

CONTRIBUTIONS May 9th & 10th

Offertory	\$ 2694.55
Seminarian	\$ 50.00
Pope's Pastoral Work	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 510.00
TOTAL	\$3304.55

Thank you to our parishioners

E-TRANSFERS

If you wish to e-transfer your donations, please use the following email address:

stephensparish@gmail.com. For tax receipt purposes, please include your envelope number (if applicable) or mailing address. Tax receipts are issued in the new year.

ESTATE PLANNING & MEMORIAM REQUEST

We encourage Parishioners in their Estate and Funeral Planning to consider donations to their Parish or the Shepherd's Fund Foundation in memory of a loved one. St. Stephen's In Memoriam cards are available at the back of the church, the Parish Office, or Russell's Funeral Home upon request.

FRAGRANT-FREE PLACE OF WORSHIP

Please note that our Parish is a fragrant free place of worship as we have many parishioners who are asthmatic and/or have severe scent allergies. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 pm

Late Margaret McCormack req. Joy McCormack
Late Trevor Duffy req. by Olga, Michelle & Megan Duffy

Late Fintan Gabriel req. by Emma & Gary

Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 pm

Int. Wayne Lucas req. by Donor

Late Pleman Harnett req. by Donor

Late Pat Edwards req. by Lydia, Sharon & Justin

Thursday, May 21st at 9:30 am

Int. Joan req. by Donor

Late Wishie, Amy & Aloysius req. by Ken & Emily Gaudet

Friday, May 22nd at 9:30 am

Int. Daniel Joseph "Happy Birthday" req. by Mom & Dad

Special Intentions req. by Liz Felix

Late Debbie LeMoine req. by Linda Wheeler

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: May 17th to 23rd

Sunday, May 17th

1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 47.1-2, 5-6, 7-8
(R.5a)

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

Monday, May 18th

1st Reading: Acts 19.1-8
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68.1-2, 3, 4ac, 5-6ab
(R.32)

Gospel: John 16.29-33

Tuesday, May 19th

1st Reading: Acts 20.17-27
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68.9-10, 19-20
(R.32)

Gospel: John 17.1-11a

Wednesday, May 20th

1st Reading: Acts 20.28-38
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68.28-29, 32-33, 34, 35
(R.32)

Gospel: John 17.11b-19

Thursday, May 21st

1st Reading: Acts 22.30; 6-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16.1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
(R.1)

Gospel: John 17.20-26

Friday, May 22nd

1st Reading: Acts 24.27; 25.13b-21++
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103.1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
(R. 19)

Gospel: John 21.15-19

Saturday, May 23rd

1st Reading: Acts 28.16-20, 30-31
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 11.4, 5, 7
(R.7)

Gospel: John 21.20-25

STEWARDSHIP

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation; not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God

wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

HUMOUR Poor Hearing

A man goes to the doctor, concerned about his wife's hearing. The doctor says, "Stand behind her and say something and tell me how close you are when she hears you." The man goes home, sees his wife in the kitchen, cutting carrots on the countertop. About 15 feet away he says, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Nothing. He gets halfway to her and repeats the same question. Nothing. Very concerned, he gets right behind her and asks again "What's for dinner?" She turns around and says "For the THIRD time, beef stew!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Parish Office** will be closed on Monday, May 18th.
- **St. Anne's Guild** will be having a meeting on Monday, May 18th at 2:00 pm. New members are welcome.
- **There will be a Parish Council** meeting on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:45 pm.
- **The Knights of Columbus** will be having a 4th degree meeting on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 pm
- **The Sacrament of First Reconciliation** will take place on Thursday, May 21st at 6:00 pm
- **The Sacrament of First Holy Communion** will take place on Sunday, May 24th at 10:30 am.
- **Parish Coffee Time** - Sunday, May 24th after the 10:30 Mass.
- **In recognition of the month of May as Mary's month** the Knights of Columbus is praying the Rosary on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.
- **The Newfoundland and Labrador Palliative Care Association Conference** will take place in St. Johns, NL on May 21st and 22nd. Registration information can be found on the bulletin board at the Church entrance for those wishing to attend.
- **"Life can be hard, finding help doesn't have to be."** 211 is a free service that connects individuals and families with the complete range of government, health, community, and social services in their communities. 211 is free, confidential, and available 24/7

(even on holidays) in 170+ languages. Information can be found on the bulletin board at the church entrance.

• **Emergency Food Requests:** Reminder that your donation of emergency food items are welcome and may be dropped off at the Church entrance at any time. Thank you.

