

October 18, 2020

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"Stay within the lines . . . "**

Remember when you got your first coloring book and crayons or colored pencils? They came with one simple rule: *Stay within the lines.*

Even though it's been a long time since most of us picked up a Crayola (although "adult coloring books" made a brief comeback a few years ago), we continue to follow that rule religiously:

*Stay within the lines.*

We like to keep things within the thick, black lines we have drawn around the many parts of our lives. *Staying within the lines* is the only way to make sense out of the complexities and complications we confront every day.

*Stay within the lines.*

Simple. Clear. Safe. Everything in its place. Everything in its designated compartment.

*Stay within the lines.*

Our days are sectioned off into spaces on our calendar, whether paper or electronic. Keep on schedule.

*Stay within the lines.*

We like the meat and salad in their sections on the plate; we don't like the peas getting mixed up in the mashed potatoes. Ugh!

*Stay within the lines.*

We've even drawn lines around what we believe. There's business. There's politics. There's morality.

"Yes, that's a fine and noble ideal, but this is business."

"The Church shouldn't be involved in that — that's a political issue."

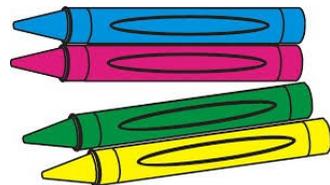
"Yes, that's the right thing to do, the best thing for everyone — unless you're talking about *my* child, *my* job, *my* neighborhood."

*Stay within the lines.*

Oh, of course we believe in God. We consider ourselves Christians and Gospel people. Every Sunday morning. That's God's place. That's God's time.

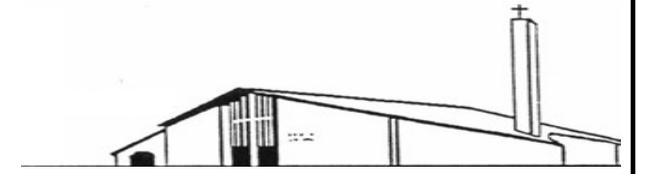
After all, you have to *stay within the lines.*

**But the truth is that God transcends the lines we've drawn and the boundaries we've set up in order to keep on top of the many different aspects of our lives. God calls us to realize his hand in all things, his Spirit making all things whole and good, his vision of us as a human family united in his peace, justice and mercy. Dr. Martin Luther King said: "Cowardice asks the question, Is it safe? Expediency asks the question, Is it political? Vanity asks, Is it popular? But conscience asks the question, Is it right? There comes a time when one must take a position that's neither safe, nor political, nor popular, but he must make it because his conscience tells him that it is right."**



# St. Stephen's Parish

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**SECRETARY**

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

### 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

**BAPTISM PREPARATION-** *Please call to register.*

#### 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

September 27 - \$2595.65  
October 4 - \$3479.65



## 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, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

The late Floyd Cole

**Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Intentions for Brittany Noseworthy

The late Nancy Demyon

The late Agnes Mary J. Joy

**Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The late Herma Compagnon

The late Betty Muise

The late Terrence Bennett

**Friday, October 23<sup>d</sup>**

## MASS ATTENDANCE

When entering and exiting the Parish, a face mask is required. When you sit in a designated area, you may remove your face mask. When you leave your designated area for Communion or any other reason, you must wear your mask again. You must sign your name in the book upon entering the Parish in case there is a need for contact tracing. Remember to social distance.

## HOLY FATHERS' INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

The laity's Mission in the Church - we pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the church.

## NO RENTALS

For your information, the rental of St. Stephen's Parish Hall and St. Anne's Hall has been discontinued, due to COVID-19.

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

If you wish to have your child baptized, please call the office at 643-2523 to register. Baptisms will be done **by appointment only** due to COVID-19. This preparation is for parents and God parents. We offer an update on the meaning of this Sacrament together with a practical walkthrough of the liturgy.

## EMAIL MONEY TRANSFERS

Our parish still welcomes your financial support. Many people have dropped off their envelopes in the mailbox and we appreciate that.

Now you also have the option to make donations via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is [stephensparish@gmail.com](mailto:stephensparish@gmail.com). Please also include your envelope # in the comments section if you have one. If not, please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you.

## OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known and most popular forms of prayer that we have as Catholics. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY

In honour of the Holy Rosary, The Knights of Columbus are inviting us to join them in prayer. Every Sunday during the months of May and October, the Knights of

Columbus conduct rosary. This year, they will be conducting the rosary at 6:00 p.m. Sunday evenings at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

## CYRUS

Today's readings are all about the good relationship that should exist between people of faith and civil governments. A good example of this is the attitude of the Bible towards a pagan king from Iran. The Jews had been conquered by an invader from Iraq in the beginning of the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. The prophets told them to expect a saviour who would bring them freedom.

In 549 Cyrus II (known as the Great King of Iraq) was a shrewd politician and freed all the former slaves. He even paid them to rebuild their cities and temples.

Though the Jews were only part of this group, they interpreted this as a fulfilment of the prophecy. They hailed Cyrus as a messiah and gave obedience to his government.



## ABOUT WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

In 1926, Pope Pius XI established an annual collection for the missionary work of the Church worldwide called "World Mission Sunday." World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics

worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world" (Redemptoris Missio 81). The Society for the Propagation is entrusted with the promotion of World Mission Sunday, collection of the proceeds, and distribution of proceeds. As a representative of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Diocese sends the proceeds to the National Office of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Ottawa.

Offerings from Catholics in Canada, on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, are combined with offerings to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith worldwide. Missions dioceses - about 1,111 at this time - receive regular annual assistance from the funds collected. These mission dioceses submit requests to the Congregation of Evangelization of Peoples and Pontifical Mission Societies for assistance for needs such as catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of religious communities, communication and transportation needs, and the building of chapels, churches, orphanages, and schools. These needs are matched with the funds gathered in each year. The world's national directors of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith vote on these requests, matching the funds available with the greatest needs. These funds are then distributed in their entirety to mission dioceses throughout the world. Every year, the needs of the Catholic Church in the missions grow - as new dioceses are formed, as new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young people hearing Christ's call to follow Him as priests or religious brothers and sisters to areas especially devastated by war or natural disasters and are rebuilt, as other long-suppressed areas are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

Application forms are now available for the 2021-2022 Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation Program. The Certificate program, facilitated by the Providence School of Transformational Leadership and Spirituality at St. Paul University (Ottawa) runs from April 2021 to June 2022, including both face to face and online cours-



es. For more information visit [cwlfcanada.ca](http://cwlfcanada.ca) or email Rita Janes at [ritacjan@gmail.com](mailto:ritacjan@gmail.com).

**The application deadline is November 20, 2020.**

## WORLD FOOD DAY OCTOBER 18

A World Food Day has been promoted by the Food and Agriculture Organization since 1981. The Church is concerned about the issue of hunger in the world, remembering the words of the Son of Man on the last judgement of the nations..."I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."(Mt.25:35)

**We invite you to bring non perishable food items with your offerings next weekend. These will be forwarded to the Food Bank and will become a blessing to those in need. Please be as generous as possible.**



## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Cancer Support Group meetings will take place on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call Joan at 643-3425 or Joyce at 643-3021.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Parents are now able to register for our Religious Education Program. If you would like to register your child for this program, applications are available on our website or you can call our parish office at 643-2523.

## NEWSLETTER

Parishioners of St. Stephen's Parish can expect to receive a copy of our newsletter in the mail this coming week. This newsletter outlines new protocols during the pandemic and includes messages from our bishop and priests. If you do not receive one and would like a copy, please let us know and we will ensure you receive a copy.