

<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	February 8th & 9th
Offertory	\$2263.65
Parish Dues	\$ 55.00
Building Fund	\$ 55.00
Christmas Day	\$ 50.00
Shepherds' Fund	\$ 40.00
Indian Residential	
School Healing Fund	\$ 20.00
Total	\$2483.65
<i>Thank you to our Parishioners</i>	

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, February 18th at 7:00 pm
Late Mark Bennett req. by Terri Lee Bennett
Special Intentions req. by Irene Chalk
Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm
Late Shawn Smith req. by Herb & Bernice King-Aucoin
Late Tony Rotchford req. by Diane Howlett
Late Loni White-Flynn and Natasha Flynn req. by Mom

Thursday, February 20th at 9:30 am
Late Philip Walsh req. by Madeline & George White
Late Jim Conway req. by Anita & Tom
Late Leonard Jesso req. by Whale Back Seniors Club

Friday, February 21th at 9:30 am
Int. Norbert Lainey req. by donor
Late Lonnie White req. by donor

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: February 16th to February 22nd
Sunday, February 16th
1st Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-8
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1.1-2, 3, 4+6 (**R.40.4**)
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20
Gospel: Luke 6.17, 20-26

Monday, February 17th
1st Reading: Genesis 4.1-15, 25
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50.1+8, 16bc-17, 20-21 (**R.14a**)
Gospel: Mark 8.11-13

Tuesday, February 18th
1st Reading: Genesis 6.5-8; 7.1-5, 10
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29.1a+2, 3ac+4, 3b+9b-10 (**R.11b**)
Gospel: Mark 8.14-21

Wednesday, February 19th
1st Reading: Genesis 8.6-13, 20-22
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116.12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (**R.17**)
Gospel: Mark 8.22-26

Thursday, February 20th
1st Reading: Genesis 9.1-13
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102.15-17, 18-20, 28, 21-22 (**R.19**)
Gospel: Mark 8.27-33

Friday, February 21st
1st Reading: Genesis 11.1-9
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33.10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (**R.12**)
Gospel: Mark 8.34-38—9.1

Saturday, February 22nd
1st Reading 1 Peter 5.1-4
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (**R.1**)
Gospel: Matthew 16.13-19

STEWARDSHIP Stewards Proclaim
"Blessed are you when people hate you... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." **LUKE 6:22**
All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd be-

cause you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to live **Stewardship**. Proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

HUMOUR
Atheism is a "*non-prophet*" organization.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
• Please use the **Jubilee prayer cards** that you received to join in the Jubilee prayer at each Mass with lighting of the Jubilee Candle.
• **St. Anne's Guild** will be meeting on Monday, February 17th at 2:00 pm downstairs in St. Stephen's Parish. New members welcome.
• There will be a **Parish Council meeting** on Wednesday, February 19th at 7:45 pm.
• **The Knights of Columbus** will be having their 4th degree meeting on Thursday, February 20th at 8:00 pm.
• **Patricia Walsh-Warren Animator at Development and Peace - Caritas Canada** will make a short presentation before the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 23rd.
• **Saturday, February 22nd at 6:00 pm** there will be a Special Mass in St. Stephen's Parish to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree and the 50th Anniversary of our 4th Degree Assembly 1653 here in Stephenville.

The very first exemplification for the 4th degree was held in New York City in honor of George Washington's birthday on February 22,1900. At that time 1,000 candidates stood to take their Fourth Degree exemplification.

The inaugural Fourth Degree in Canada was held on July 14, 1907 in Montreal with almost 200 candidates taking part.

Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Assembly 1653 was formed in Stephenville on June 23, 1974 with 31 members and Stan O'Brien as our very first Faithful Navigator. Please come out and join the Knights of Columbus in celebrating this very special occasion with holy mass. All are welcome.

• **The Marriage Preparation Course** is scheduled for May 3rd, 2025. All couples planning to be married this year are invited to register as early as possible.

• **Tax receipts** for income tax purposes are available for pick up at the Parish office.
• Tuesday to Friday, **praying of the Rosary** will start 1/2 before Mass.
• **St. Stephen's Parish** is opened daily from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm for private prayer.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ MONTHLY SCHEDULE
Thursday's 11:00 am-1:00 pm
1st Thursday Legion
2nd Thursday Lions Club
3rd Thursday Knights of Columbus
4th Thursday Pentecostal Church
*5th Thursday DAWN (Lions Club)

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February 2025
For vocations to the priesthood and religious life~Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



What is a Pilgrim of Hope

A Pilgrim of Hope is someone who embarks on a journey of faith, trust, and perseverance, even in the midst of challenges, difficulties, or uncertainties. This pilgrim is driven by the conviction that God is always present, guiding, and supporting them.

- A Pilgrim of Hope is marked by:
1. **Trust:** They trust in God's goodness, love, and mercy, even when they don't understand the circumstances.
 2. **Resilience:** They persevere through difficulties, knowing that God is with them and will carry them through.
 3. **Faith:** They have a deep faith in God's promises and provision, even when the future seems uncertain.
 4. **Hope:** They cling to hope, knowing that God is always working for their good, even in the midst of adversity.
 5. **Gratitude:** They cultivate a spirit of gratitude, thanking God for the blessings and gifts they've received.

The concept of a Pilgrim of Hope is rooted in the Bible. In Hebrews 11:1, we read: *"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* This verse highlights the importance of faith and hope in our journey as pilgrims.

A "Pilgrim of Hope" is a powerful concept that embodies the spirit of the Jubilee of Hope 2025.

- To become a Pilgrim of Hope, you can:
1. **Pray:** Cultivate a deep prayer life, trusting in God's goodness and mercy.
 2. **Reflect:** Regularly reflect on God's promises and provision in your life.
 3. **Persevere:** When faced with challenges, choose to persevere, knowing that God is with you.
 4. **Serve:** Serve others, sharing the hope and love of God with those around you.

By embracing the spirit of a Pilgrim of Hope, you'll find strength, courage, and inspiration to navigate life's challenges with confidence and trust in God.



St. Stephen's Parish

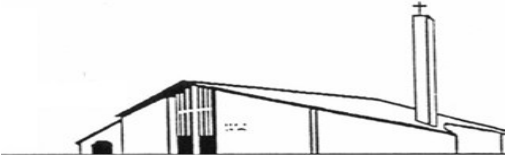
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February 16th, 2025	
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador.....	Most Rev. Bart van Roijen
Pastor.....	Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuru vithadathil CST
Seminarian.....	Joseph Kibuule
Parish Council Chair.....	Debbie Wilton
Finance 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

RECONCILIATION

1st Saturday of each month at 2:15 pm or the Priest is available 30 minutes before Masses is 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:*

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

**St. Vincent de Paul, Point au Mal:*

Note: Cancelled for the winter season

**St. Columcille, St. Fintans:*

1st & 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm

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

ROSARY GROUP

Saturday at 11:00 am

MARRIAGES

Six months required; One year recommended.

ST. STEPHEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the downstairs meeting room.

BAPTISM PRERARATION

Please call Parish office to register.

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.