# ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS Sunday, May 5, 2024 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



To make a donation towards a plaque, or a general donation towards the project, please use this link: https://tinyurl.com/ycxswy5k

The deadline is May 6th



St. Stephen's Preschool is having a fundraiser! Mendocino Farms on Valencia Blvd. will donate 50% back!

Have dinner and then wander a few doors down to Yogurtland to get dessert! Yogurtland is also giving 50% back to the Preschool!





SAGES Luncheon Thursday, May 9th at 1:00pm Home of Julie Witter



The Santa Clarita
Public library is
partnering with
ARTree to
collect plastic bottle
caps (any size, any
color) to create a
"Bottle Cap
Mural". All caps
must be turned in by
May 17. You can also

leave the caps in the box marked "Food Collection/Recycle" that is in the Narthex.



St. Stephen's Preschool is having their annual Dad's night event on May 16th and is in need of volunteers from 4:30-6:30 p.m. If

you'd like to help, please contact Vivien at vivien@st-stephens.org.

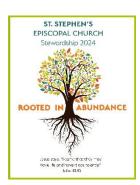


# GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S

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.





As we prepare for Pentecost Sunday...Imagine the dimness of the upper room and the way the disciples huddled together...embodying human fear to which we can all relate. Imagine what it must have felt like to feel the wind break through the windows and to see tongues of fire over

each of their heads. Why would the disciples be frightened about how to do God's work now that their leader is gone? Rather daunting to go forth alone. And today, why are we sometimes unsure about what we are supposed to do to follow our leader who is not with us to show us the way? God sensed the need for a force to strengthen the will of the disciples to guide them forward spreading the Word. And so, he sent the Holy Spirit to live within their hearts, to fortify their faith, to hold them steadfast in their mission of spreading Christianity. And we too have received the Spirit. It fills us and guides us in our lives. It shows us how to pray and what to pray for. The Spirit brings God into our soul.

Bob Gregor & the Stewardship Committee

### St. Stephen's Prayer List

On-Going Needs: Joanne, Mary Lou,

Current Needs: Susan, Byron, Wilson, Sister Miriam, Craig, Vickie, Janet, Michelle, Cinda, innocent victims of Middle East conflict, Bill, Janet, Domingo, Elaine, Monique, Mary Lou, Jim and Judy, Lisa and Lou, Steve C., Judy and Ron, Matt, Rebecca and Bill, Baby Rachel Rose, Matt and Alejandro, , Angelo, Maria, Bonnie S., Darlene, Ken, Lella, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Shelly, Stewart, Jay, Donna, Jeff, Rick, Adriana, Mary, Ellen, Robert, Parnell and family, Julia, Brittany, Baby Vincent and family, Cheryl and Peter. Malcolm, Charles, Tom, Jack, Dave, Kay, Melba, Lindsey, Kody, and Baby Camden

Rest in Peace:, Rose Etta "Ronnie" Cook, Patricia Cahill, Ellen Steinberg, David French, Pauline Martinez Salinas, Reynaldo Alvarado, Emilio Dermedy, Corry Holly, Aisha Shoats,

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at pstabile@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.



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.

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St. Stephen's	May 5, 2024 to
Week	May 12, 2024
TODAY'S SERVICE 7:45am & 10:30am	
SUNDAY 5/5	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	Discernment Committee
	meeting / Room 8
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed
	via Facebook Live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
12:15pm	Daughters of the King / Lounge
MONDAY 5/6	
4:45pm	Den meeting / Spurling Hall
6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall
TUESDAY 5/7	
5:30pm	Den meeting / Spurling Hall
6:30pm	Crew 314 / Spurling Hall
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WED. 5/8	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist
7:45am	Breakfast at Lily's Cafe
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude via Zoom
THURS. 5/9	
9:30am	Book Study group / Sacristy
1:00pm	SAGES Luncheon / Home of
r	Julie Witter
7:30pm	Parish Choir rehearsal / Church
FRIDAY 5/10	
SAT. 5/11	
NEXT SUNDAY	
5/12	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed
	via Facebook Live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall