CONTRIBUTIONS March 22nd & 23rd		
Offertory	\$2	2890.85
Parish Dues	\$	320.00
Building Fund	\$	35.00
Initial Offering	\$	20.00
Catholic Missions-Ash Wednesday	\$	40.00
Lent Folder	\$	90.00
Indian Residential Healing Fund	\$	5.00
Total	\$	3400.85

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 31st at 7:00 pm

Int. Marie Brooks req. by Donor

Int. George Tucker req. by Donor

Late Tom Rotchford req. by Diane Howlett

Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm

Late Marjy Gale-Letzelter req. by Donald & Doreen Gale

Late Thomas Gallant req. by John & Marie Green

Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm

Late Bernadette Carmanico req. by Peter & Marlene MacIsaac

Special Intentions req. by Donor

Thursday, April 3rd at 9:30 am

Late Alfreda Hunt req. by Donor

Late Joanne McConnell and Robert White req. by Atoinette Aucoin

Friday, April 4th at 9:30 am-Healing Mass

Int. Brendon Rex White req. by Donor

Late Robert & Terry Aucoin req. by Antoinette Aucoin

Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Wishie Gaudet Love Mom & Dad

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM

& GOSPEL: March 30th to April 5th

Sunday, March 30th

 1st Reading:
 Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

 Responsorial Psalm:
 Ps 34.1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R.8a)

 2nd Reading:
 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

 Gospel:
 Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Monday, March 31st

1st Reading: Isaiah 65.17-21 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 30.1+3, 4-5, 10+11a+12b (*R*.1a)

Tuesday, April 1st

Gospel:

1st Reading: Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46.1-2, 4-5, 7-8 (**R.7**)

John 4.43-54

Gospel: John 5.1-16

Wednesday, April 2nd

1st Reading: Isaiah 49.8-15 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145.8-9, 13cd-14,

Gospel: 17-18 (**R**.8a)
John 5.16-30++

Thursday, April 3rd

1st Reading: Exodus 32.7-14 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 106.19-20, 21-22,

23 (**R**.4a) Gospel: John 5.18, 31-47++

Friday, April 4th

1st Reading: Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34.16-17, 18-19,

20+22 (**R.**18a)

Gospel: John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 5th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 11.18-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 7.1-2, 8bc-9, 10-11 (**R.**1a)

Gospel: John 7.40-53
STEWARDSHIP Stewardship Security

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan"

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JOSHUA 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise,

God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide his **Stewards** with all that we need.

HUMOUR

A cop pulls over a carload of nuns. The cop says, "Sister, this is a 55 MPH highway. Why are you going so slow?"The Sister replies, "Sir, I saw a lot of signs that said 41, not 55." The cop answers, "Oh, Sister, that's not the speed limit, that's the name of the highway you are on!" The Sister says, "Oh! Silly me! Thanks for letting me know. I'll be more careful." At this point, the cop looks in the backseat where the other nuns are shaking and trembling. The cop asks, "Excuse me, Sister, what's wrong with your friends back there? They are shaking something terrible." The Sister answers, "We just got off Highway 101."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Parkinson's Support Group will meet on Sunday, April 6th 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 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, the deadline to put your name on the sign-up sheet at the Church entrance is Friday, April 4th
- A Mass for the **Blessing of the Fishermen** will be held in Maria Regina Parish on Friday, April 11th at 3:30 pm. This will be hosted by Our Lady of Mercy
- 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.
- Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday, during Lent, at 7:00 pm.
- Lenten envelopes are available at the Church entrance.

- The **Church** will open daily at 8:30 am and close at 7:00 pm **OR** after the evening Mass.
- 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.
- Thank you to Kelly Samms for starting children's Liturgy which takes place during Sunday morning Mass.

*Welcome to Fr. George Attuchalil CST, our Associate Pastor. We wish you all the best in your new position in St. Stephen's Parish.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ MONTHLY SCHEDULE Thursday's 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Ist ThursdayLegion2nd ThursdayLions Club3rd ThursdayKnights of Columbus4th ThursdayPentecostal Church*5th ThursdayNAWN (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.

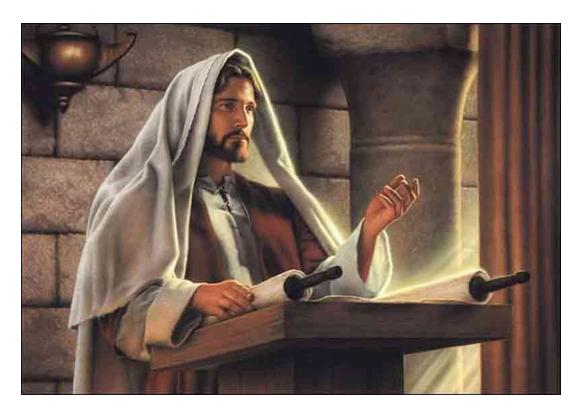
March 30th, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

"The process of conversion and repentance was described by Jesus in the parable of the prodigal son, the center of which is the merciful father: the fascination of illusory freedom, the abandonment of the father's house; the extreme misery in which the son finds himself after squandering his fortune; his deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed swine, and still worse, at wanting to feed on the husks the pigs ate; his reflection on all he has lost; his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father; the journey back; the father's generous welcome; the father's joy— all these are characteristic of the process of conversion. The beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet are symbols of that new life — pure worthy, and joyful — of anyone who returns to God and to the bosom of his family, which is the Church. Only the heart Of Christ Who knows the depths of his Father's love could reveal to us the abyss of his mercy in so simple and beautiful a way." — CCC 1439

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* for the Gospel of the Prodigal Son, Cycle C: https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2025-03-30##

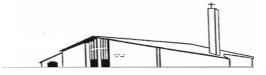




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March 30th, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

ı	Bisnop of Corner Brook & Labrador	Nost Rev. Bart van Roljen
	Pastor	Fr.JosephKizhakkekuruvithadathil CST

Associate Pastor.....Fr. George Attuchalil CST

Seminarian......Joseph Kibuule
Parish Council Chair.......Debbie Wilton

Religious Education Coordinator.......Michelle Hawco
Liturgy Coordinator.....Bernice Maddock

Responsible Ministry Coordinator......Theresa Dollimont

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight......Conrad Benoit

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:

St. Vincent de Paul, Point au Mai:

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.