

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, October 27, 2024

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 25

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



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES
NOVEMBER 3, 2024

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 20th. 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.

Memorial Cross Making Workshops

Daughters of the King (DOK) will again help commemorate "All Saints' Day" on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, with a display of handmade crosses representing those special people in our

lives. **Cross making workshops will be held Sunday, Oct. 20 & 27th** after the 10:30 service 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.



Prayers For Peace!

This election season, quiet your soul and still your mind, and gather with others in St. Stephen's Chapel to pray for our leaders, our community, our country, and the world.

On Oct. 31, the chapel will be open for one hour on Thursday evening beginning at 6:30 for a silent prayer vigil.

We welcome anyone seeking a quiet time of meditation, prayer, contemplation, or reflection. This is a time to uplift and inspire yourself amongst the comfort and strength of others in our church community.

A selection of prayers, books, prayer prompts, pensive poems, and other forms of reflective material will be available for your use. There will not be a formal service.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to join us in remembering the presence of God, to pray for peace during this election season, and to pray for ourselves.



Let's Talk Pledge

Sunday, November 3rd at 9am, there will be a forum focused on answering questions about our financial goals for 2025, the Annual Pledge Drive, and the future of St. Stephen's.

Pledge Drive is always an important time in our community as we each prayerfully go to God for direction specifically about how we use the gifts we've received to support St. Stephen's.

Come and let's talk about your questions, join the conversation, lift your voice, **Sunday, November 3rd at 9am.**



Men's Group Breakfast Saturday, November 2nd 8:00am

Dink's Deli & Bagel Bakery
on McBean Parkway



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



Food Collection

Sat., Nov. 2nd, 9 — 11:00am

LAST Collection before Thanksgiving! Please give generously.

St. Stephen's Parking Lot

Reusable grocery bags needed!

Non-perishable food donations may be left in the labeled box in the church narthex.

CRITICAL NEEDS:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly (Sm-Med)
- Stuffing mix, Green beans,
- Cranberry Sauce & Canned Yams
- Cans of Soup, Veggies, & fruits
- Cans of Pasta meals
- Laundry & Dish Detergent
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Cans of Soup, Veggies, & fruits
- Jars of Pasta Sauce (Sm — Med)
- Rice & Pasta (dry)
- Healthy Cereal (Lg & Faily Lg)
- Canned Tuna, Chicken & Vienna sausage
- Packs of individual Fruit Cups
- Ketchup, mustard & mayo (Sm-Med)

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

- Women's Fem Pads
- Boxes of Dryer Sheets & Kleenex

Young People's Chorus



Children - Ages 6 through 11 years

We are forming a special young people's chorus to sing in the

Christmas cantata, "Mary's Story" to be presented here at St. Stephen's on Sunday evening, December 22, 2024 at 7:00 PM. This special chorus will be singing with the Parish Choir and several special guest singers. Rehearsals for this young people's chorus will begin in November. There will be two rehearsals with the Parish Choir on December 14 and December 21. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ms. Judy, after service or email jmbdmbymb@sbcglobal.net no later than October 31.

- Deodorant, Shave Cream & razors
- Socks & Underwear -Men & Women
- Bar Soap, Shampoo, & Toothpaste

Sat., Nov. 2nd is also Recycle Day!
 Please bring only RECYCLABLE "CRV" plastic,
 aluminum cans & glass bottles.
 Please - No milk containers!
 Recyclable donations may be left in the labeled box
 in the church narthex.
 Bring pull tabs from cans of soda & food.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!




laundry love.
 Wednesday, November 6 from 5:30-7:30pm
 Coin & Drop Off Laundry
 24725 Railroad Ave. in Newhall



TIME CHANGE COMING UP...
NOVEMBER 3, 2024 AT 2AM




**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
 ONE HOUR BEFORE BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT!**



**SAINT
 STEPHEN'S**
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Sunday,
 November 24th
 we will have one service
 only at 9:00am



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.



Event Details

WHEN: Saturday, 11/16/24 - Doors Open at 8 AM, Program Begins at 8:30 AM, Trot Starts at 9:15 AM

WHERE: The Paseo Club - Trot begins at the club and then we will trot throughout the paseos.

REGISTRATION: \$20.00 PER PERSON

- Registration includes a light breakfast, t-shirt, and one raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize.
- Top 3 fundraising teams will win a TURKEY.
- A prize for the team who shows up in their BEST turkey attire.
- Activities for the kiddos including painting pumpkins and fun turkey crafts.
- And even a Silent Auction!

This event is family and pet friendly and FUN for the entire community!

FUNDS RAISED: This fun-filled event supports Bridge to Home's vital programs, resources, and services for our neighbors in need. Gather your family and friends and join in! This Turkey Trot is a wonderful opportunity to spend a morning with your community while raising funds for our neighbors in need in the SCV. Let's embrace this season of sharing and giving together.



GIVING TO ST. STEPHENS



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

On-Going Needs: Joanne, Mary Lou,

Current Needs: Sister Miriam, Vickie, Michelle, innocent victims of Middle East war, Janet, Andrea, Jim and Judy, Lisa and Lou, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Stewart, Mary, Keith, Joy, Margo, Lella, Sepp, Kay, Mike, Eliza, Baby Everly, Mia Behrens' great-granddaughter, Ron, Bradley, Ale, Keith, Chris, the Krecji- Rosebrook-Hooper family, Loretha, Bill, Chantelle, Eileen, Julia, Jeff, J.J., Carolyn and Jerry, Peter, Brinnley, Rev. Cindy, Rev. Susan, first responders and victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, Roberto, Francesca, Mia, Corrine

Rest in Peace: Cindy Collins, Judy Doerksen, Stephen Rosebrook, Pat Ganje, Read Kerr, Tom

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 27, 2024 to November 3, 2024
TODAY'S SERVICE 7:45am & 10:30am	
SUNDAY 10/27	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	Forum: Christian Nationalism / Spurling Hall
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
12:00pm	YESS + Pathfinders / Youth Room
12:00pm	LGBTQIA+ Group / Room 8
MONDAY 10/28	
TUESDAY 10/29	
7:00pm	YESS Pumpkin Carving / Spurling Hall
WED. 10/30	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist
7:45am	Breakfast at Lily's Cafe
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude via Zoom
THURS. 10/31	
9:30am	Book Study / Sacristy
6:30pm	Prayer Vigil / Chapel
7:30pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal / Church
FRIDAY 11/1	
SAT. 11/2	
8:00am	Men's Group Breakfast / Dink's
9:00-11:00am	Food Collection & Recycling Event / Parking Lot
NEXT SUNDAY 11/3	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	Forum: Pledge Drive Q & A / Spurling Hall
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live)
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