• **We regret to announce** the death of Sister Monica Fagan who died on Wednesday, May 13th.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ Monthly Schedule **Thursdays 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

1st Thursday	Legion
2nd Thursday	Lions Club
3rd Thursday	Knights of Columbus
4th Thursday	Pentecost Church
*5th Thursday	DAWN (Lions Club)

The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of May 2026: "That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food. "



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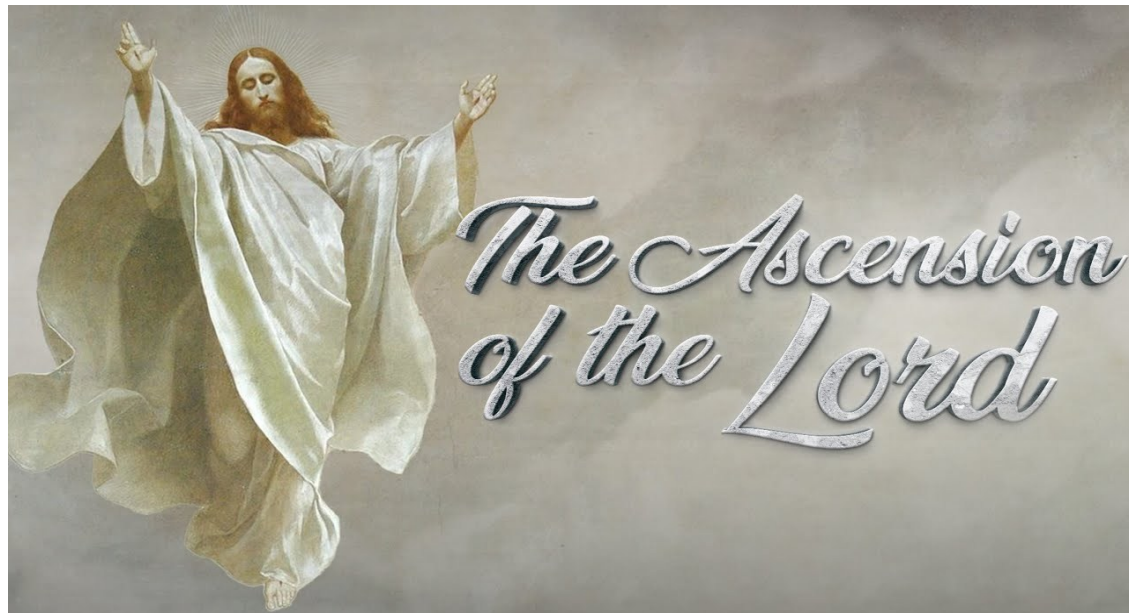
The Ascension of the Lord

“The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

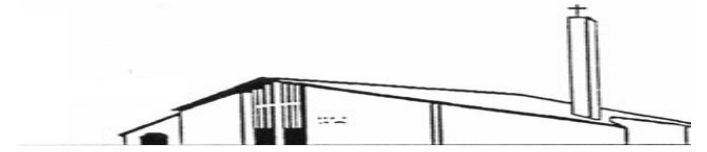
Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast; the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature; to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.”

Excepted from The Sunday Readings, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.
https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2026-05-17



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The Ascension of the Lord

- Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador.....Most Rev. Bart van Roijen
Pastor.....Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuvithadathil CST
Associate Pastor.....Fr. George Attuchalil CST
Parish Council Chair.....Warren Quinton
Finance Chair.....Rosa Dollard
Administrative Assistant.....Kim Ryan
St. Anne's Guild President.....Hilda Short
Religious Education Coordinator.....Michelle Hawco
Liturgy Coordinator.....Bernice Maddock
Responsible Ministry Coordinator.....Debbie Wilton
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight.....Conrad Benoit
4th degree Assembly Faithful Navigator.....Clyde Russell
District Master 4th degree.....Bob Miller

MASS TIMES

*St. Stephen's Parish:

Saturday Evenings at 6:00 pm

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 am

Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Thursday and Friday at 9:30 am

*Maria Regina, Port au Port East:

Saturday at 4:30 pm & Sunday at 9:00 am

Thursday at 3:30 pm

*Our Lady of Fatima, Piccadilly:

1st, 2nd, & 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30 am

*St. Columcille, St. Fintans:

1st & 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

The Priest is available 30 minutes before Mass

HEALING MASS

The 1st Friday of the month.

< Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation: 9:30 am to 12 noon >

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30am to 4:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am to 12noon

Friday: 8:30am to 4:00pm

*Closed daily from 12noon to 1:00pm

MARRIAGES

Six months required; One year recommended.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please call the Parish Office to register.

ST.STEPHEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday at 1:30pm

ROSARY GROUP

Saturday at 11:00am

SAINT ANNE'S GUILD

Rosary; The second Monday of the Month. All are Welcome.

WELCOME: If you are new to the area, welcome to St. Stephen's Parish. If you would like to register as a new parishioner please reach out to the main office.