

CONTRIBUTIONS	Dec. 31st, Jan. 1st, 4th & 5th
Offertory	\$2667.50
Advent Folders	\$ 80.00
Dues	\$ 915.00
Initial Offering	\$ 333.50
Building Fund	\$ 391.00
Shepherds'	\$ 143.00
Insurance	\$ 5.00
Christmas Day	\$ 145.00
New Year's Day	\$ 1369.50
Total	\$6049.50

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, January 14th at 7:00 pm
 Late Marg Lee req. by Madeline, Jonathon & Stefan Campbell
 Late Violet Hackett req. by Pearl Lecour & Martin Ryan
 Souls in Purgatory req. by donor
Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00 pm

Int. Barbara Luttrell req. by Dominic Boules
 Late Baptiste & Bernadette Simon req. by donor
Thursday, January 16th at 9:30 am
 Int. Theresa Sleep req. by Dominic Boules
 Int. Cecilia Walsh req. by Madeline & George White
 Late Sylvia Heffern & Dennis Simon req. by donor
Friday, January 17th at 9:30 am
 Int. Pauline Lannon req. by Dominic Boules
 Late Edward & Nicholas Pittman req. by Audrey

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: January 12th to January 18th, 2025

Sunday, January 12th
 1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29.1-2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10 (**R.11b**)
 2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38
 Gospel: Luke 3.15, 21-22
OR
 1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104.1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27+28, 29-30 (**R.1a**)
 2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7
 Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22
Monday, January 13th
 1st Reading: Hebrews 1.16
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97.1-2, 6+7ac, 8bc-9 (**R.7b**)
 Gospel: Mark 1.14-20
Tuesday, January 14th
 1st Reading: Hebrews 2.5-12
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 8.1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab 6c-8 (**R.6**) ++
 Gospel: Mark 1.21-28

Wednesday, January 15th
 1st Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18
 Responsorial Psalm: 105.1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 (**R.8**)
 Gospel: Mark 1.29-39
Thursday, January 16th
 1st Reading: Hebrews 3.7-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95.6-7, 8-9, 10-11 (**R.7b-8a**)
 Gospel: Mark 1.40-45
Friday, January 17th
 1st Reading: Hebrews 4.1-5, 11
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 78.3+4bc, 6c-7, 8 (**R.7b**)
 Gospel: Mark 2.1-12
Saturday, January 18th
 1st Reading: Hebrews 4.12-16
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19.7, 8, 9, 14 (**R.In 6.63c**)
 Gospel: Mark 2.13-17

STEWARDSHIP Baptized Stewards

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' "
 - Luke 3:16
 The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics Stewards, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

HUMOUR *The Sign*

When the restaurant next to the Church put out a big sign that said, "Open Sundays," the church reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a **Parish Council meeting** on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:30 pm.
- **The Knights of Columbus** will be having a 4th degree meeting on Thursday, January 16th at 8:00 pm.
- **Parish Coffee Time** will take place on Sunday, January 19th after the 10:30 am Mass.
- **2025 Calendars** can be purchased at the Parish Office.
- **Please be respectful regarding the handi-**

- cap parking space and allowing ample room for entering and exiting.**
- 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.

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	Pentecost Church
*5th Thursday	DAWN (Lions Club)

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January 2025

"For the right to an education~Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected."



January 12th, 2025

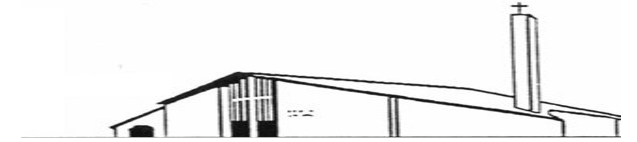
Baptism of the Lord

“We have been baptized in Christ. We are God’s beloved children, baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In us, God is well pleased. God continues to shower us with grace, as was poured down on us in a special way in baptism, as we live out our baptismal calling. Significantly, before the Father spoke to him at his baptism, Jesus prayed to God, initiating a dialogue with the Father. May we initiate that dialogue as well, again and again, praying that God’s grace, poured down on us from the heavens, helps us grow into the beloved sons and daughters God calls us to be.”

Pastoral Patterns Winter 2024-2025 December 1, 2024 to March 2, 2025



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Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador.....	Most Rev. Bart van Roijen
Pastor.....	Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuruvithadathil 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.