

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, December 14, 2025

The Third 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



As of December 12th, the Pledge Drive currently is 76% of our \$425,000 goal.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their pledge!

Please prayerfully consider completing your pledge ASAP.



You can use the QR Code or drop your pledge card in the plate or return your pledge card by mail. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex, in Spurling Hall or online in the Giving tab.

A Reminder of "RMDs," and a way to catch up with pledges.

'Tis the season for RMDs! For those of us who have investment accounts and/or tax-sheltered annuities or 401Ks, etc., now is the time to arrange for Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), if you are 73 years old by the end of the year. (Sizeable penalties are administered by the IRS if these are not made.) AND, if you're catching up with your pledge, this is a great way to catch up. Happy Holidays!

Richard Holdredge and the Stewardship Committee

SAINT STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLUE CHRISTMAS
12.14.24 at 5:00PM

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

Mission Opera

AM AHL
AND THE NIGHT VISITORS
BY GIAN CARLO MENOTTI

ST. STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST,
2025 AT 4PM

WWW.MISSIONOPERA.COM

Mission Opera presents Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors* — a heartwarming holiday opera for all ages!

Join us for this timeless story of faith, generosity, and miracles On Sunday, December 21st at 4:00PM. Tickets available now:

<https://tinyurl.com/y76m67ku>

Adults: approx. \$37.00 each

Students/Seniors: approx. \$32.00 each

Children under 12: approx. \$21.00 each

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

The St. Stephen's Christmas Card Exchange will be available starting December 7th.

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.

Do you love to send and receive Christmas cards? Has the cost of postage made it prohibitive? Well, the St. Stephen's Christmas Card exchange is back for its second year.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Making a donation towards the flowers, which will adorn the Church for Christmas, is a very nice way to remember special occurrences in your life. Donations may be made as Memorial for family or friends

who have died or as a Thanksgiving for any of God's abundant blessings. To make a dedication please fill out a form you will find in the Narthex. Forms must be handed in **no later than Sunday, December 21st**. You can also fill out the form and pay online at <https://tinyurl.com/5vdt3bfn>

Join us at the home
of Rev. Christopher
& Erick

SAGES Christmas Open House

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025
FROM 1-4 PM

27815 Sycamore Creek Drive,
Valencia, CA 91354
323.337.4437



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

CHRISTMAS EVE AT 4:00PM

Every child is invited to participate in our Christmas pageant taking place this Christmas Eve at 4:00pm. No rehearsal is needed. We have roles with costumes for angels, animals and shepherds.

Come to Spurling Hall between 3:15pm-3:30pm on Christmas Eve to be fitted for a costume. We will even take late-comers as long as they arrive before 4pm.

SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

Christmas

DECEMBER 24TH

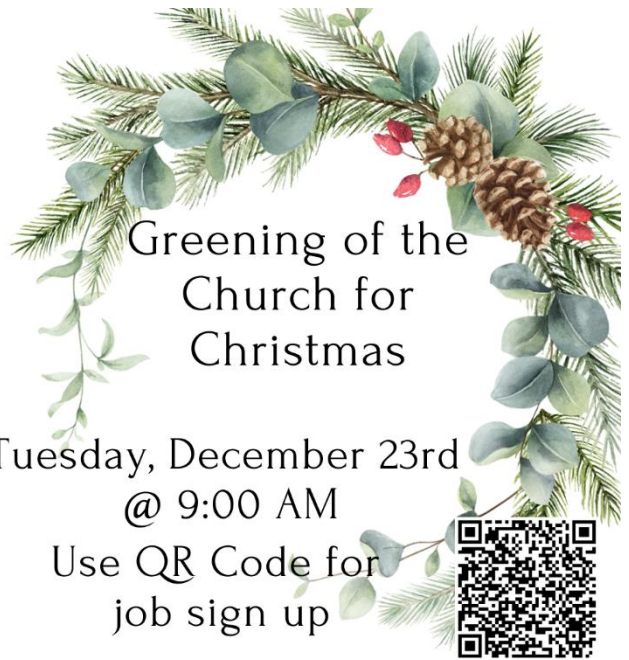
4:00PM
Children's Pageant &
Holy Eucharist

9:00PM
Festival Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 25th

9:00AM
Holy Eucharist
& Community Breakfast

Only **Christmas Eve** Services will be
streamed live on Facebook
@StStephensSCV



Greening of the Church for Christmas

Tuesday, December 23rd
@ 9:00 AM

Use QR Code for
job sign up

Click on picture to sign up.



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 us for a
Christmas Day
Breakfast
after the
9:00am service

Sign up for Christmas Day breakfast potluck by
using the following link
<https://tinyurl.com/mt67b46c>.



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 Prayer List

Current Needs: Joanne, Vickie, Innocent Victims of global and domestic conflicts and wars, Jim and Judy, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Lisa and Lou, Lella, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Peggy, Summer, Bill, John and the Nelson family, Daniel, Nick, Marie, Biagio, Kristen, Lilly, Rebecca, Brad, Nevelle, J.J., Raph and Jess, Laura, Lindsay, Rev. Steve, Patrick, Dave, Amy, Malcolm, Doloras and family, Steve, Matt, Norma, Maria, Jim, Fred, Moses, Dot, Patricia, Dianne, Dave, Cyn and family

Rest in Peace: Kim Bailey, Bishop Chester Talton, Dan McLaughlin, Gary Jones, Pat Schwark, Michael Leeper

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		December 14, 2025 to December 21, 2025	
TODAY'S SERVICE		7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 12/14		VPOD: Nick Vestuto	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
10:30am		Sunday School / Spurling Hall	
12:00pm		YESS / Youth Room	
5:00pm		Blue Christmas Service	
MONDAY 12/15			
6:45pm		Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall	
TUESDAY 12/16			
6:00pm		Vestry meeting / Spurling Hall	
WED. 12/17			
7:00am		Holy Eucharist	
7:30am		Breakfast at Lily's Café / Newhall	
9:30am		Circle of Gratitude / Zoom	
6:00pm		EfM / Room 8	
7:00pm		PFLAG / Spurling Hall	
THURS. 12/18			
9:30am		Book Study / Sacristy	
6:30pm		Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall	
7:30pm		Parish Choir rehearsal / Church	
FRIDAY 12/19			
1:00-4:00pm		SAGES Christmas Open House / Home of Rev. Christopher & Erick	
SAT. 12/20			
NEXT SUNDAY 12/21		VPOD: John Alexopoulos	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
10:30am		Sunday School / Spurling Hall	
4:00pm		Amahl & the Night Visitors	