

CONTRIBUTIONS April 6th & 7th

Offertory	\$2352.25
Dues	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 437.50
Good Friday	\$ 10.00
Initial Offering	\$ 20.00
Seminary	\$ 10.00
Lenten Folders	\$ 120.00
Shepherd's Fund	\$ 80.00
TOTAL	\$3079.75

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, April 16th at 7:00 pm

Late Natasha Flynn & Loni White req. by Mom
Late Brent Cameron req. by donor

All Souls in Purgatory req. by donor
Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 pm

Int. Ken O'Leary req. by donor
Int. Mary Ryan req. by The Keating Family
Late Scott Walsh req. by donor
Late Leroy Barry req. by Rosie Barry
Thursday, April 18th at 9:30 am

Int. Linda Walsh req. by The Keating Family
Int. Doug Osmond req. by donor
Late Florence & Joseph Lucas req. by Mercedes Young
Friday, April 19th at 9:30 am

Int. Dana Vacher req. by donor
Int. Norbert Lainey req. by donor
Int. John Dawson req. by donor

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: April 15th to April 19th

Monday, April 15th
1st Reading: Acts 6.8-15
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119.23-24, 26-27, 29-30 (R.1b)
Gospel: John 6.22-29

Tuesday, April 16th
1st Reading: Acts 7.51-8.1a
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 31.2cd-3, 5ab+6b+7a, 16+20ab (R.5a)
Gospel: John 6.30-35

Wednesday, April 17th
1st Reading: Acts 8.1b-8
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66.1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a (R.1)
Gospel: John 6.35-40

Thursday, April 18th
1st Reading: Acts 8.26-40
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66.8-9, 16-17, 20(R.1)
Gospel: John 6.44-51

Friday, April 19th, 2024
1st Reading: Acts 9.1-20
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117.1, 2 (R.Mk 16.15)
Gospel: John 6.52-59

STEWARDSHIP Stewardship Life

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life of **Stewardship** and not a “self-centered” life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **All volunteers** who have not submitted their “Covenant of Care” forms are pleased asked to do so as soon as possible. If you are a volunteer and have not received one, please find a form with your name on it at the Church entrance. Once completed, they can be placed in the Offertory box at the back of the Church or dropped off at the Parish Office.
- Tuesday to Friday, **praying of the Rosary** will start 1/2 hour before Mass.
- **Job Opportunity** in Assumption Parish and St. Joseph's Parish. Information is posted on the bulletin board at the Church entrance.
- **Please vote** for Our Lady of Mercy Heritage Church on line at “*Next Great Save*” for a chance to win \$50,000. Information is posted on the bulletin board at the Church entrance.
- **National Volunteer Week** is April 14th to April 20th. During this special week, we extend many thanks and ask God's Blessing's to the many volunteers for their dedication and commitment to the Parish.
- There will be a **Parish Council** meeting on Wednesday, April 17th at 8:00 pm.
- The **Knights of Columbus** will be hosting the “*Community Café*” on Thursday, April

18th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

- The **Knights of Columbus** will be having their 4th degree meeting on Thursday, April 18th at 8:00 pm.
- A **Marriage Course** will be offered in St. Stephen's Parish on Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The deadline to register for the course is Wednesday, April 24th. To register, please contact the Parish Office by email: st.stephens.parish@nf.sympatico.ca or call 709 642 2523.
- Dates for the upcoming **Sacraments**:
-First Reconciliation Thursday, May 2nd @6:00 pm
-First Communion Sunday, May 5th @10:30 am
-Confirmation Monday, May 27th @6:00 pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER PRAYER

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

“Of the fact of the resurrection we can have no doubts; Christianity is inexplicable without it, and Christianity has existed for almost two thousand years. A more important point for consideration today is what this resurrection means to us. "If Christ has not risen," says St. Paul (1 Cor. 15:17), "vain is your faith, for you are still in your sins." But "Christ has risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." Our faith then is not in vain, for the founder and foundation of our faith is the Word of God who cannot deceive or be deceived, and his resurrection is the guarantee of our resurrection. He is the "first fruits," the earnest of the full harvest that was to follow after our earthly death. We shall all rise again, in glory if we have been faithful during our time on earth, in a less pleasant state, if we have not followed Christ here below.”

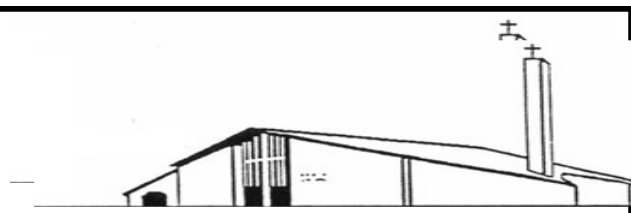
“Human life has always been the great enigma for philosophers down through the ages. The resurrection of Christ, which causes and guarantees our resurrection, is the one and only explanation of that enigma. If death were the end of man, with all his gifts of intellect and will; if the grave were to enclose forever this noble being whom God has raised above all other earthly creatures and has endowed with super-mundane gifts and aspirations, then indeed man's sojourn on earth would be an inexplicable enigma. But the gifts God gave to man were not simply to help him to make a precarious living and enjoy a fleeting happiness, interspersed with much sadness, for sixty, seventy or even a hundred years. No, they were intended to last for eternity and to reach their real fruition in eternity.”

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-04-14>



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Third Sunday of Easter

Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador	Most Rev. Bart Van Roijen
Pastor.....	Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuruvidatathil CST
Associate Pastor	Fr. Jaison Joseph Vizhukipara CST
Parish Council Chair.....	Debbie Wilton
Finance Committee Chair.....	Rosa Dollard
Administrative Assistant	Kim Ryan
St. Anne's Guild President.....	Vacant
Religious Education Coordinator.....	Michelle Hawco
Responsible Ministry Coordinator	Theresa Dollimont
Liturgy Coordinator	Bernice Maddock
Knights of Columbus	Grand Knight Conrad Benoit
4th Degree Assembly.....	Faithful Navigator Bob Miller

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning - 10:30 a.m.

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday at 9:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed daily from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ROSARY GROUP
Saturday at 2:00 pm

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

RECONCILIATION

1st Saturday of each month at 2:15 p.m. (or)

recommended.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please call parish office to register.

MARIA REGINA PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m. & Sundays: 9:00 a.m.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS TIMES

Sunday 's at 10:30 am EXCEPT every second Sunday

St. Stephens Prayer Group

St. Stephen's prayer group meets on Tuesday's at 1:30 pm in the downstairs meeting room.

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.

Priest available 30 minutes before Mass