

*ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS*  
**Today Sunday, May 22, 2022**  
*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**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**

In response to the Buffalo supermarket shooting.  
Members of the City of Santa Clarita Human Relations Roundtable,  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Congregation Beth Shalom,  
Islamic Center of Santa Clarita, Higher Vision Church, and NAACP Santa Clarita  
invite you to:

**An Interfaith Vigil of Prayer and  
Lament for a Hurting World:**  
Grieving Gun Violence, Racism & Hate  
Sunday, May 22nd at 7:00 P.M.



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
24901 Orchard Village Rd.  
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

This vigil will be livestreamed.  
Go to [st-stephens.org](http://st-stephens.org) or  
[@StStephensSCV](https://www.facebook.com/StStephensSCV) on Facebook

**We are looking for bilingual readers/speakers to help us on Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating, please contact Tracy in the Church office at 661-259-7307 or [office@st-stephens.org](mailto:office@st-stephens.org).**



We would love to have you sing again during this summer. There are no separate rehearsals. No vesting. No age restrictions. No musical training or experience needed. You come as you are each Sunday to lend your voice to our 10AM worship service. We will be leading the music for the services starting June 26 through September 11, 2022. You should report to church no later than 9:15 AM each Sunday that you wish to sing. If you want to participate in this joyful group, please email Caroline Morgan at [Caroline\\_morgan@mac.com](mailto:Caroline_morgan@mac.com) at your earliest convenience.



**VBS is Coming to St. Stephen's**

**July 25-29**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

For ages 3+ (must be potty trained)  
Volunteer Opportunities also available  
Visit the link below to register or for more information.

<https://vbspro.events/p/rockyrailroad>

Financial Assistance available.



**The Church and  
Preschool offices will be  
closed on Monday, May  
30<sup>th</sup> in observance of  
Memorial Day.**

**Found:**

- A Fitbit One Wireless Activity Tracker that was found in the church.

If item is yours, please contact Tracy in the Church office at 661-259-7307 or [office@st-stephens.org](mailto:office@st-stephens.org).



## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

is hosting a **UCLA Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, June 1st**

**1 PM - 6 PM** ■ Spurling Hall

Or go on-line to [www.ucedonor.com](http://www.ucedonor.com)

Click **Blood Drives** and enter **SSECH** in *Zip Code* or *Account Code box*

*Appointments are highly encouraged*

**2 Promotional Items** for eligible donors

Please bring photo ID

Remember to eat well and increase your fluid intake a couple of days before and the day of your donation.

To schedule your lifesaving blood donation visit us at [www.uclahealth.org/gotblood](http://www.uclahealth.org/gotblood) or call (310) 825-0888 x2

**Click on flier above to make an appointment or go to [www.ucedonor.com](http://www.ucedonor.com) and enter SSECH where it asks for the zip code.**

### Stewardship Reflection

*Jesus Calling; Enjoying the Peace in His Presence*, by Sarah Young, continues to be a source of inspiration for members of St. Stephen's Stewardship committee. The reading for May 17 begins, "As you sit quietly in my presence, remember that I am a God of abundance. I will never run out of resources; My capacity to bless you is unlimited."

When we consider everything that is going on in the world around us, it may take a little bit more effort for us to focus on our blessings, but indeed, they are many. We live knowing the love of Christ! We live knowing that He is risen and we are Easter People! Each one of us is blessed with the ability to thank and praise God, and the ability to share in God's abundance by blessing others with our time, talent and treasure. We all have the means, so how can you bless someone today?



### DOK Welcomes Payton & Jazmin Hoegh

Women of our parish are invited to attend the next DOK meeting, **Sunday, June 5th, at 11:30** in the upstairs lounge. **Our guests will be Payton and Jazmin Hoegh who will share their spiritual stories.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know Payton and Jazmin better and to learn a bit about how the discernment process works in the Episcopal Church.

