemporary theology, bringing these into conversation with the experiences of the world today.

The 2026-27 St. Stephen's EfM program begins in September, meeting Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 (exact dates TBD). EfM is offered as a satellite course through The University of the South, in Sewanee, TN. Scholarships are available to help defray the cost of registration.

For more information, stop by our Sunday morning EfM table in the parish hall, talk with any EfM participant or Mary Jo Higginbotham (email maryjohigg@gmail.com).

DEANERY 2 INVITES YOU
TO A
RECEPTION TO
MEET AND GREET

*The Rev. Dr.
Antonio José
Gallardo Lucena*

EIGHTH BISHOP OF THE
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
AUGUST
SATURDAY **15** AT 11 AM

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
7136 WINNETKA AVENUE
WINNETKA, CA 91306

RSVP TO
PDEARY@STMARTINSSCHOOL.ORG OR
818-348-1419
Light refreshments will be served.

DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST
THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAYS
AND FRIDAYS
TUES.-THU. THE OFFICE WILL BE
OPEN FROM
9:00AM -3:00PM ONLY
BEGINNING AUGUST 3RD TRACY WILL BE ON
VACATION AND JARED SIMMONS WILL BE HER
TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT.

St. Stephen's Prayer List

Current Needs: Joanne, Innocent victims of global and domestic conflicts and wars, especially involving the U.S. involvement in the Middle East, Jim and Judy, Lisa and Lou, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Bill, John and the Nelson family, Marie, Lilly and husband, Patrick, Amy, Dolores and family, Steve, Maria, Moses, Jerome, Joy and Dennis, Ron, Jose Manuel, Sandy H., Peggy, Barbara, Jenny, Kevin, Brisa, Sandra, Claudia, Keith, Mary, Mehar, Marionette, B.J., Rae, Susan, Claudia, , Bob, Jerri, Jeff, Susan, Phyllis and Stu, Linda and Charlie, Madelyn, Maria, Pastor Clarence and children, Greg, Neville, Jeff and Helen, Tom and Desiree, Jim and Donna, Greg and Cathy, Jim, Cathy, Doris, Gia, Caroline, Carolyn, Karen, Angeline, Vickie, Judy, Laurie, Vince and Fran, Karen and Jim, Malcolm, Brendan, Reverend Lynn, Stephen, Cathy, Berta, **Sue, Stacy, Lily, K. C., Leslie Smith's dad**

Rest in Peace:: Susanna Saulog, David Hoskey, Linda Lott, Ellen Ardman, Diana F., **Jeff Krueger, Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, Joan Sebastian Guerrero**

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		July 19, 2026 to July 26, 2026	
TODAY'S SERVICE		7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 7/19		VPOD: Cheryl Sena	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
12:00pm		World Cup Viewing Party / Spurling Hall	
MONDAY 7/20			
6:45pm		Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall	
7:00pm		Gospel of John Study / Chapel	
TUESDAY 7/21			
6:30pm		Preschool Board meeting / Spurling Hall	
WED. 7/22			
7:00am		Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast	
9:30am		Circle of Gratitude / Zoom	
6:00pm		EfM / Room 8	
7:00pm		PFLAG / Spurling Hall	
THURS. 7/23			
9:30am		Book Study Group / Sacristy	
1:00pm		SAGES Movie Day / Laemmle Theatre	
6:30pm		Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall	
FRIDAY 7/24			
SAT. 7/25			
NEXT SUNDAY 7/26		VPOD: Kelsey Raub	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	



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.