

November 22nd, 2020

Feast of Christ the King

November 14th, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The past few months have served as a course in self-sacrifice. Restrictions, protocols, and limited physical contact with friends and community members have had an effect on each one of us. I pray that it has strengthened your resolve to live in a spirit of Christ's gift of himself, in service, love, generosity, and concern for others.

Many of you have experienced some degree of financial uncertainty and hardship. Others may have had to change their plans and short-term goals. All of us have had time to reflect on our lives and examine what is important and what is not.

It is in light of this reality that we are launching our Annual Shepherd's Fund Campaign on the Feast of Christ the King, November 21st and 22nd. The primary purpose of this annual campaign is the support of retired priests; it also helps to address the ongoing professional development of members of the clergy.

Please take a moment to reflect on what you are able to give. Remember that your prayers, ongoing interactions with your priest and involvement in your parish are part of that gift. Your generosity to this year's Shepherd's Fund Campaign would also be appreciated.

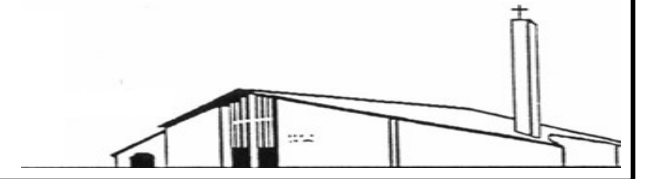
Thank you for your ongoing commitment to follow Christ in responding to needs and concerns of others.

Fraternally in Christ,

+Bishop Bart van Roijen
Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador

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BISHOP OF CORNER BROOK & LABRADOR: Most Rev. Bart Van Roijen

Administrator: Fr. Krishnarao Mekala (Kris) **Associate Priest:** Ft. Vanathuraj Rayappan (Ray)

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Debbie Wilton

Rosa Dollard

St. Anne's Guild

SECRETARY

President, Millicent Penton

Carolyn O'Quinn

RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY COORDINATOR: Theresa Dollimont

LITURGY COORDINATOR: Bernice Maddock

Knights of Columbus - Grand Knight Clyde Russell

4th Degree Assembly - Faithful Navigator Bob Miller

MARRIAGES. Six months notice is required; a year's notice is recommended.

BAPTISM PREPARATION- *Please call to register.*

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Sunday Morning - 10:30 A.M.

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES

Online Daily Due to COVID-19

MARIA REGINA PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 4:30 P.M.
Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

ROSARY

Saturdays at 11:00 am
RECONCILIATION
By Appointment

PRAYER MEETINGS:

St. Stephen's Prayer Group — Wednesday at 7:45 P.M. in the Parish Meeting Room.

Word & Spirit Prayer Group — Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. in St. Anne's Hall.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm,

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, FRIDAY - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

CLOSED DAILY 12:00 - 1:00 PM

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

November 1st - \$2506.00
November 8th - \$3085.00
November 15th - \$2381.50



SCENT-FREE

Please be aware that some people have allergic reactions to perfumes and other scents. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 23rd

For the late Herma Compagnon

Tuesday, November 24th

For the late Melba White

Wednesday, November 25th

For the late members of the J.V. and Mary Ellen O'Quinn Family

Thursday, November 26th

For the late Bruce Pellerin

Friday, November 27th

For the late Damien Drake

SHEPHERDS' FUND FOUNDATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2020

You are reminded that the annual Shepherds' Fund Foundation Campaign will be conducted this weekend. The Foundation acknowledges that this is a difficult year due to COVID-19. However, the mandate of the Foundation, in terms of Diocesan support, continues to be critical, particularly this year. Therefore, the Board, in consultation with Bishop Bart, has decided to conduct the campaign without interruption. Due to COVID-19, special envelopes will not be circulated. If your package of envelopes does not have a "Shepherds' Fund" envelope.

