

<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u> March 8th & 9th	
Offertory	\$2388.75
Parish Dues	\$ 60.00
Building Fund	\$ 55.00
Development & Peace	\$ 10.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Catholic Missions-Ash Wednesday	\$1052.05
Total	\$3570.80

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

Monday, March 17th at 7:00 pm

Late Edward Piercy req. by Elizabeth

Late Gertie & Stan Benoit req. by Eddie Benoit

Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00 pm

Late Donald Tompkins and Stella req. by Raymond & Mary Tompkins

Late Pleman Harnett req. by Donor

Late Edward Sheppard req. by His wife Monica

Wednesday, March 19th at 9:30 am & 7:00 pm

Int. Donnie White req. by Donor

Int. Dianne Gallant req. by Ed. & Terri Hartley

Late George Hynes req. by Sis & Maurice Hynes

Late Dwayne Kelly req. by Brenda & Family

Thursday, March 20th at 9:30 am

Late Michael White, The White and Blanchard Family req. by Joan White

Late Brian Lush req. by Joan White

Friday, March 121st at 9:30 am

Int. Norbert Lainey req. by Donor

Late Maude & Douglas Walsh and Marion Mayo req. by Lucy Tourout

Souls in Purgatory req. by Donor

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: March 16th to March 22nd

Sunday, March 16th

1st Reading: Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 27.1, 7-8, 9, 13-14 (**R.1a**)

2nd Reading: Philippians 3.17—4.1

Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36

Monday, March 17th

1st Reading: Daniel 9.3, 4b-10++

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79.8, 9, 11+13 (**R.102.10a**)

Gospel : Luke 6.36-38

Tuesday, March 18th

1st Reading: Isaiah 1.10, 16.20, 27-28, 31++

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50.8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 (**R.23b**)

Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12

Wednesday, March 19th

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7.4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89.1-2, 3-4, 26+28 (**R.36**)

2nd Reading: Romans 4.13, 16-18, 22

Gospel: Matthew 1.16, 18-21, 24a Luke 2.41-51a

OR

Thursday, March 20th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1.1-2, 3, 4+6 (**R.40.5a**)

Gospel: Luke 16.19-31

Friday, March 21st

1st Reading: Genesis 37.3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 105.16-17, 18-19, 20-21 (**R.5a**)

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 22nd

1st Reading: Micah 7.14-15, 18-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103.1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (**R.8a**)

Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

STEWARDSHIP

Grateful Steward

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the

Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.”
GENESIS 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a **Stewards** sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a **Parish Council** meeting on Wednesday, March 19th at 8:00 pm.
- **The Knights of Columbus** will be having a 4th degree meeting on Thursday, March 20th at 8:00 pm
- **Stations of the Cross** will take place every Friday, during Lent, at 7:00 pm.
- **St. Anne’s Guild** will be meeting on Monday, March 17th at 2:00 pm. New members welcomed.
- **The Chrism Mass** will take place on Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral in Corner Brook. **Free transportation will be provided and will be leaving the Church parking lot at 5:00 pm.** If you are interested in availing of this service, please place your name on the sign-up sheet at the Church entrance.
- **Lenten folders** are available at the Church entrance.
- **Children Liturgy** is scheduled on Sundays during the 10:30 am Mass. For information please contact St. Stephen’s Parish.
- **Our Lady of Mercy Complex** in will be holding a 100-year Centennial Gala on April 26th, 2025. Tickets are \$35.00 per person with a catered dinner by Jennifer Snooks followed with entertainment by The Jazz Apostles. The dinner will be attended and blessed by Bishop Bart van Roijen. Tickets can be purchased at Elaine’s Variety and Debbie’s Video.
- There will be Mass at the **College of the North Atlantic** the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the DSB Fowlow Building.
- **There is a basket** at the church entrance for those who wish to dispose of their old palms.
- **Emergency Food Requests:** Reminder that

your donation of emergency food items are welcome and may be dropped off at the Church Entrance at any time. Thank you.

- **Religious Articles** are available for purchase in 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.
- **Please silence your phones when entering the Church**

JUBILEE 2025

Jubilee leads to renewed hope through Works of Mercy-one such work is the visiting of the imprisoned. Our own Sister Rona O’Gorman will offer a reflection on her work with prisoners. Join us on Tuesday, March 18th, 2025 at the 7:00 pm Mass to hear Sister Rona speak..

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	NAWN (Lions Club)

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March 2025

For families in crisis~Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other’s gifts, even in their differences.



“Like the Apostles, we, too, believe firmly in God. We, too, are convinced that Christ was sent by God to bring us to heaven. We now have much more convincing proof that Christ was not only the Messiah, an envoy of God, but the very Son of God; something the Apostles did not then understand. But we are still very like them in our human weakness, and in our half-hearted acceptance of God's purpose for and promises to us.

The Apostles had to face the awful test to their faith and trust in God, which the passion and crucifixion of Christ was for them. We now accept with gratitude and realize that Christ "had to suffer and thus enter into his glory." We even understand that the very purpose of Christ's passion was that, in spite of our mortality and weakness, we also might enter into eternal glory through his suffering, on condition that we remain true to our faith.

In our moments of cool, calm reasoning we can see clearly how good God has been to us, how wonderful his love which has arranged for us an eternity of happiness, the perfect fulfillment of every rational human desire. We can also see how little God asks of us during our few short years here, in return for the everlasting happy home he has prepared for us.

But unfortunately we have many moments in life in which cool, calm reasoning does not prevail. We have moments when our vices and not our virtues take charge, moments when we are prepared to sell our eternal heritage in exchange for a mess of earthly pottage. Some of us may already have bartered our heavenly home for some temporal gain or pleasure; but while there is life there is hope. We can still put things right with God.”

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O’Sullivan, O.F.M.
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2025-03-16>



March 16th, 2025 ond Sunday of Lent		The Sec-
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.

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.

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.