

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, October 5, 2025

The Seventeenth 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



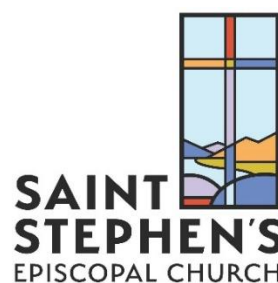
If you wish to have your birthday or anniversary prayed for during Sunday services or if you would like a white rose to signify a death in your family or a red rose to signify a birth in your family, please email Tracy in the Church office at office@st-stephens.org no later than 5:00pm on Thursdays with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



Come join us for The Welcome Table on Tuesday, October 7, 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://app.clovergive.com/App/Form/f07cd08a-2a85-4f83-9289-7a8eaaef0d8f>



If you are interested in becoming more involved with the community at St. Stephens, please consider participating in the services by volunteering to be a Reader, Chalice Bearer, Acolyte (youth and adults welcome), MC or Usher. We would welcome new members to each of these ministries.

You can contact:

Caroline Morgan (805) 490 4057;
Mary Mercogliano (661) 645-9875;
Nick Vestuto (661) 400 7019

Training/review for ALL participants, both CURRENT AND NEW volunteers, will be held on Saturday, October 11th from 10:00am — 12:00pm. We are requesting that EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE SERVICE IN ANY CAPACITY attend this session.

OAKLAND INTERFAITH GOSPEL CHOIR PRESENTS...

VOICES UNITED

A GOSPEL CHOIR WORKSHOP & CONCERT

IGNITE YOUR SPIRIT. LIFT YOUR VOICE. FUEL YOUR JOY!

EVERYONE WELCOME! ALL AGES, BACKGROUNDS, FAITHS ARE INVITED TO SHARE IN A MUSICAL EXPERIENCE OF JOY AND COMMUNITY.

INTERESTED IN SINGING? JOIN THE WORKSHOP! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE UPLIFTING MUSIC EXPERT TEACHING CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

SATURDAY OCT 11 2025 **WORKSHOP: 2:00PM CONCERT: 7:00PM**

OIGC ENSEMBLE & BAND WITH SPECIAL GUESTS...

MAWITI CHOIR

SINGER WORKSHOP: \$20-40 SLIDING SCALE FREE CONCERT!

ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL
24901 ORCHARD VILLAGE RD,
SANTA CLARITA, CA 91355

FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.OIGC.ORG/VOICESUNITED

Supremes, Bob Dylan, a young Stevie Wonder, and Michael Jackson.

Fearless, but not flashy, Ed Sullivan used his platform to shape the cultural landscape - one Sunday night at a time! Sponsored by St. Stephen's Anti-Racism Coalition (ARC). "Sunday Best" will be shown in the Parish Hall.

Free admission * Popcorn & Beverages
Everyone is welcome!



CRAFTER'S GROUP MEETING

SATURDAY, OCT. 18TH

1-4 PM LOUNGE

To sign up go to
<https://www.oigc.org/cal/voicesunited-2025>

MOVIE NIGHT

SUNDAY BEST

Sunday, October 12th at 7:00 PM

Spurling Hall

FREE ADMISSION, POPCORN & BEVERAGES

Sponsored by the St. Stephen's Anti-Racism Coalition (ARC)




SCV PRIDE PICNIC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

11:00AM-4:00PM

**DR. RICHARD RIOUX PARK
STEVENSON RANCH**



The quiet humanitarian ... Ed Sullivan broke barriers on his Sunday night variety show because he saw all humans as equal and never took a step back. He even refused to censor performances that carried political weight.

This uplifting story about a trailblazing visionary includes performances from great musical artists of the '50s and '60s, like James Brown, The

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 26th, from 11:00 am to 4:00 p.m. at Dr. Richard Rioux Park in Stevenson Ranch. Dive into an afternoon brimming with family-friendly fun, community spirit, and vibrant celebrations of our local LGBTQ+ community. The event combines a resource fair and picnic, offering a safe space for

community members to engage with supportive organizations, enjoy live music, and hear from community leaders! This event is free and open to the public!

Headlining the SCV Pride Picnic 2025 is LA-based band Rootful who plays affirming, uplifting Reggae with flavors of Funk, Gospel, and Latin. As an LGBT-fronted band, they are a rarity in the Reggae music scene.

This year there will be three speakers: State Senator Caroline Menjivar, Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo, LA LGBTQ Commission Executive Director Sunitha.

!!Disclaimer!!

