

October 4, 2020

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a real grace and blessing to serve as your parish priest and to bring greetings on behalf of St. Stephen's. The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. It includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary which is celebrated on October 7th. During this month, let us consider this beautiful prayer as a means that we, as Catholic, may draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centered on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption with each decade referring to an even in the life of Jesus and Mary. The Joyful Mysteries involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood. The Luminous Mysteries bring a deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. They fill in the blanks between His childhood and His suffering and death on the cross. The Sorrowful Mysteries remind us of how much Jesus loves us. They recall how He suffered and died just for us. The Glorious Mysteries tell us what happened after Jesus died - His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for his mother.

During this COVID-19 Pandemic, when we are unable to hold large gatherings, it's important for us to promote family prayer time. Let our Mother be our comfort in these times. Many saints claimed that the Rosary is a weapon against Satan and his evil designs against the Church and family. As Saint Paul in his letter to Ephesians emphasizes, "Put on your whole Armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Eph 6:11). Let us protect the Institution of family through the praying of Rosary. May the Mother of Rosary be a source of solace to the world in the pandemic!

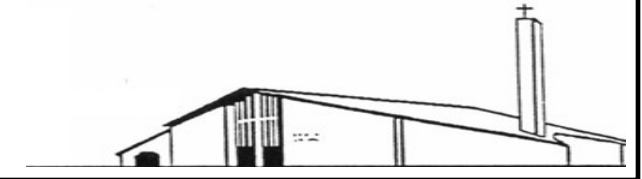
God bless you all!

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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

September 13th- \$2,348.85
September 20th - \$1,912.50
September 27th - \$2595.65

MASS INTENTIONS, Sept. 28-Oct. 2

MONDAY October 5, 10:30AM

For the late Mary Cormier
For the late Monica Brake
Intentions for George and Mary
Intentions for Leona Wheeler-Borden

TUESDAY October 6, 10:30AM

For the late Damian Drake

WEDNESDAY October 7, 10:30AM

For the late Herma Compagnon

THURSDAY October 8, 10:30AM

For the late Thomas Young

For the late Jimmy Gillis

FRIDAY October 9, 10:30AM

For the late Regina Lecaure

For the late Joseph Dollard

For the late Harry McIsaac

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 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.

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK

OCTOBER 4th - 10th

During this pandemic, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who are making a difference in the field of Health Care. Your contribution to the level of care and love in our community is greatly appreciated. We recommend the daily spiritual reflections that are available on the CHAC website (www.chac.ca) for this week. It is a wonderful tool in reflecting on the Christ-like dimension of advocating for, and ministering to, the sick and those in need.

BELVEDERE ORPHANAGE FUND

Each year the Board of Directors of the Belvedere Orphanage Fund offers assistance for the orphans/half orphans who are in need. Eligibility includes male and female.



The conditions are:

1. The recipient may be a female or male orphan or half orphan.
2. The recipient must be in need.
3. Need is to be interpreted broadly and not confined to education.
4. Persons 18 years and under are eligible. All applicants will be assessed before the final decision is made.
5. Applicants must be made through (a) a member of a religious congregation, or (b) a parish priest.
6. The party making the application for the recipient must verify that she/he is a needy orphan/half orphan.

Completed applications should be returned to: Secretary to Board of Directors, Belvedere Orphanage Fund, Sisters of Mercy Generalate, P.O. Box 1757, St. John's NL, A1C 5P5.

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. 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.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL

There is currently one vacancy on our parish council. If you would like to nominate somebody, please consult with them prior to nominating. To nominate an individual, please drop by the parish office and complete the nomination form. Deadline for applications is October 12, 2020.

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 courses. For more information visit cwlfcanada.ca or email Rita Janes at ritacjanes@gmail.com.



The application deadline is November 20th, 2020.

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.

BLESSING FOR ANIMALS

The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the ways of human beings. They have a part in our lives. Francis of Assisi recognized this when he called the animals, wild and tame, his brothers and sisters. Remembering Francis' love for these brothers and sisters of ours, we invoke God's blessing on these animals, and we thank God for letting us share the earth with all the creatures.



BISHOP BART'S MESSAGE RE:

CLERGY

APPOINTMENTS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ON NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Reverend Edward Terry will retire from parish ministry as the Rector of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and of the Immaculate Conception and Administrator of All Hallows Parish, Corner Brook. In his semi-retirement he will take up Hospital

Ministry. I am grateful to Father Terry for the generous service he has provided to the Cathedral Parish and All Hallows Parish for the past seven years.

Reverend Lee Lainey will conclude his ministry as Administrator of St. Ann's Parish, Codroy Valley and will begin his new assignment as Rector of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception and Administrator of All Hallows Parish. I am grateful to Father Lainey for the generous and kind service he has provided to St. Ann's Parish and surrounding Missions during the past seven years and for his willingness to take on these new assignments.

Reverend Andrew White will conclude his ministry as Associate Pastor of St. Stephen's Parish and will become the Pastor of St. Ann's Parish, Codroy Valley. I am grateful to Father White for the service he has provided to St. Stephen's Parish since December, 2018 and for his willingness to take on this new assignment

Reverend Vanathuraj Rayappan, H.G.N. will conclude his ministry as Associate Pastor of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception, Corner Brook and will begin his temporary assignment as Associate Administrator of St. Stephen's Parish in Stephenville. I am grateful to Father Ray for the kind service he has provided to the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception and to All Hallows Parish for the past two years.

Please join with me in praying that God will bless them and their Parishioners during this time of transition and change.

Yours in Christ, +Bart van Roijen