

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, September 6, 2026

The Fifteenth 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



QUEER MOVIE NIGHT

Everyone is welcome to this night of laughter, fun, and community.

FRI. SEP. 11, 6:00 PM

Movie starts at 6:30 pm

POTLUCK SNACKS & DRINKS

24901 Orchard Village Rd, Valencia, CA 91355

SAINT STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Maddie's Secret

Rated: **UNRATED**

RSVP: 

Join us on Friday, September 11th, for Queer Movie Night! We're screening *Maddie's Secret* (2026, Unrated), directed by and starring John Early. The dark comedy follows Maddie, a quiet dishwasher who becomes an overnight culinary star after a home cooking video goes viral.

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/cMFqBTbzm2KAqvKs9>



Join us following one 9 AM service to learn about St. Stephen's many ministries and opportunities for involvement! Explore ways to share your time and talent, play some games and plan to stay for some fun snacks. Ministry leaders, we will be setting up on Saturday the 26th between 10 and 12 am. For more information contact Kathleen Jensen, jensencurl@gmail.com or Michael Branda, michael.branda@yahoo.com.



SAINT STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ONE SERVICE ONLY

SEPTEMBER 27th



SAGES Luncheon at Marston's Restaurant

Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026

1:00 PM

Please RSVP to Sara Tuck

FOOD & RECYCLING COLLECTION



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
9-11 AM
ST. STEPHEN'S PARKING LOT



**Crafter's Group
Meeting
Saturday,
Sept. 12th
1-4 PM
in the Lounge**

**Meeting the second
Saturday of every
month!**

**ST. STEPHEN'S
BRANCH
MANAGERS**

**NEW
MINISTRY!!**



JOIN US!

Marvel in the sacred soil
under your fingernails.

BEGINNING SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

If you enjoy getting your hands in the dirt, the smell of sage, reveling in the sights and sounds of hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies, have we got a deal for you!!! Come and join in with the St. Stephen's "Branch Managers" the 2nd Saturday of every month, where we will rake, weed, prune, plant, mulch, water

and tend to the grounds of St. Stephen's! When finished we will enjoy some laughs while sharing some well-earned tasty treats and cool beverages. Our next gardening day will be Saturday, Sept. 12th, from ~ 8:30am - 11:30am (any time you can be there is a blessing). If interested in signing up, please contact Tracy Stapp at in the Church office at: office@st-stephens.org or (661) 259-7307.



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.

Join Our Walk to End Alzheimer's Team!



Saturday, October 3rd

Walk Site Opens 8:00am
Ceremony Begins 9:00am
Walk Begins 9:30am

Bridgeport Park



You are invited to join St. Stephen's Church & Preschool's Walk to End Alzheimer's team! Information can be found at the QR code above. Before the walk, our team will gather near the Promise Garden. Team tee shirts are available for purchase in the Spurling Hall book store on Sunday mornings. Please send any questions you may have about this event to Sarah Simmons: [618-292-7407](tel:618-292-7407).

Book Drive!

WE ARE ASKING FOR
NEW & GENTLY USED BOOKS FOR

PRESCHOOL • ELEMENTARY
MIDDLE SCHOOL • HIGH SCHOOL



girl scouts
bronze awards

Lily T and
Community Troop 225
are working on their
Girl Scout Bronze Awards
by building and filling
Little Libraries throughout
our community.

Please help us
stock them
by donating!



Lily T
Community Troop 225



Donations needed by
SEPTEMBER 15



To donate gently used books,
please place them in the
"Lily's Bronze Award Donations"
box located in the narthex.



Thank you!

for helping us build a
community full of
stories and opportunities!



NAACP
Santa Clarita Branch
CELEBRATING 5 YEARS

2026 HARLEM RENAISSANCE GALA

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3
Reception beginning at 6:00PM
Music, Dinner, Entertainment, Auction
CalArts, 24700 McBean Pkwy, Santa Clarita, CA 91355
scvnaacpfcc@gmail.com

HONORING OUR PAST
INSPIRING TOMORROW

TICKETS/INFO

let's
CELEBRATE
our
HARD WORK

A day to rest, reflect, and feel proud
of what you've achieved.
Happy Labor Day!

The Church & Preschool offices will be closed on
Monday, Sept. 7th in observance of Labor Day.

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, Bill, John and the Nelson family, , Lilly and husband, Patrick, Maria, Moses, Jerome, Debbie, Jose Manuel, Sandy H., Peggy, Kevin, Keith, Mehar, Marionette, B.J., Rae, Susan, Claudia, Bob, Susan, Phyllis and Stu, Linda and Charlie, Maria, Greg, Neville, Tom and Desiree, Jim and Donna, Greg and Cathy, Gia, Caroline, Carolyn, Karen, Angeline, Judy, Laurie, Stephen, Cathy, Berta, Sue, Stacy, Lily, K. C., the Barlow Family, Brendan, Rebecca, Raye, Collette, Nicole, Judith, Vince and Fran, Nadine, Vickie, Rebecca, Dennis and Joy, Mike, Daniel, Pastor Ron's family, Diane, Jake, Brad, **Carole and Hal, Walton Family, Madelyn, Claire, the Burkly Family, Rosario**

Rest in Peace:: Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, Joan Sebastian Guerrero, Jeff Barlow, John Domeniccuci, James Finn, **Helen Walton, Nancy Burkly**

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



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		September 6, 2026 to September 13, 2026	
TODAY'S SERVICE		7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 9/6		VPOD: Caroline Morgan	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
10:30am		Sunday School / Spurling Hall	
12:00pm		Daughters of the King / Lounge	
MONDAY 9/7		Church & Preschool offices closed	
6:45pm		Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall	
TUESDAY 9/8			
6:30pm		Finance Committee meeting / Spurling Hall	
WED. 9/9			
7:00am		Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast	
9:30am		Circle of Gratitude / Zoom	
6:00pm		EFM / Room 8	
THURS. 9/10			
9:30am		Book Study Group / Sacristy	
1:00pm		SAGES Luncheon / Marston's	
7:30pm		Parish Choir rehearsal	
FRIDAY 9/11			
6:00pm		Queer Movie Night / Spurling Hall	
SAT. 9/12			
8:30am		Branch Managers	
9:00-11:00am		Food & Recycling Collection / Parking Lot	
1:00-4:00pm		Crafters Group meeting / Lounge	
NEXT SUNDAY 9/13		VPOD: Erick Castro-Gaeta	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
10:30am		Sunday School / Spurling Hall	