

<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	February 8th & 9th
Offertory	\$1863.45
Parish Dues	\$ 180.00
Initial Offering	\$ 12.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
New Years Day	\$ 40.00
Indian Residential School Healing Fund	\$ 40.00
Total	\$2185.45

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, February 25th at 7:00 pm
Late Damien Drake req. by His parents
Late Robert & Millie White req. by Donor
Late Margaret Gaudet req. by Bernie & Terry White
Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 pm
Late Eddy Colson req. by Allison Goosney
Youth Intentions req. by Donor
Special intentions req. by Donor
Thursday, February 27th at 9:30 am
Int. Dana Vatcher req. by Donor
Late Jim & Bessie Parsons and Wanda Osmond

req. by Ken & Emily Gaudet
Friday, February 28th at 9:30 am
Int. David, Jasmine & Family req. by Donor
Late Jim Smith req. by Joan & Maya Smith

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: February 23rd to March 1st
Sunday, February 23rd

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25++

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103.1-2, 3-4, 8+10, 12-13 (R.8)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.45-49
Gospel: Luke 6.27-38

Monday, February 24th
1st Reading: Sirach 1.1-10
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 93.1ab, 1c-2, 4c-5 (R.1a)++
Gospel: Mark 9.14-29

Tuesday, February 25th
1st Reading: Sirach 2.1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 37.3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 (R.see 5)

Gospel: Mark 9.30-37
Wednesday, February 26th
1st Reading: Sirach 4.11-19
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119.165+168, 171-172, 174-175 (R.165a)

Gospel: Mark 9.38-40
Thursday, February 27th
1st Reading: Sirach 5.1-8
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1.1-2, 3, 4+6 (R.40.5a)

Gospel: Mark 9.14-50
Friday, February 28th
1st Reading: Sirach 6.5-17
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119.12+16, 18+27, 34-35 (R.35a)

Gospel: Mark 10.1-12
Gospel: Sirach 17.1-4, 6-8, 10-15
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103.13-14, 15-16, 17-18 (R.see 17)

Gospel: Mark 10.13-16

STEWARDSHIP **Stewards Love**
“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...” LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, in **Stewardship**, we are to imitate Christ. Most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn’t change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

HUMOUR A conversation between a Pastor and an Atheist
Atheist: “Do you really believe that Jonah spent three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish?”
Pastor: “I don’t know, sir, but when I get to heaven, I’ll ask him.”
Atheist: “But suppose he isn’t in heaven?”
Pastor: “Then you ask him.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS
• **Effective Immediately: Mass will NOT be cancelled when schools are closed due to the weather.**
• You are invited to join an online information and exchange meeting on Share Lent 2025 campaign at 1:30 ET on Wednesday, February 26 at: **https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81953027282?**
Password: WlhCjeGuBf99YOgDN7a-hUR3Dt4yl1R.1. Information is posted on the bulletin board at the Church entrance.
• **The World Day of Prayer** will be held in the First United Church, 43 St. Clare Ave, Stephenville on Friday, March 7th at 7:00 pm. If cancelled, the alternative date is Sunday, March 9th at 7:00 pm. Please consider making time to attend.
• The meeting of the **Parkinson’s support group** will take place on Sunday, March 2nd, 2025 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.

- **The financial statement** for 2024 is ready for pickup at the Church entrance.
- The new **Readers Schedule** is ready for pickup at the Church entrance.
- **Tax receipts** for income tax purposes are available for pick up at the Parish office.
- **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.
- **On February 1st., 2025** Fr. Joseph has been in St. Stephen’s Parish for one year. Happy one year Anniversary Father Joseph!!
- **Please keep Pope Francis** in your prayer during this time of his illness.

<u>COMMUNITY CAFÉ MONTHLY SCHEDULE</u>	
<u>Thursday’s 11:00 am-1:00 pm</u>	
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.



The Meaning of the Jubilee Logo

The Jubilee logo is a simple and universal image, understandable by people of all cultures and religions, and it encapsulates an **invitation for all to walk together** towards a better future, guided by faith and the will to build a better world marked by mercy and fraternity. This hope is underscored by the motto of the **Jubilee 2025**, prominently displayed in green at the bottom of the logo: *“Peregrinantes in Spem,” “Pilgrims in Hope.”*

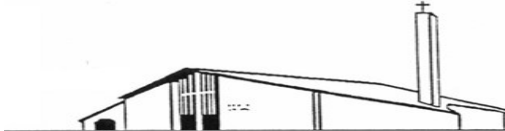
The logo chosen for the Holy Year depicts four stylized and graceful figures, in four colors that recall the shades of the rainbow: **red, orange, green, and blue**. **Red** symbolizes love, passion, and self-sacrifice, Christ’s sacrifice and His boundless love for humanity, but also the fire of the Holy Spirit and His strength that animates Christians. **Orange** expresses joy, vitality, and enthusiasm, the light that illuminates the path of faith. **Green** is universally recognized as the color of hope, growth, and rebirth. **Blue**, symbolizes faith, peace, and tranquility, evoking the sky and spirituality, and inviting contemplation and prayer.

The four figures represent **humanity as a whole**, in its differences and similarities. They proceed **to embrace each other**, expressing the **solidarity and brotherhood** that should unite the peoples of the world. Leading them is the red figure, clinging to a **Cross** formed by a black curve that ends, at the bottom, with an **anchor**. The Cross is not rigid, not static, but bends towards humanity as if to **embrace** it. As for the anchor, Monsignor Fisichella himself explained its meaning: *“As is known, the anchor has often been used as a metaphor for hope. The anchor of hope is the name given in seafaring jargon to the reserve anchor, used by vessels to perform emergency maneuvers to stabilize the ship during storms.”* The sense of this symbol in the Jubilee logo is clear: it is precisely in the most difficult moments that we need to rely on an anchor that gives us security and guarantees salvation, and what better anchor than the **Cross, a symbol of Christ** and His infinite love for all of us? The presence of **small agitated waves** at the bottom of the logo confirms the existence of dangers and obstacles, of those personal events and events of the world that make each of our lives not always easy.

Thus, the logo in its entirety takes on a clear meaning, and the Jubilee, with its twelve months of ceremonies and initiatives, becomes a **long pilgrimage** to be undertaken together, as brothers, towards salvation, guided by the Cross and the hope of salvation promised by God.



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February 23rd, 2025 Sunday in Ordinary Time		Seventh
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

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

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

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.