

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, September 1, 2024

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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



Are you a golfer?
Do you have Monday,
October 7th available?
Would you like to
represent St. Stephen's?

St. Stephen's has made a dinner donation to the Family Promise Golf Tournament on October 7th. Our donation includes a foursome of golfers and dinner after the round. Please contact Sheri Flay at (805) 660-7811 or vbandsf@sbcglobal.net if you would like to participate or if you have questions.



laundry love.

Come on our and join us for our next Laundry Love outreach on Wednesday, Sept. 4th. We'll be at our usual place, the Coin & Drop Off Laundry at 24725 Railroad Ave. in Newhall, from 5:30-7:30pm. See you there!



Pickup Choir

**July 7 through
September 8, 2024**

There are no separate rehearsals. No need of a beautiful singing voice. No vesting. No age restrictions. No musical training or experience needed. You come as you are each Sunday to lend your voice to our 10:30AM worship service.

You should report to church no later than 9:30AM each Sunday that you wish to sing. If you want to participate in this joyful group, please email Judy Baity at jmbdmbymb@sbcglobal.net at your earliest convenience.



Food Collection

Sat., Sept.
7th,
9-11:00am
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:

- Canned Tuna
- Healthy Cereal — lg & reg size
- Peanut Butter & Jelly (Sm-Med)
- Laundry & Dish Detergent
- Women's Fem Pads
- Toothpaste, soap, shampoo (hotel size)
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

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

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

- Boxes of Dryer Sheets
- Boxes of Kleenex

- Men's & Women's deodorant
- Socks & Underwear -Men & Women
- Women's Shave Cream & razors
- Bar Soap, Shampoo & Conditioner

Sat., Sept. 7th is **Recycle Day!**

You're helping the environment AND every redemption cent we receive helps fund St. Stephen's programs.

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!!



Join us for a Men's Group Breakfast on **Saturday, September 7th at 8:00am.**

Meet at Dink's Deli and Bagel Bakery, 25860 McBean Pkwy.

All men of the parish are welcome.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL FORUM:

THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO THE WAR BETWEEN ISRAEL & HAMAS

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

THE RIGHT REV. JOHN HARVEY TAYLOR
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

and

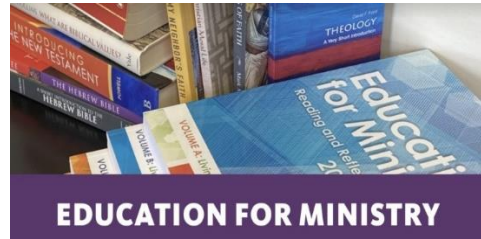
JACK MILES
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author & Scholar

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
7:00 PM

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
24901 Orchard Village Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91354

If you are planning on attending, please use to following link to register:

<https://tinyurl.com/yfrj24vr>



Where is God calling You?

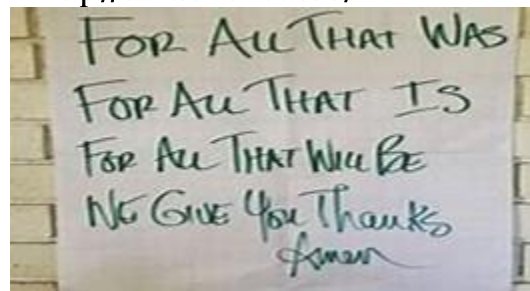
God calls us all to be active participants in ministry! Ministry, meaning "service," is both vocational and incidental - serving those God puts in our path.

By exploring where *our story and God's story* intersect with our *understanding of ministry*, we gain insight into God's dream for us. We then apply these insights to our lives - this technique is called "theological reflection" (TR).

Education for Ministry (EfM) provides a safe, nonjudgmental space to learn theological reflection through a unique program coordinated by the University of the South. Participants encounter the depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in "TR" together.

Lay people are provided with education and tools to discern and carry out their ministry. Though a year-long commitment may seem intimidating, a one-week-at-a-time approach leads to excitement, encouragement, a greater understanding of contemporary theology, and a possible path to responding to God's call!

At St. Stephen's, EfM registration will begin Sept. 8, with seminar sessions beginning in early October. If you'd like more information about *EfM*, please contact Mary Jo Higginbotham by email at maryjohigg@gmail.com or by phone at (661) 645-6037. You can also visit the website at <http://efm.sewanee.edu/>





To register for Sunday School please use the following link:
<https://form.jotform.com/42307471401141>



Learn about St. Stephen's many ministries and opportunities for involvement! Explore ways to share your time and talent.

Ministry leaders will set up on Saturday, Sept. 21st between 1:00pm & 3:00pm.
 For more information contact Kathleen Jensen at jensencurl@gmail.com.



JOIN ST. STEPHEN'S AT THE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S ON SEPTEMBER 28TH

Each year thousands of people participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's here in Santa Clarita, to help raise funds towards creating a world without Alzheimer's and all other forms of dementia. This disease has affected so many families, including those within our parish. Our church community is supporting the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association via our very own St. Stephen's team. The Walk is scheduled for September 28th, and we invite all to join us.

You may learn more about the Walk and can donate and/or join our team via this link:
<http://act.alz.org/goto/ststephens>



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.



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 conflict, Janet, Andrea, Jim and Judy, Lisa and Lou, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Stewart, Mary, Charles, Dave, Keith, Pat, Joy, Margo, Lella, Sepp, Heather, Melissa, Dot, Kay, Michael, Stacey, John, Sue, Scott, Gavin, Patrick, Eliza, Pat, Leo, Angelo, Baby Everly, Patsy, Michael, Mark, Mary Anne, Betty Jo, Bob, Mia Behrens' great granddaughter, Chantelle, Judy, Ron, Jeff

Rest in Peace: Trish Cotugno, Helen LeBlanc, Nora Villanueva Campanor, Ruth Brady, Jason Kim, **The Rev. Nancy Sinclair, Nancy Coulter**

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	September 1, 2024 to September 8, 2024
TODAY'S SERVICE 7:45am & 10:30am	
SUNDAY 9/1	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live)
12:00pm	YESS & Pathfinders / Youth Rm
MONDAY 9/2	
Church & Preschool offices closed	
6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall
TUESDAY 9/3	
WED. 9/4	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist
7:45am	Breakfast at Lily's Cafe
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude via Zoom
5:30pm	Laundry Love
THURS. 9/5	
9:30am	Book Study / Sacristy
7:30pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal / Church
FRIDAY 9/6	
SAT. 9/7	
8:00am	Men's Group Breakfast / Dink's Deli & Bagel Bakery
9:00-11:00am	Food Collection & Recycling Event / Parking Lot
NEXT SUNDAY 9/8	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live)
12:00pm	Daughters of the King / Lounge