

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, October 11, 2026

The Twentieth 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



Join us on Sunday, Oct. 11th at 11:45am in the parish hall as St. Stephen's welcomes members of the *League of Women Voters* for a practical, nonpartisan presentation on preparing for the upcoming elections.

LWV President, Julie Johnson, will kick off the conversation with information about voting and registration. Other topics to be discussed may include: What identification is needed? What if my name isn't on the voter rolls when I arrive at the polls? How do I track my mail-in ballot? Where can I find official, nonpartisan election information?

What if I never received my mail ballot?

What if I can't stand in line for long?

There will be a "Question & Answer" period and pamphlets will be available. Sponsored by the Anti-Racism Coalition at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Everyone is welcome!

The League of Women Voters of Santa Clarita Valley advocates to policymakers on issues including voting rights, election rules, and other issues of importance to our community. **Your Vote Matters!**



For Car registration or volunteering:

<https://tinyurl.com/nuuatv9j>



Honor Those You Love with a Memorial Cross on All Saints Sunday

On All Saints Sunday, Nov. 1st, St. Stephen's will again honor those who have gone before us with an array of handcrafted, memorial crosses displayed on the chancel steps. Each cross represents a beloved member of the great cloud of witnesses who continue to surround us in faith and love.

Daughters of the King (DoK) will host two workshops to help you create a personalized cross. **Workshops will be held Sundays, Oct. 18 & 25** after both services in the parish hall. **Crosses previously displayed and left at church will be used again this year.** Everyone is welcome!

Please bring pictures of the person you are commemorating, plus phrases that suggest their work, hobbies, or travel - consider words, stickers, or cutouts to convey a special message. **Blank crosses, glue, scissors, markers, and other supplies will be available for your use.**

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 sorrow or crisis. If you have questions, please contact Mary Jo at maryjohigg@gmail.com

Each cross becomes a small act of love - a simple way of saying, “This life mattered. This person is remembered.” All Saints Sunday is a moment when the church pauses to remember we are all part of a story larger than ourselves. These crosses form a visible reminder that love endures, faith continues, and the “saints” remain close.



Sing Out Loud: Mission Opera and St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church Partner for Live Pianist “Broadway-oke” Night on Oct. 30
 An All-Ages Broadway Karaoke Night Featuring Live Piano Accompaniment Raises Funds for Local Music Ministries in Valencia
 Hosted in the Parish Hall, participants can bring their own sheet music scores or choose from an on-site binder of musical theater classics. The non-ticketed event is open to the public, welcoming both seasoned vocalists and enthusiastic beginners, as well as audience members who simply want to enjoy an evening of live theatrical music.

- Admission: Non-ticketed event; a suggested donation of \$5 or more will be accepted at the door.
- Song & Refreshment Tickets: \$5 per ticket, redeemable for one song to sing, glass of wine, concession, or other refreshment.
- Payment Methods Accepted: Cash, card, Venmo, PayPal, or Zelle.
- Beneficiary: All proceeds will be donated to St. Stephen's Music Ministries on behalf of Mission Opera, their community nonprofit partner.

**CHRISTMAS GREENS
ON SALE NOW**

ORDERS MAY BE PLACED UNTIL
6PM ON NOVEMBER 1ST.
USE QR CODE TO ORDER

Price List— For Pickup at St. Stephen’s AFTER Thanksgiving	
22” Noble Fir Wreath \$28.00	10’ Western Cedar Garland \$29.00
22” Mixed Evergreen Wreath \$29.00	Door Swag \$28.00
28” Mixed Evergreen Wreath \$40.00	
Price List For items delivered via U.S. Mail anywhere in the U.S. with GUARANTEED fresh delivery. Orders must be placed no later than Nov. 29th.	
Two 10-foot Western Cedar Garlands \$60.00	
22” Mixed Evergreen Wreath \$50.00	28” Mixed Evergreen Wreath \$58.00
Holiday Centerpiece w/ LED Candle \$47.00	Door Swag \$48.00
Cone Gift Basket \$43.00	NEW Reindeer, Sleigh & Gnome set \$35.00

<https://forms.gle/sjydnUHSg7sEQmFA6>

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Help us remember and honor the cherished souls of those we've lost as we honor All Saints' Sunday by bringing photos of our loved ones who have gone before us and the making of memorial crosses. May their memories continue to live in our hearts and bring us comfort.

This year as we prepare to celebrate All Saints Sunday we will be creating a special Altar of Remembrance in the sanctuary beginning Sunday October 18th. Members of the congregation are invited to bring in photos of loved ones who have passed on and place them on the altar though All Saints' Sunday.

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, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Bill, John and the Nelson family, Lily and husband, Patrick, Maria, Moses, Jerome, Debbie, Jose Manuel, Peggy, Keith, Mahin, Rae, Susan, Susan, Greg, Neville, Tom and Desiree, Jim and Donna, Greg and Cathy, Vickie, Stephen, Rebecca and family, Dennis and Joy, Mike, Jake, Madelyn, Brad, Juan, Jim and Family, Ann Marie, Jeff, Patti, Debbie, Michelle, Trish, Garrett, Ave Maria, Margo, **Lonnie, Rebecca**

Rest in Peace: Helen Walton, Nancy Burkly, Christina, Kay Daniels, Patricia McFarlane

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.



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.

St. Stephen's Week		October 11, 2026 to October 18, 2026	
TODAY'S SERVICE		7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 10/11	7:45am	VPOD: John Alexopoulos	Holy Eucharist
	10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
	10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall	
	11:45am	League of Women's Voters Panel / Spurling Hall	
MONDAY 10/12			
	6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall	
TUESDAY 10/13			
	6:30pm	Finance Committee meeting / Spurling Hall	
WED. 10/14			
	7:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast	
	9:30am	Circle of Gratitude / Zoom	
	6:00pm	EFM / Room 8	
THURS. 10/15			
	9:30am	Book Study Group / Sacristy	
	7:00pm	Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall	
	7:30pm	Parish Choir rehearsal	
FRIDAY 10/16			
SAT. 10/17			
NEXT SUNDAY 10/18	7:45am	VPOD: Shari Schlaman	Holy Eucharist
	10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
	10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall	
	12:00pm	Memorial Cross Making with DOK / Spurling Hall	