

<b><u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u></b>	February 24th & 25th
Offertory	\$2045.75
Dues	\$ 175.00
Building Fund	\$ 45.00
Catholic Missions	\$ 55.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2320.75</b>

**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 4th at 7:00 pm**

Late Herman Wheeler req. by Finty, Debbie & Kendall

Late Kevin Brennan req. by The Family

Late Brenda Foley req. by The Family

**Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 pm**

Late Millicent Penton & Betty Bruce req. by Patricia & Tony Wakeham.

Late Mildred White req. by Peggy Schmitter

Late Arnold Ritchie req. by Judy & Vince Parsons

**Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00 pm**

Int. Phyllis Young req. by Mercedes Young

Late Norman & Mary Besaw req. by Gerard Besaw

Late Millicent Penton req. by Dean & Billy White

**Thursday, March 7th at 9:30 am**

Late Millicent Penton req. by Tom & Debbie Keough

Late Luke Alexander req. by Peter & Sylvia Walsh

Late Edmund Hann req. by Don & Doreen Bennett & Family

**Friday, March 8th at 9:30 am**

Late Millicent Penton req. by Ed & Terri Hartley

Late Mildred White req. by Margaret Drew

Late Ray Schumph req. by Ursula Schumph

**DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL**

**PSALM & GOSPEL:**

**March 4th to March 8th**

**Monday, March 4th**

1st Reading:

2 Kings 5, 1-15a

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 42.1-2, 3; 43.3, 4 (**R.** see 42.2)

Luke 4.24-30

Gospel:

**Tuesday, March 5th**

1st Reading:

Daniel 3.25, 34-43

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 25.4-5a, 6-7, 8-9 (**R.6a**)

Matthew 18.21-35

Gospel:

**Wednesday, March 6th**

1st Reading:

Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 147.12-13, 15-16, 19-20 (**R.12a**)

Matthew 5.17-19

Gospel:

**Thursday, March 7th**

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 7.23-28

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (**R.7c+8a**)

Luke 11.14-23

Gospel:

**Friday, March 8th**

1st Reading:

Hosea 14.1-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 81.5c-7a, 7bc-8, 9-10ab, 13+16 (**R.see 10+8a**)

Mark 12.28b-34

Gospel:

**STEWARDSHIP** Stewardship Virtues

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." EXODUS 20:4*

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue in Stewardship.

**CHURCH HUMOUR** Sunday School

The Sunday School teacher asks the children to draw Christmas pictures. She goes over to one student and sees he's drawn a picture of four people on an airplane. "What is this?" she asked. "Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus on a flight to Egypt," he says.

"Well... who's the fourth person?"

"That's Pontius, the pilot."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Anyone who performs **Volunteer work**, i.e. if you are a reader, greeter, communion minister, member of any committee, cross bearer, sacristan or other, is asked to complete a **Covenant of Care** for our Parish records. Forms are located at the Church entrance. Completed forms can be placed in the offertory collection box or returned to the Parish Office no later than March 17th, 2024.
- **Stations of the Cross** will take place each Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm starting Friday, March 8th to Good Friday, March 29th.
- **During Lent** the Church will be opened during the day between 8:30 am and 8:00 pm.
- **The Chrism Mass** will take place on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm in Corner Brook at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and of the Immaculate Conception. There is a sign up sheet at the Church entrance for those who would like to attend.

Transportation is provided by the Knights of Columbus. Deadline for sign up is March 18th.

- All are invited to the **Development and Peace Workshop** that will take place on Friday, March 8th at 10:00 am. It will be held in the downstairs meeting room. Hear about the exciting work being done to help local organizations in a number of developing countries, and learn what we can do to offer our support. The Workshop will be led by Patricia Walsh Warren, Animator for Newfoundland and Labrador.
- **Development and Peace:** The Share Lent Campaign is on March 17th with the presentation of the Symbols of Solidarity. The theme this year is **"Create Hope- Reaping our Rights"**. Members of the Parish Council will present the symbols at the Saturday evenings Mass and the Religious Education Students will present the symbols at Sunday's Mass.
- The **Knights of Columbus** council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7 at 8:00 pm.
- **"Coffee Time"** will take place on Sunday March 17th after the 10:30 Mass.
- **The 2023 tax receipts** are available at the Parish Office.

**Pope's March Prayer Intention:** *For the new Martyrs~We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.*

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday Of Lent

Highlights of the Month

As we continue our journey "up to Jerusalem" during the month of March, three prominent ideas are proposed for our contemplation by the liturgy of Lent: the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, baptism, and penance.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19) is a special landmark this month in which we will celebrate the great honor bestowed upon the Foster Father of Jesus.

The saints that we will focus on this month:

Table with 2 columns: Saint Name, Date. Includes St. Katharine Drexel (March 3), St. Casimir (March 4), Sts. Perpetua and Felicity (March 7), St. John of God (March 8), St. Frances of Rome (March 9), St. Patrick (March 17), St. Cyril of Jerusalem (March 18), St. Joseph (March 19), St. Turibius de Mogrovejo (March 23).

The feast of St. Patrick (March 17), is superseded by the Lenten Sunday liturgy. This year the feast of the Annunciation will be celebrated on April 8 since March 25th falls during Holy Week.

A Time of Penance and Promise

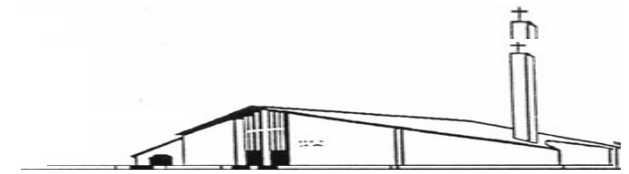
We will continue our journey to the cross with our acts of penitence. We will reflect on our mortality (Remember man thou art dust) and the shortness of life (and to dust thou shall return). We will heed the call, Now is the acceptable time, now is "the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2)." Just like Our Lord's earthly life every moment of our lives is leading up to the last moment—when for eternity we will either go to God or suffer the fires of hell.

During this month we will go from the suffering of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday. We will trade the purple of penance for the white of victory and resurrection. The feast of the Annunciation, normally celebrated on March 25, has been transferred to April 8 since it falls during Holy Week.

As the weeks of Lent progress let us not tire of doing our good works and penance, but continue with the enthusiasm of the catechumens on their way to Easter and Baptism. May our Lenten observance be a joyful journey — and not a forced march.

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March 3rd, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Table listing parish roles and names: Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador (Most Rev. Bart Van Roijen), Pastor (Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuruvidatathil CST), Associate Priest (Fr. Jaison Joseph Vizhukipara CST), Parish Council Chair (Debbie Wilton), Finance Committee Chair (Rosa Dollard), Administrative Assistant (Kim Ryan), St. Anne's Guild President (Vacant), Religious Education Coordinator (Michelle Hawco), Responsible Ministry Coordinator (Theresa Dollimont), Liturgy Coordinator (Bernice Maddock), Knights of Columbus (Grand Knight Conrad Benoit), 4th Degree Assembly (Faithful Navigator Bob Miller).

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning - 10:30 a.m.

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday at 9:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed daily from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ROSARY GROUP
Saturday at 2:00 pm

MARRIAGES
Six months notice required; a year's notice recommended
RECONCILIATION

1st Saturday of each month at 2:15 p.m. (or)

recommended.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please call parish office to register.

MARIA REGINA PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m. & Sundays: 9:00 a.m.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS TIMES

Sunday 's at 10:30 am EXCEPT every second Sunday

St. Stephens Prayer Group

St. Stephen's prayer group meets on Tuesday's 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.

Priest available 30 minutes before Mass