DOK meetings are regularly open to any women who want to learn more about the Order of the Daughters of the King or who are interested in participating in our monthly programs. We typically meet on the first Sunday of each month. Members are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life and supported through the companionship of our sisters. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun, and some have been on the path for a long time.

Please join us – we begin with a light lunch and social time, and we always have space for questions!

For more information, please contact Mary Jo Higginbotham or Kathleen Jensen, or feel free to check out the national website at:

<https://www.doknational.org/>





### What is AAPI History?

In short, it's US history!

For over 150 years, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have played a crucial role in forging American identity. Starting in the 1850s, Chinese contract laborers were instrumental in building up infrastructure and economy while working in mines, railroads, factories, and as farmers and fishermen.

In subsequent decades, waves of immigrants, including Japanese, Korean, South Asian, and Filipino workers, replaced them as low-wage labor following legislation that excluded people from Asian countries from citizenship rights and more.

During periods of shifting labor needs, land expansion, economic recession, and war, **Asian immigrants faced intense discrimination and anti-immigrant violence.**

The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 denied naturalization to Chinese immigrants and severely restricted immigration from China for 60 years. The 1917 Immigration Act barred all immigration from the Asia-Pacific region, and the 1924 Asian Exclusion Act denied entry to Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, and South Asian Indians, prohibiting naturalization. **During World War II, Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration interned over 120,000 people of Japanese descent, including American citizens.**

It wasn't until 1952 that the U.S. government overturned the naturalization bans of Asian immigrants. **Laws remained discriminatory until 1965** when, in response to the struggles of the civil rights movement, the US government shifted its policy and overturned the restrictive quotas.

**Today, Asian Americans constitute the fastest growing racial and ethnic group in the US.**

For more about Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders go to:

<https://www.cnet.com/culture/aapi-heritage-month-what-it-is-and-what-you-can-do-today/>

Support Episcopal Relief & Development in providing humanitarian aid in response to the crisis in Ukraine. By donating to the Ukraine Crisis Response Fund, you will help meet critical needs for people fleeing the violence including food, cash, blankets and hygiene supplies. Visit [episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis](http://episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis) or use the following QR Code.



**SUPPORT THE UKRAINE  
CRISIS RESPONSE**



### 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](http://st-stephens.org/giving). As you may have heard, you can now 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, especially right now.

## St. Stephen's Prayer List

**On-Going Needs:** Joanne., Mary Lou

**Current Needs:** Susan, Byron, Wilson, Bree, Silvio, Liam and parents, Jake, April, Adeline, Kathy, Erick, Mark, Lucia, Connie, Dotty, Marilyn, Allen, Victoria, Lisa, Tina, Kevin, Becky, Beverly, Barbara, Caden, Baby Emma Jane, parents Corey and Nicole and grandparents, Cinda and John Noonan, Caleb, Richard, Scott, Christine, Maria, Kim, **Judy, Dawn and family, Norma, Sandra, and Michelle**

**Rest in Peace:** Larry Duncan, Leigh Illian, **Greg Loughnane, Andrew Thomas, Richard Echeverria, Sandy Gibbons**

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at [pstable@pegasus2.net](mailto: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.

### Contact Us

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St. Stephen's Week	May 22, 2022 to May 29, 2022
<b>TODAY'S SERVICES 7:45am &amp; 10:00am</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 5/22</b>	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:00am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live) – VPOD Jen Aston
10:00am	Sunday School / Stage
11:45am	Youth Group / Lounge
11:45am	Pathfinder / Stage
<b>MONDAY 5/23</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 5/24</b>	
6:30pm	Vestry meeting via Zoom
<b>WED. 5/25</b>	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude via Zoom <a href="#">Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting</a>
<b>THURS. 5/26</b>	
11:30am	Book Study via Zoom <a href="#">Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting</a>
7:30pm	Parish Choir rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY 5/27</b>	
<b>SAT. 5/28</b>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY 5/29</b>	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:00am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live) – VPOD Shannon Brintnall
10:00am	Sunday School / Stage