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| CONTRIBUTIONS August 10th & 11th | |
| Offertory | \$2424.25 |
| Building Fund | \$ 100.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 5.00 |
| TOTAL | \$2529.25 |

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, August 27th at 7:00 pm

Special intentions req. by Cecilia Walsh
Late Clinton Felix req. by Liz Felix and Family

Wednesday, August 28st at 7:00 pm

Int. Gillis Family req. by donor
Int. The Alexander Family req. by Margaret Alexander

Late Ethrelda & Gerald Marche req. by donor
Youth Intentions req. by donor

Thursday, August 29th at 9:30 am

Int. Todd Webb req. by donor
Late Fintan Kendall req. by Lucy Tourout

Friday, August 30th at 9:30 am

Int. Faith Graham req. by donor
Int. Mary Jesso req. by Hilda Short

Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory of Wishie Gaudet
Req. by Linda Dolinger*

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: August 26th to September 1st

Monday, August 26th

1st Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1.1-5, 11b-12
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 (R.3)
Gospel: Matthew 23.13-22

Tuesday, August 27th

1st Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a, 14-17
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96.10, 11-12a, 12b-13 (R.13b)

Gospel: Matthew 23.23-26

Wednesday, August 28th

1st Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-10, 16-18
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128.1-2, 4-5 (R.1)
Gospel: Matthew 23.27-32

Thursday, August 29th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1.17-19
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71.1-2, 3-4a, 5-6, 15ab+17 (R.15ab)
Gospel: Mark 6.17-29

Friday, August 30th

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.17-25
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33.1-2, 4-5, 10ab+11 (R.5b)
Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

Saturday, August 31st

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.26-31
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33.12-13, 18-19, 20-21 (R.12b)
Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30

Sunday, September 1

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-8
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15.2-3a, 3b-4a, 4b-5 (R.1)
2nd Reading: James 1.17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel: Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21.23

STEWARDSHIP Stewards Commit

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become **Stewards** in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

CHURCH HUMOUR *The New Suit*

This year for our pastor's birthday, the congregation decided to give him a new suit.

He was so touched by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and, with tears in his eyes, announced, "Today I will be preaching to you in my birthday suit."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Parish Office Service** will be reduced between the period of Tuesday, August 27th to Tuesday, September 3rd (inclusive), and closed for the Labor Day Holiday on September 2nd. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- **Nominations** are being accepted for **Three positions** on Parish Council. Deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday, September 13, 2024. We strongly encourage you to consider offering your name for this role in helping provide guidance to our Parish. Nomination forms can be found at the Church entrance and may be dropped off at the Parish Office. Please ensure you have the consent of the person you wish to nominate.
- **The Knights of Columbus** will be having an executive meeting on Thursday, August 29th at 8:00 pm.
- **The Parkinson Support Group** will be meeting on Sunday, September 1st from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus building. Care partners, family members, and home care workers are welcome to attend.
- **The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 1653** will be hosting a special Mass to commemorate the 23rd Anniversary of 9/11 at St. Stephen's Parish on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm. All uniformed services; first responders and veterans are welcome to join us as we pray for the families and victims of 9/11 and the years of conflict that followed. The wearing

of uniforms is encouraged as this is also an opportunity to show our appreciation for all those uniformed services who serve and protect our community and country each and every day. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this solemn service of prayer and remembrance.

- **Development and Peace-Caritas Canada Regional Assembly, "Peace for all Creation"**, Sept. 13-15, 2024, is taking place at *The Lantern*, Barnes Rd, St. John's. Additional information is posted on the Bulletin Board at the Church Entrance.
- Tuesday to Friday, **praying of the Rosary** will start 1/2 hour before Mass.
- **St. Stephen's Parish** is opened daily from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm for private prayer.
- **Sister Margaret McLaughlin, PBVM** died on Monday, August 19th and her funeral was held in St. John's on Friday, August 23rd. We thank her for her faithful service to the Church and our Province.

OUR LADY OF MERCY HERITAGE CHURCH AND MUSEUM, PORT AU PORT WEST

- Open daily, including Tea Room & Café, Tuesday through Saturday until September 27th, 2024.
- For additional information call 709-648-2439

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for August 2024

For political leaders~"We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs".

August 25th, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

“No one who accepts Christ for what He is, the Son of God in human form, has any difficulty in believing that He left us Himself in the Eucharist as a sacrifice and a sacrament. This does not mean that we understand this gift of Christ in all its details—it was an act of divine power and as such beyond full human comprehension. However, we can understand enough about the actuality of the Eucharist because we accept the words of Christ, who *"has the words of eternal life,"* even though its innermost nature escapes us. We are doing no violence to our intelligence when we accept as fact from a trustworthy witness what we cannot prove or confirm for ourselves. No more trustworthy witness than Christ ever existed. In Galilee He promised to give His body and blood in the Eucharist—to be our spiritual nourishment — communion — and our means of offering an absolutely pleasing sacrifice to God every time His body and blood are made present by the words of His ordained minister. He fulfilled that promise at the Last Supper. He gave to his Apostles and their successors the power to repeat this act of divine love when He said: *"Do this in memory of me."*

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.
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August 25th, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

- Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador..... Most Rev. Bart Van Roijen
- Pastor.....Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuruvidathil CST
- Associate PastorFr. Jaison Joseph Vizhukipara CST
- Seminarian.....Joseph Kibuule
- Parish Council Chair.....Debbie Wilton
- Finance Committee Chair.....Rosa Dollard
- Administrative AssistantKim Ryan
- St. Anne's Guild President.....Vacant
- Religious Education Coordinator.....Michelle Hawco
- Responsible Ministry CoordinatorTheresa Dollimont
- Liturgy CoordinatorBernice Maddock
- Knights of ColumbusGrand Knight Conrad Benoit
- 4th Degree Assembly.....Faithful Navigator Bob Miller

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening at 6:00 pm
Sunday Morning at 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION

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

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES

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

MASS TIMES

**Maria Regina, Port au Port East:*
Saturday at 4:30 pm & Sunday at 9:00 am
**Our lady of Fatima, Piccadilly:*
The 1st, 3rd, & 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30 am
**St. Vincent de Paul, Point au Mal:*
Second Sunday of the month at 10:30 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Wednesday: 8:30 am to 12 noon
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 noticed required; a years notice recommended

ST. STEPHENS PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the downstairs meeting room

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please call Parish office to register.