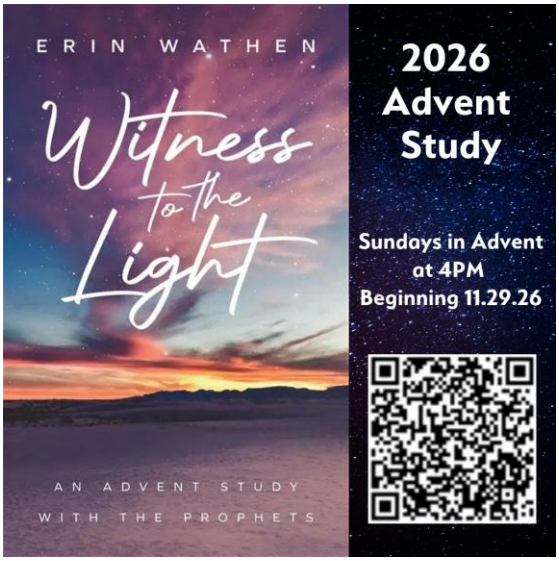
ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS
Sunday, November 29, 2026
The First Sunday of Advent

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



"When the night is long, the light still comes. Find hope this Advent through the words of the prophets.
"For many, Advent and Christmas are celebrated in the darkest time of the year. The experience of waiting and longing for the first glimmer of sunlight over the horizon serves as a poignant and perennial metaphor for the human quest to find hope amid sorrow, hardship, and fear."
"This Advent study features the words and stories of prophetic figures in Scripture, from Major Prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and John the Baptist to lesser-heard voices like Miriam, Joel, Ezekiel, and Anna."
Join Rev. Christopher Sunday's at 4PM during Advent for this exciting and moving study.
https://tinyurl.com/mr2w29u3



Annual Nativity Display: Sunday, Dec. 6th!

Everyone is invited to share their indoor nativities with our St. Stephen's community! **Bring your nativities and help set up on Sat, Dec. 5th, at 2pm, in the parish hall.** Different shapes, sizes and styles are welcome.
Please register in advance - To be included in the program, please send a brief description of your nativity (3 - *4 sentences*) **by Tues., Dec. 1st** via email to maryjohigg@gmail.com. Nativities from past years are welcome, just let us know if you want to use the same program description.
If you can't join us to help set up, please be sure your nativity is brought to the church office by Friday, Dec.4th. For more information, please talk with Kathleen Jensen or Mary Jo Higginbotham.



Join us for a festive evening of creativity and fun as we decorate gingerbread houses together! Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a delicious meal with friends before we start decorating. Please bring enough food to serve approximately 12 people. $5.00 per person. Please use the QR code or following link to sign up.
https://tinyurl.com/yeaensbk
Come ready to create, connect, and celebrate the season!

Reminder: All FYI Christmas Gifts are due back by December 2nd. Please be sure to wrap the gift and address it to the youth. Please do not put your last name on the tag. Thank you again!



Come join us for The Welcome Table on Tuesday, December 1, 2026 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



We are also looking to collect $25.00 gift cards to either Target or Walmart (as many as possible) to donate to the Children & Family Center.






laundry love
Wednesday, December 1st from 5:30-7:30pm
Coin & Drop Off Laundry
24725 Railroad Ave. in Newhall


"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." Thessalonians 5:11
21+
Join us!
WED
DEC. 9
6:30 PM
NEW YOUNG ADULTS OF FAITH GROUP
The Rink Sports Pavillion
20860 Center Pointe Parkway, Santa Clarita CA 91350
Text Hallie to RSVP at 661.713.3305
Good food and casual conversation about faith, life, and navigating young adulthood without any pressure. Come exactly as you are.


Men's Group Breakfast
Saturday, December 5th
8:00am
Dink's Deli & Bagel Bakery
on McBean Parkway


SAINT
STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BLUE CHRISTMAS
12.13.26 at 7:00PM
The bright lights of the holiday season don't always offer comfort. Join us for a reflective service of hope and remembrance as we hold the bittersweet and complex emotions this season can bring to us.
Find links & service bulletins at st-stephens.org
Come as you are!
Grounded in Tradition + Striving for Justice + Growing in Faith
24901 Orchard Village Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91355


CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE
The St. Stephen's Christmas Card Exchange will be available starting November 29th
All you need to do is bring those cards that you would normally mail to your friends here at St. Stephen's and just place them in the appropriate shoe box. No postage required.
Don't forget to check back for cards addressed to you.
Any questions, talk with Kelsey Raub.

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, 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, Patti, Debbie, Michelle, Trish, Garrett, Ave Maria, Margo, Lonnie, Rebecca, Jeff, Malcolm, George, Laura, family and friends of Dolfin Cabuya, Noelie James H., Raph, Kelly and Julie, Fran, Tom, the Doerksen family

Rest in Peace: James Finn, Johnnie Miles, Dolfin Cabuya, Bonnie Valvo, Christopher Hoffman, Frank Sanchez, Joy Singletary, Ron Doerksen, Pam Jones, Agnes "Aggie" Owens

If you would like prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at pstabile@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	November 29, 2026 to December 6, 2026
TODAY'S SERVICE	7:45 & 10:30 AM
SUNDAY 11/29	VPOD: Hallie Browne
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
4:00-5:30pm	Advent Study / Spurling Hall
MONDAY 11/30	
6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall
TUESDAY 12/1	
6:30pm	Crew 314 / Spurling Hall
7:00pm	The Welcome Table / Chapel
WED. 12/2	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude / Zoom
5:30pm	Laundry Love
6:00pm	EFM / Room 8
THURS. 12/3	
9:30am	Book Study / Sacristy
7:30pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal / Church
FRIDAY 12/4	
5:00-6:30pm	Gingerbread House Decorating Party / Spurling Hall
SAT. 12/5	
8:00am	Men's Group Breakfast / Dink's
9:00-11:00am	Food Collection & Recycling Collection / Parking Lot
2:00pm	DOK Nativity Display Set up / Spurling Hall
NEXT SUNDAY 12/6	VPOD: John Alexopoulos
	DOK Nativity Display after both services
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
4:00-5:30pm	Advent Study / Church