

CONTRIBUTIONS	March 29th, 30th & 31st
Offertory	\$3598.35
Dues	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 105.00
Development Peace	\$ 40.00
Good Friday	\$ 950.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Seminary	\$ 65.00
Lenten Folders	\$2326.50
TOTAL	\$7139.85

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 9th at 7:00 pm

Int. Ken O'Leary req. by donor
Late Edward Sheppard req. by Monica Sheppard
Late Blaine Mann req. by Irene & Jim Campbell

Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm

Late P.J. Shea req. by Mary & Adrienne Gibbons
Late Joyce Dennis req. by Mary Dennis
Late Mary Harview req. by Sarah & Pius Tourout

Thursday, April 11th at 9:30 am

Late Natasha Flynn & Loni White req. by Mom
Late Marguerite McCarthy req. by Carol Ann McCarthy

Late Michael White and the White & Blanchard Families req. by Joan White

Late Ray Schumph req. by Adrienne & Mary Gibbons

Friday, April 12th at 9:30 am

Late Fintan March req. by Mary Hynes & Family

Late Stephen Gaudon req. by donor

Deceased members of the Sheppard Family req. by Wanda Pond

Late Genevieve Sheppard -Thinking of you on your Birthday req. by her daughter, Linda Sheppard

*Sanctuary Candle
Prayers for Kailey Simmons*

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: April 8th to April 12th

Monday, April 8th

1st Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 40.6, 7-8, 9, 10 (**R.7-8**)

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.4-10

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

Tuesday, April 9th

1st Reading: Acts 4.32-37

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 93.1ab, 1c-2, 5 (**R.1a**)

Gospel: John 3.7b-15

Wednesday, April 10th

1st Reading: Acts 5.17-26

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (**R.6a**)

Gospel: John 3.16-21

Thursday, April 11th

1st Reading: Acts 5.27-33

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34.1+8, 16-17, 18-19 (**R.6a**)

Gospel: John 3.31-36

Friday, April 12

1st Reading: Acts 5.34-42

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 27.1, 4, 13-14 (**R.see 4ab**)

Gospel: John 6.1-15

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Pope Saint John Paul II offers an extended meditation on the mystery of God's mercy, which he calls "the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God" (*Dives in misericordia*, 13). He returned to this theme throughout his pontificate:

"As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!"

"Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world."

Pope John Paul II, Regina caeli message for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Special Thank you**-A special note of appreciation is extended to the many volunteers who made the celebration of Easter so special. St. Stephen's Parish is fortunate to have the dedication and generosity of so many parishioners committed to the needs of our Parish.
- The **Church is open** and available for private prayer everyday, seven days a week from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm.
- Tuesday to Friday, **praying of the Rosary** will start 1/2 hour before Mass.
- **Sunday, April 14th**, we welcome Bishop Bart van Roijen who will celebrate the 10:30

am Mass and conduct a **special installation** of Father Joseph as the Pastor of St. Stephen's Parish and Father Jaison as Associate Pastor. We encourage as many as possible to attend this **special celebration** which will be followed by a social gathering-"Coffee Time"

- **Parkinsons Support Group** will be meeting on Sunday, April 7th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus building. Care partners, family members, and home care workers are welcome to attend. See you all on Sunday at 2:00 pm

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For the role of women~We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



April 7, 2024

Devine Mercy Sunday-Second Sunday of Easter

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

As our Lenten journey comes to a close we prepare to follow Christ all the way to the cross and to witness His glorious Resurrection. Hopefully we have sacrificed and prayed so that we are now able to more fully reap the fruits of a well spent Lent. After our solemn commemoration of the last days and death of Our Lord we will spend the remainder of the month of April celebrating. As Spring breaks forth even nature will join us as buds and blooms begin to surface and we spend this month basking in the joy of the Resurrection. We continue throughout the entire month our cry, "Christ is risen, Christ is truly risen."

The Feast of Divine Mercy offers us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptized. The unfathomable mercy of God is made manifest today if we but accept His most gracious offer. Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians. This truly is "the day that the Lord has made." From Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

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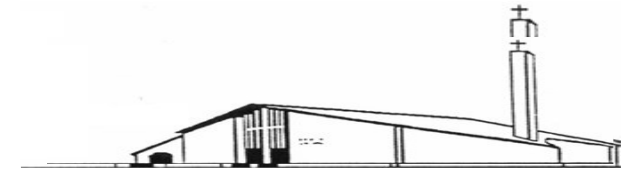
The Feasts and Saints that we will focus on this month; those who have already shared in the rewards of the Resurrection are:

- Saint Francis of Paola April 2
- Saint Isidore April 4
- Saint Vincent Ferrer April 5
- Saint John Baptist de la Salle April 7
- Saint Stanislaus April 11
- Saint Martin I April 13
- Saint Kateri Tekakwitha April 17
- Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin April 18
- Saint Anselm April 21
- Saint George and April 23
- Saint Adalbert April 24
- Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen April 25
- Saint Mark April 25
- Our Lady of Good Counsel April 26
- Saint Peter Chanel and April 28
- Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort April 28
- Saint Catherine of Siena April 29
- Saint Marie of the Incarnation April 30



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April 7, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday-Second 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 ColumbusGrand 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