REFLECTION- THE GREATEST EVIL IN THE WORLD

(Saint) Mother Teresa said: ' Many today are starving for ordinary bread. But there is another kind of hunger- the hunger to be wanted, to be loved, to be recognized. Nakedness, too, is not just the want of clothes, but also about loss of dignity, purity, and self-respect. And homelessness is not just want of house; There is the homelessness of being rejected, of being unwanted in a throwaway society. The biggest disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted and uncared for. The greatest evil in the world is lack of love - the



terrible indifference towards one's neighbour. Lord, warm our cold hearts with your grace, so that we, your disciples, may produce the fruits of love. (Taken from: Flor McCarthy, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies: Year A, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1998, p354

A STORY

In the year 1880 in Paris a rather poorly dressed priest showed up at a presbytery looking for a night's lodging. He had come all the way from Turin, Italy, and was trying to raise funds to build a church. The visitor's name was John Bosco, but this meant nothing to the resident priest, so he put him in the attic. Many years later when John Bosco was declared a saint the Church, the priest said, 'Had I known it was John Bosco, I would not have put him in the attic; I would have given him the best room in the house.' We never know exactly who it is we are meeting in the person of our neighbour. But this is not important. What is important is that we see in that person a needy human being and that we do our best to meet his need. For those with faith, behind the face, no matter how strange, the face of Christ lies hidden. (Taken from: Flor McCarthy, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies: Year A, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1998, pp. 353-354)



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The challenge is to follow the Gospel mandate; that is, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and the other people identified in today's Gospel. For instance, many in our parishes are struggling. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is there to help where possible. Its members depend on donations from those who can give. All help is anonymous. Make donations count. Before giving, check online to see how much of that donation actually goes to the cause. Pope Benedict XVI once remarked: "Many times for people, authority is often synonymous with possession, dominion, success. For God, authority is always synonymous with service, humility, love. It means to enter into Jesus' logic, who bends down to wash the feet of the apostles and who says, 'Whoever would be first among you must be your slaves.'" (Taken from: Franciscan Media, Sunday Homily Helps: Christ the King - November 22, 2020 - SerisAReadings,Lectionary) #160, pp.9-10)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKEND MASS

Our weekend Masses are held on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 p.m. Because of COVID -19 attendance restrictions, our total capacity per service is 100 people. To ensure that all of our Parishioners have the opportunity to attend, one Mass meets our Catholic obligations.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Our new Sunday missals are now available. They can be purchased for \$5 at our Parish office during week-day hours.

ST. ANNE'S GUILD CHRISTMAS CAKES & LOAVES SALE

St. Anne's Guild will be holding a Christmas Cakes and Loaves sale on Saturday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 6th at 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The sale will be held at St. Anne's Hall. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



"Buy a Cake - No Need to Bake!"

NOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of all the parishioners of St. Stephen's Parish, we would like to thank Warren Quinton for his service as Chair and member of our Parish Council these past few years. We wish God's blessings on him.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

St. Stephen's Parish would like to thank our Parish Council for all their hard work and time devoted to managing our Parish. Below is a list of this year's Parish Council Members: Leon Benoit, Rosa Dollard, Rosalind English, Maurice Hynes, Al Moraze, Judy O'Quinn, Millicent Penton, Dot Pike, Laura Rouzes, Tony Smith, Madelyn St. Croix, and Debbie Wilton.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Congratulations to our Year 8 students on completing the Sacrament of Confirmation. Your hard work and dedication has paid off and you are now confirmed members of our church community. Below are the names of all who received the Sacrament of Confirmation:



Kayden Alexander
Seth Alexander
Maria Bentley
William Butler
Kaenan Duffy
Paige Gabriel
Kate Goosney
Alex Greene
Tayler Jesso
Alanna Lewis
Devon Macdonald

Rachel McIntosh
Hannah Pangatungan
Ethan Shears
Cheyenne Sheppard
Abby Snowdon
Amelia Snowdon
Samuel White
Floyd Wood
Kyle Hoskins

May you feel God's love and warmth around you and know that he loves you and will always be there. God bless and congratulations!

FAREWELL TO SISTER REGINA QUIGLEY

Sister Regina has been at Maria Regina for 26+ years. During these years she has counselled and touched so many people with her charismatic personality, her soft spoken demeanor, and her wonderful words of wisdom. Unfortunately for all of us, it has come the time for her to take care of "herself". She will be returning to the Motherhouse in St. John's at the end of November. Because of COVID-19 we cannot give Sister Regina the send off that she truly deserves. To show our respect, we suggest that you write a note or give a card to share a memory. There will be a basket on the table in the back of the church for these envelopes. Sister Regina will be truly missed as she is loved by so many. We wish her good health and happiness going forward. We are indebted to her and cannot thank her enough for her service and friendship over the years. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God go with you, Sister Regina.