

CONTRIBUTIONS April 13th & 14th

Offertory	\$2046.00
Dues	\$ 85.00
Building Fund	\$ 35.00
Good Friday	\$ 10.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Seminary	\$ 35.00
TOTAL	\$2221.00

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 23rd at 7:00 pm
 Int. Adrienne Noseworthy req. by donor
 Int. Wayne Lucas req. by donor
 Late Natasha Connolly & Marion Mayo req. by Lucy Tourout
 Late Scott Walsh req. by Mary Cormier
Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm
 Int. Ronald Pittman req. by Mary
 Late Joseph Keating req. by The Keating Family
 Late Josephine Sheppard req. by donor

Thursday, April 25th at 9:30 am
 Int. Markus White req. by donor
 Late Norbert & Terry Aucoin req. by Antoinette Aucoin
 Late Josephine Sheppard req. by Michelle & Linda Schumph
Friday, April 26th at 9:30 am
 Late Josephine Sheppard req. by Bernice & Shawn Dunphy
 Late Gerald Schumph req. by Melvin & Linda Schumph
 Late Clinton & Morris Felix req. by Liz Felix

Sanctuary Candle
In Memory of Wishie Gaudet
Req. by Linda Dolinger

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: April 22nd to April 26th

Monday, April 22nd
 1st Reading: Acts 11.1-18
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 42.1-2; 43.3, 4 (**R.42.2a**)
 Gospel: John 10.1-10
Tuesday, April 23rd
 1st Reading: Acts 11.19-26
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 87.1-3,4-5, 6-7 (**R.117.1a**)
 Gospel: John 10.22-30
Wednesday, April 24th
 1st Reading: Acts 12.24-13.5a
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67.1-2,3a+4, 5+7 (**R. see 3a**)
 Gospel: John 12.44-50
Thursday, April 25th
 1st Reading: 1 Peter 5.5b-14
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89.1-2, 5-6, 15-16 (**R.2a**)
 Gospel: Mark 16.15-20
Friday, April 26th, 2024
 1st Reading: Acts 13.26-33
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 2.6-7, 8-9, 10-11 (**R.7**)
 Gospel: John 14.1-6

STEWARDSHIP Stewards Listen

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."
JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from his **Steward**? How do you listen for His response? Many times, Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Tuesday to Friday, **praying of the Rosary** will start 1/2 hour before Mass.
- **Please vote** for Our Lady of Mercy Heritage Church on line at www.nextgreatsave.ca for a chance to win \$50,000. Information is posted on the bulletin board at the Church entrance.
- A **Marriage Preparation 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

"There are many, who either through no fault of their own or through their own fault, do not hear God's voice and do not know or follow Him. This is an opportunity He gives us to show how we appreciate all He has done for us. He

died on the cross for all men. He wills all men to profit by His death, and His statement "them also I must bring" is a direct appeal to us to cooperate with Him in this work. Every Christian is a missionary. The very fact of living the Christian life in its entirety, in the midst of our fellowmen, is of itself a powerful example to outsiders. It influences for good the lax Christian and the non-Christian. It makes them stop and think and look into their consciences. This is generally the first step on the road back to God."

"The devout Christian will not stop at good example only. If he truly loves God, he must truly love his neighbor and must want him to have a share in his own good fortune. He knows there is welcome and room in heaven for all men, and he knows that the greater the number there the greater will be God's eternal glory. He will strive then by every available means to help his neighbor into Christ's fold."

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-04-21>



April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE 61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
April 21, 2024**

Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace

Dear brothers and sisters!

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty, even in the name of a religious ideal, is the surest way for us to fulfill our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfillment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence. I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment, but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity. I think of all those who carry out their work in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solidary economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. In a word, of all those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good. I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom.

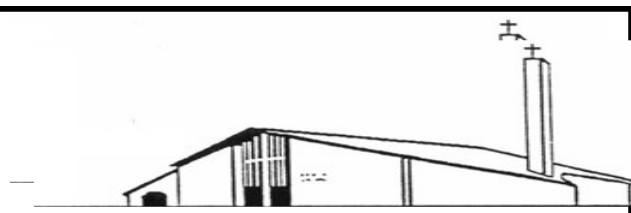
To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 21 April 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter.

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April 21st, 2024

Fourth 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 pm
Sunday Morning - 10:30 am

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Thursday and Friday at 9:30 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Wednesday: 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Closed daily from 12 noon to 1:00 pm

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 pm (or)

recommended.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please call parish office to register.

MARIA REGINA PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturdays at 4:30 pm & Sundays at 9:00 am

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS TIMES

Sunday at 10:30 am the 1st, 3rd, & 4th Sunday of each month.

St. Stephens Prayer Group

St. Stephen's prayer group meets every Tuesday 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