

<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b> April 20th & 21st	
Offertory	\$2020.00
Dues	\$ 30.00
Building Fund	\$ 55.00
Seminary	\$ 322.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2427.25</b>

*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 30th at 7:00 pm**

Late Joyce Dennis req. by Mary Dennis  
Late Ella Corbin & Baby Brake req. by Margaret Young  
Youth Int. req. by donor

**Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 pm**

Int. Don Lainey req. by The Family  
Late Norman & Mary Besaw req. by Gerard Besaw  
Late Josephine Sheppard req. by Junior & Betty Parsons  
Late Cheryl Joseph req. by Melvin & Linda Schumph

**Thursday, May 2nd at 9:30 am**

Int. Kailey Simmons req. by Liz Felix  
Late Josephine Sheppard req. by Diane & Bob Howlett

Late Aiden Devine req. by donor

**Friday, May 3rd at 9:30 am-Healing Mass**

Int. Brendon White req. by donor  
Late Josephine Sheppard req. by Melvin & Linda Schumph  
Late Venus Reyes Umali & Ma. Hermina Umali req. by Mark Umali  
Late Terrance Young req. by Lorraine Alexander

**Please Note:** Error in last weeks bulletin: The Mass intention on April 25th for the Late Josephine Sheppard was requested by Michelle & Leo Dunphy *Sincere Apologies for the error.*

**Sanctuary Candle**

*In memory of Alley Flynn  
Req. by Ester, Linda, & Veronica*

**DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: April 29th to May 3rd**

**Monday, April 29th**

1st Reading: Acts 14.5-18  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115.1-2, 3-4, 15-16 (R.1)  
Gospel: John 14.21-26

**Tuesday, April 30th**

1st Reading: Acts 14.19-28  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145,10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd+21 (R.12a)  
Gospel: John 14.27-31a

**Wednesday, May 1st**

1st Reading: Acts 15.1-6  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 122.1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 (R.1)  
Gospel: John 15.1-8

**Thursday, May 2nd**

1st Reading: Acts 15.7-21  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96.1-2a, 2b-3, 10 (R.3)  
Gospel: John 15.9-11

**Friday, May 3rd**

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-8  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19.1-2, 3-4ab (R.5a)  
Gospel: John 14.6-14

**STEWARDSHIP Steward Goodness**

*“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”  
1 JOHN 3:18*

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good **Steward**? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

**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](http://www.nextgreatsave.ca) for a chance to win \$50,000. Information is posted on the bulletin board at the Church entrance.
- **The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth** will be hosting the annual Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference in Halifax July 5 -7, 2024 for all high school aged youth. All youth of our Diocese are invited to participate. For detailed information please visit [www.steubenville.ca](http://www.steubenville.ca) or contact John Stevens at [jstevens@halifaxyarmouth.org](mailto:jstevens@halifaxyarmouth.org) or phone (902)429-9800, Ext. 331.
- Dates for the upcoming **Sacraments:**
  - First Reconciliation Thursday, May 2nd @6:00 pm
  - First Communion Sunday, May 5th @10:30 am

-Confirmation @10:30 am  
Monday, May 27th @6:00 pm

**PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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. **Amen.**

*From: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-04-28>*



April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Living a truly Christian life is never easy. We have always the attraction of the world, and the temptations by the agents of evil, to make that life less easy still. But in our own day these difficulties have increased a hundredfold. The attractions of this world have been multiplied by the increased comforts, pleasures and means of self-indulgence which science and technology have put within our reach. Human nature, always inclined to choose the easiest way out, has been given so many means of escape from the strain of self-control that even for a fervent Christian it is frequently very difficult to avoid these worldly allurements.”

“Having the ordinary comforts of life and the possession of some of this world's goods is not wrong or anti-Christian, but the natural temptation is to get more and more of these comforts and riches, and the point is soon reached where this becomes the only purpose in life. When this sad stage is arrived at, God and our future life are forgotten; this world becomes our idol and our prison. The temptations which the agents of evil put in Christ's way are also multiplied today.”

“It is indeed hard to swim against the current; it is so much more pleasant to allow oneself to be carried along without effort by the rushing tide. But when there are rocks and shoals ahead, the thoughtless and ease-seeking swimmer will end in grief. Our Lord has warned us, as he warned his first followers, to abide in him, to remain closely united with him, as is the branch to the vine, if we hope to bear fruit worthy of heaven. He promises us that if we remain closely united to him, that is, if we strive daily to keep his commandments, he will be ever ready to answer our requests, and to heed all our prayers. The sincere prayer today of every man who is trying to lead a Christian life is for the grace to overcome the allurements of the world, the flesh and the devil. Let us take courage, then. Christ has promised to remain beside us during life if only we stay close to him. While we remain healthy branches of the vine, Christ, we will be on the road to heaven. Our daily tasks, our work as well as our prayer, our recreation as well as our rest, our joys as well as our sorrows, will give glory to God and prove that we are worthy to be called disciples of Christ.”

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

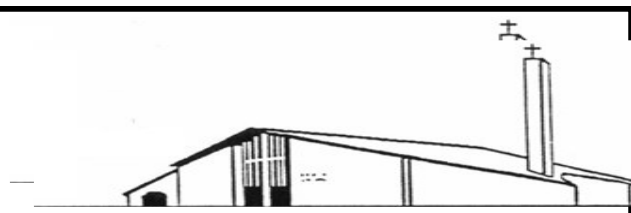
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April 28th, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador ..... Most Rev. Bart Van Roijen
Pastor.....Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuruvidathil 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 11:00 am

MARRIAGES

Six months notice required; a year's notice recommended

RECONCILIATION

1st Saturday of each month at 2:15 pm (or)
Priest available 30 minutes before Mass

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. VINCENT DE PAUL CHAPEL

Second Sunday of the month @ 10:30 am starting May 12th, 2024

St. Stephen's 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.

recommended.