

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, August 31, 2025

The Twelfth 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



The poster features a central image of a communion table with a glass of wine, bread, and a rainbow flag. Above the image is a shield with a cross and a rainbow. The text reads: "THE WELCOME TABLE A Christian spiritual gathering for the LGBTQ+ community & our allies. Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025 7:00 pm in the Chapel SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 24901 Orchard Village Rd. / Santa Clarita, CA 91355 / Tel / 661 259 7307 / st-stephens.org"

Come join us for The Welcome Table on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 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>



The poster features a background of books and a circular inset showing a stack of books. The text reads: "Join us for BOOK GROUP Tuesday, Sept. 2nd at 6:00pm Lounge Book: The Emperor of Gladness by Ocean Vuong" and includes a small image of the book cover.



The poster features a logo of a laundry basket with a heart and the text "laundry love." Below it, the text reads: "Wednesday, September 1st from 5:30-7:30pm Coin & Drop Off Laundry 24725 Railroad Ave. in Newhall" with a starburst graphic.



The poster features a background image of a breakfast table with croissants, blueberries, orange juice, and a waffle. The text reads: "Men's Group Breakfast Saturday, September 6th 8:00am Dink's Deli & Bagel Bakery on McBean Parkway"

Thank you to all who have helped!



Food Collection

Sat., Sept. 6th, 9 –11am
St. Stephen's Parking Lot

CRITICAL NEEDS:

- Pasta Sauce in jars (NOT Lrg)
- Cereal (all sizes) & Nutrition Bars
- Can'd Pasta meals & Chunky Soup
- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Canned Vienna Sausage
- Peanut Butter & Jelly (Sm-Med)
- Laundry, Dish Detergent

NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Mac & Cheese; Rice & Pasta (sm/med)
- Can'd Fruits, Veggies & Ind. Fruit Cups
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

- Sock & Underwear (men & women)
- Women's Fem Pads & Baby Diapers
- Deodorant, Shave Cream, Razors
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste, Deodorant

Recycle Day- Sat., Sept. 6th



RECYCLABLE "CRV" plastic, cans, bottles.
Bring pull tabs from cans of soda & food.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!



The Church and
Preschool offices will
be closed on Monday,
September 1st in
observance of
Labor Day.

SAGES Luncheon at Marston's Restaurant

Thursday, September 11th
1:00 PM

Please RSVP to
Bonnie or Dave Warburton



Have you seen what's in our Bookstore? More inventory was just brought out for you to flip through.....

Browse social justice titles or check out the collection of *books by contemporary theologians!* Scan the shelves filled with **books of prayers, meditations, and spiritual practices.**

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

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

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 "Bookstore" under the fund choice.

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



It's time to sign up for Efm! Registration ends Wednesday, Sept. 3rd

Every baptized person is called to "ministry". The Efm program provides you with the education and tools to discern and carry out your ministry.

To engage with scripture and theology, Bible readings, church history, theological reflection, worship, and group discussions.

To walk alongside one another in exploring how our stories and convictions deepen our connection with God."

To grow together in faith by discovering how our lived experiences reveal God's presence. To learn from each other as we uncover how our unique paths help shape our relationship with God.

Efm is a small group study that meets weekly, on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 until 9:00 at St. Stephen's (Sept. — June). If you have any questions, please talk to Mary Jo Higginbotham or contact her by email at maryjohigg@gmail.com.



 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.



MINISTRY FAIR
Fun & Games! Snacks!
After the 9:00am service
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
Learn about St. Stephen's many ministries and opportunities for involvement! Explore ways to share your time and talent.
Ministry leaders will set up on Saturday, Sept. 20th between 10:00am & 12:30pm. For more information contact Kathleen Jensen at jensencurl@gmail.com.



Join St. Stephen's Walk to End Alzheimer's team!
October 4, 2025
Ceremony gam
Walk 9:30am
Bridgeport Park


<http://bit.ly/4ktPzRz>
Questions? Call or text Sarah Simmons: 618-292-7407

Click on picture to register.

 **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



**THE SAGES ARE COLLECTING
ITEMS DURING SEPTEMBER FOR
THE HART DISTRICT**

- 1 Boys socks 6-12 blk or white
- 2 Girls socks 6-12 blk, wht, multi
- 3 Girls' no-show socks (6-12)
- 4 Shampoo & Conditioner
- 5 Face Wash
- 6 Face Moisturizer
- 7 Body Wash
- 8 Deodorant
- 9 Lotion & Sunscreen

**ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE
WOODEN BOX IN THE NARTHEX.**

St. Stephen's Week	August 31, 2025 to September 7, 2025
TODAY'S SERVICES 7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 8/31	VPOD: John Alexopoulos
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
10:30am	Blessing of the Backpacks
MONDAY 9/1	
6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall
TUESDAY 9/2	
6:00pm	Book Group Discussion / Lounge
7:00pm	The Welcome Table / Chapel
WED. 9/3	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist
7:30am	Breakfast at Lily's Café / Newhall
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude / Zoom
5:30pm	Laundry Love / Coin Op Laundry
THURS. 9/4	
9:30am	Book Study / Sacristy
6:30pm	Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall
7:30pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal / Church
FRIDAY 9/5	
SAT. 9/6	
8:00am	Men's Group Breakfast / Dink's
9:00-11:00am	Food & Recycling Collection / Parking Lot
NEXT SUNDAY 9/7	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
12:00pm	Daughters of the King / Lounge

St. Stephen's Prayer List

On-Going Needs: Joanne

Current Needs: Vickie, Innocent Victims of Wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, Jim and Judy, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Lella, Eliza, Janet, John, Sue, Gail, Sandy, Mrs. Lerma, Rebecca, Claudia, Brisa, Connor, Ruby, Nora and Lonnie, Ty, Linda, Kristen, Malik, Trevor, Alexander, Jack, Mary and Sepp, Mario, Laura, Jon, Kathy, Sara Anne, Vera, Patrick, Michelle, Lisa and Lou, Linda, Kristen, Vera, Patrick, Denis, Ro and Denis, Sr., Malcolm, Linda, Pat, Michelle and Bridgette, Sharon, Rt. Reverend Stephen Charleston, Trish, Peggy, Summer, Judy, Steve, Bill, Rosina, Jan and Jim, Nicole, victims of the Canyon Fire, Sally, Rachel, Ursula, Suzie, Chris, Fran, Ron, George

Rest in Peace: Galen Taylor, Cheryl Merkens Foley, Rosina Mascolo, Ovidio Ayala

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.

2025-2026

Sunday School Registration

Join us on Sundays at
10:30am for Godly Play!
Ages K-5th grade

GODLY PLAY

Making meaning
through story,
wonder and play.
Register Now!



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

If you would like a
paper registration
form , please
contact the
Church office.

www.st-stephens.org

Click on picture to register.