

CONTRIBUTIONS July 26th & 27th
Offertory \$2246.99
Pope's Pastoral Work \$ 25.00
Building Fund \$ 15.00
Total \$2286.99

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 5th at 2:00 pm
Funeral Mass for Leann Colson at 2:00 pm
Wednesday, August 6th at 7:00 pm
Late Reg Hynes req. by Donor
Late Pearl & Jack Doover req. by Betty & Peter Doover
Late Ronald Greene req. by Tom & Anita Shea
Thursday, August 7th at 9:30 am
Int. Tracy Oulette req. by Hilda
Int. Spencer req. by Hilda
Late Damien Drake req. by Mom & Dad
Friday, August 8th at 9:30 am
Int. Brooklyn Taylor Noseworthy req. by Donor
Late Alex Heron req. by James & Audrey MacArthur

Late Pat Doyle req. by Bernie & Terri White

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: August 3rd to 9th

Sunday, August 3rd
1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1.2; 21-23
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90.3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17 (R.1)
2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12.13-21
Monday, August 4th
1st Reading: Numbers 11.4b-15
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 81.11-12, 13-14, 15-16 (R.1a)
Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21
Tuesday, August 5th
1st Reading: Numbers 12.1-13
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 51.1-2, 3-4, 10-11 (R. see 3)
Gospel: Matthew 14.22-36
Wednesday, August 6th
1st Reading: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 OR 2 Peter 1.16-19
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97.1-2, 5-6, 9+11 (R.1a and 9a)
Gospel: Luke 9.28-36
Thursday, August 7th
1st Reading: Numbers 20.1-13
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (R.8)
Gospel: Matthew 16.13-23
Friday, August 8th
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4.32-40
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 77.11-12, 13-14, 15+20 (R.11)
Gospel: Matthew 16.24-28
Saturday, August 9th
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6.4-13
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18.1-2, 3+6b, 46+50 (R.1)++
Gospel: Matthew 17.14-20
STEWARDSHIP God Centered Stewards
"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." LUKE 12:15
The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we

possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living Stewardship in a grateful and generous lifestyle. Become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

HUMOUR Perspective

Two women were facing each other in the waiting room at a bus station. One said to the other, "I'm sorry, but I'm a little hard of hearing. Could you speak up?"
The other replies, "I haven't said anything. I'm chewing gum."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Parkinson's Meeting scheduled for Sunday, August 3rd at 2:00 pm is cancelled. Sorry for the inconvenience.
As part of the West St. Cemetery beautification process, the top layer of soil is being leveled out. Any sunken markers will be lifted and a new coating of topsoil will be laid down. The process will make the cutting of the grass much easier and enhance the beautification. The cost of these enhancements are being paid for by the Knights of Columbus.
Please join us for the Stations of the Cross in Our Lady of Mercy Heritage Church on August 11th at 6:30 pm.
There will be Cemetery Masses in the following communities at 7:00 pm weather permitting, otherwise held in the Parish Church:
-Port au Port, Thursday, August 7th
-West St, Stephenville, Tuesday, August 12th
-Point au Mal, Thursday, August 14th
-Hillside Interfaith, Wednesday, August 20th
The Mass for the Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary will take place on Friday, August 15th, 2025 at 7:00 pm in Our Lady of Mercy Heritage Church with Bishop Bart van Roijen presiding.
NOMINATION FOR PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th, 2025. Nomination forms are available at the Church entrance.
"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people." Ephesians 6:7
The new readers' schedule is available for pickup at the Church entrance.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish office will be closed for in person service during the period August 4th to 12th (inclusive). The phones will be monitored and all urgent calls will receive attention. We appreciate your support and apologize for any inconvenience.



August 3rd, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August marks the half-way point of our journey through Jubilee Year 2025. We have completed much, but there are still important activities to make this Holy year the best in our lifetime through spiritual renewal and a stronger connection to faith.

Pope Francis gives us a way to obtain forgiveness for our worldly sins. He does this by offering a Jubilee Indulgence to Catholics. This indulgence removes the worldly punishment for sins, granting forgiveness through Christ’s merits.

To obtain the Jubilee indulgence, Catholics need to participate in specific spiritual practices and fulfill certain requirements.

- Key Elements for Obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence:**
- **Pilgrimage** - visit designated Jubilee churches or pilgrimage sites.
 - **Receive Sacramental Confession**
 - Receive Eucharistic Communion
 - Pray for the Pope’s intentions by saying an Our Father and a Hail Mary. Also, pray the Nicene Creed before an image of Jesus Christ.
 - Pray the rosary in church or in a family, a religious community or a pious association.
 - The way of the Cross
 - Pray the Indulgence prayer: *“Father in heaven, May the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel”.*

This special indulgence can also be obtained by those who, due to illness or other reasons, cannot make the Pilgrimage. These individuals can participate by engaging in spiritual exercises, works of mercy, and penance (more to come on this topic).

Note:
For the purpose of obtaining a Plenary Indulgence, our church will be open all day on Friday August 8th, 2025 for confession.

Finally:
One must pray a “devout invocation” to Christ - *“Merciful Jesus, I trust in you.”*

“Pilgrims of Hope”

**THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD
AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE**

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August 3rd, 2025	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador.....	Most Rev. Bart van Roijen
Pastor.....	Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuru vithadathil CST
Associate Pastor.....	Fr. George Attuchalil CST
Parish Council Chair.....	Debbie Wilton
Finance Chair.....	Rosa Dollard
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Ryan
St. Anne’s Guild President.....	Hilda Short
Religious Education Coordinator.....	Michelle Hawco
Liturgy Coordinator.....	Bernice Maddock
Responsible Ministry Coordinator.....	Theresa Dollimont
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight.....	Conrad Benoit
4th degree Assembly Faithful Navigator.....	Clyde Russell
District Master 4th degree.....	Bob Miller

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday Evenings at 6:00 pm
Sunday Mornings at 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: 8:30 am to 12 noon
Friday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
**Closed daily from 12 noon to 1:00 pm*

MARRIAGES
Six months required; One year recommended.

BAPTISM PRERARATION
Please call Parish office to register.

RECONCILIATION
The Priest is available 30 minutes before Mass

MASS TIMES
**Maria Regina, Port au Port East:*
Saturday at 4:30 pm & Sunday at 9:00 am
**Our Lady of Fatima, Piccadilly:*
1st, 3rd, & 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30 am
**St. Vincent de Paul, Point au Mal:*
2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 am
**St. Columcille, St. Fintans:*
1st & 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm

ROSARY GROUP
Saturday at 11:00 am

ST. STEPHEN’S PRAYER GROUP
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.

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