The views and opinions expressed by the speaker(s) are their own and do not necessarily reflect the view, positions, or values of the SCV LGBTQ Center. The inclusion of any speaker or topic does not imply endorsement. The SCV LGBTQ Center does not endorse or oppose any political candidate or party. Along with Rootful and the speakers, the event will also include four amazing drag performers - Watson Side, Seven, Luny, and Alexander the Queen performing.



Click on picture above to register.

Memorial Cross Making Workshops

Daughters of the King (DOK) will again help commemorate "*All Saints' Day*" on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, with a display of handmade crosses representing those special people in our lives. **Cross making workshops will be held**

Sunday, Oct. 19th & 26th after both services in the parish hall.

Please bring pictures of your loved ones who have passed on, along with other pictures or phrases suggesting their work, hobbies, or travel. Consider using words, stickers, or cutouts to convey a special message. Blank crosses, glue, scissors, and other supplies will be available for your use each Sunday.

Remember your "Accidental Saints" too! Prayerfully consider those people who came into your life when you needed them most; a mentor, dear friend, or someone who supported you in a time of crisis. This is your chance to take the opportunity to thank God for bringing that special people into your life.

All crosses previously displayed in past years will be used this year. If you have questions, please contact Mary Jo at maryjohigg@gmail.com.



Click on picture above to order.

You may also place an order in person on Sundays or by calling the church office.

Price List — For Pickup at St. Stephen's AFTER Thanksgiving

22" Noble Fir Wreath - \$28.00
22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath - \$29.00
28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath - \$39.00
10' Western Cedar Garland - \$29.00
Door Swag - \$28.00

Price List — For items delivered via US Mail anywhere in the U.S.

Delivery December 1-14

22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath - \$50.00
28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath - \$27.00
Two 10' Western Cedar Garland - \$60.00
Door Swag - \$48.00
Holiday Centerpiece - \$46.00
Cone Gift Basket - \$43.00

St. Stephen's Prayer List

On-Going Needs: Joanne

Current Needs: Joanne, Vickie, Michelle, Innocent Victims of Wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, Jim and Judy, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Lella, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Angie, Rebecca, Ruby, Nora and Lonnie, Jack, Vera, Patrick, Mary and Sepp, Lisa and Lou, Vera, Patrick, Denis, Ro and Denis, Sr., Malcolm, Linda, Pat, Michelle and Bridgette, Peggy, Summer, Judy, Steve, Bill, Nicole, victims of the Canyon Fire, Sally, Rachel, Suzie, Chris, Ron, John and the Nelson family, Linda, Steve, Kim, Debbie, Malcolm and Coco, Jeff, Felix and Richard, Nancy, Patti and Lou, Jan, Sonny, Armando, and Jaing, Shirley, Daniel, Barbara, Jimmy, Wendy, Raph, Jess, Bishop Steven Charlston, those injured in the shooting at Evergreen High School in Denver, George, Caroline, LA Diocese Bishop Election, Elise, **Kevin, Marie, Kathy**

Rest in Peace: Ovidio Ayala, Fletcher Merkel, Harper Moyski, Albert Harb, Jim Meier, Taghoye, Sue Fisher Seeger, Robert Villanti, Charlie Kirk, Marc Amling, Pat Gillis

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		October 5, 2025 to October 12, 2025	
TODAY'S SERVICE		7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 10/5		VPOD: Nick Vestuto	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
9:00am		Inquirers' Class / Lounge	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
10:30am		Sunday School / Spurling Hall	
12:00pm		Daughters of the King / Lounge	
5:00pm		Blessing of the Animals / Courtyard	
MONDAY 10/6			
6:45pm		Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall	
TUESDAY 10/7			
6:30pm		Crew 314 / Spurling Hall	
7:00pm		The Welcome Table / Chapel	
WED. 10/8			
7:00am		Holy Eucharist	
7:30am		Breakfast at Lily's Café / Newhall	
9:30am		Circle of Gratitude / Zoom	
6:00pm		EfM / Room 8	
THURS. 10/9			
9:30am		Book Study / Sacristy	
1:00pm		SAGES Luncheon / Grand Panda	
6:30pm		Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall	
7:30pm		Parish Choir Rehearsal / Church	
FRIDAY 10/10			
SAT. 10/11			
10:00am		Altar Volunteer Training / Church	
2:00-5:00pm		Voices United Singing workshop / Spurling Hall	
7:00pm		Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir Concert / Church	
NEXT SUNDAY 10/12		VPOD: Dave Melton	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
10:30am		Sunday School / Spurling Hall	
12:00pm		YESS / Youth Room	
12:00pm		Altar Guild meeting / Room 8	
7:00pm		Parish Movie Night / Spurling Hall	