

CONTRIBUTIONS

March 1st & 2nd

Offertory	\$2715.15
Parish Dues	\$ 105.00
Building Fund	\$ 609.70
Seminarian	\$ 45.00
Shepherds' Fund	\$ 80.00
Catholic Missions-Ash Wednesday	\$ 165.00
New Years Day	\$ 2.50
Total	\$3722.35

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 10th at 7:00 pm
Int. Donald Benoit req. by Donor
Late Woodrow Wight req. by Elizabeth
Late Damien Drake req. by His Parents
Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 pm
Late Regina LeCoure req. by Her children
Late Jean Shea req. by Donna Dobin
Late Ray McCann req. by Paula Zenz
Wednesday, March 12th at 9:30 am & 7:00 pm
Int. B.J White req. by Donor
Late Madeline & Patrick Marche req. by Marie Hynes
Late Joanne Peron req. by Ursula Lake
Late Tom Rotchford req. by Dianne Howlett
Thursday, March 13th at 9:30 am

Late Jack & Pearl Dover req. by Sis & Maurice Hynes
Late Cheryl Joseph and Dean Joseph req. by Linda Schumph
Friday, March 14th at 9:30 am
Int. Brenda Marche req. by Donor
Late Rose Correa and Jason Cook req. by Edward Correa
Late Sammy White req. by Donor

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: March 9th to March 8th
Sunday, March 9th

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26.4-10
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91.1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (**R**.see 15b)

2nd Reading: Romans 10.8-13
Gospel: Luke 4.1-13
Monday, March 10th
1st Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19.7, 8, 9, 14 (**R**.Jn 6.63b)
Gospel : Matthew 25.31-46

Tuesday, March 11th
1st Reading: Isaiah 55.10-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34.3-4, 5-6, 15-16, 17-18 (**R**.17b)
Gospel: Matthew 6.7-15

Wednesday, March 12th
1st Reading: Jonah 3.1-10
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 51.1-2, 10-11, 16-17 (**R**.17b)
Gospel: Luke 11.29-32

Thursday, March 13th
1st Reading: Ester 14.1, 3-5, 12-14
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138.1-2a, 2bc-3, 7c-8 (**R**.3a)
Gospel: Matthew 7.7-12

Friday, March 14th
1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.21-28
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 130.1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (**R**.3)
Gospel: Matthew 5.20-26

Saturday, March 8th
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26.16-19
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119.1-2, 4-5, 7-8 (**R**.see 1)
Gospel: Matthew 5.43-48

STEWARDSHIP Stewards Blessed
"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to

me." *DEUTERONOMY 26:10*
This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely **Stewards** of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS
Deacon Russell Davis, Director
<https://www.camdendiocese.org/stewardship/stewardship-bulletin-reflections/>

HUMOUR The Flower Arrangement
A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got there, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription. "Rest In Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain. "It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription. 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"

ANNOUNCEMENTS
• **There will be Mass on Mondays** at 7:00 pm during Lent starting Monday, March 10th to Monday, April 14th.
• **Parish Coffee Time** will take place on Sunday, March 16th downstairs in the meeting room after the 10:30 am Mass.
• **Sunday, March 16**, you are invited to sign the global ***Turn Debt into Hope*** campaign petition that calls for an end to unjust debt. With inequalities widening as rich countries continue enriching themselves by exploiting the resources of the poorest countries, we respond to Pope Francis's call: "*In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice.*" You can also sign online at **devp.org/debt**. Thank you for your solidarity!
• **Our Lady of Mercy Complex** in Lourdes will be holding a 100-year Centennial Gala on April 26th, 2025. Tickets are \$35.00 per person with a ca-

tered 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 is a basket** at the church entrance for those who wish to dispose of their old palms.
• **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.

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.





Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador

March 7th, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we embark on our common journey through Lent, it is important for us to cast our eyes on the path ahead. Through prayer, charity and fasting we embrace what is essential for our lives and the well-being of those around us, and we recognize that without God, charity to our neighbour and freedom from unsustainable consumption there is no hope, that our true hope is found in the cross of Christ, his self-offering for us out of love.

Come follow me. By these simple words Jesus invites us to walk with him, his hopes and dreams for us and for the world. Each time we pray, we deepen our walk with him. Each time we give of ourselves, we embrace his cross. Each time we renounce our own plans and desires in favour of God’s greater plan, we are united to Christ, “The Way, the Truth and the Life,” and his kingdom, “On earth as it is in heaven.”

During this Jubilee of Hope Pope Francis invites us to work on “Turning debt into hope”. Many of our brothers and sisters in the Global South live in countries burdened by debt. Debts incurred years ago, preventing them from receiving the basic government services most of us take for granted. Debts that have been repaid twice or three times over in interest. Debts that ensure that there is more money and resources flowing out of their economies than coming in.

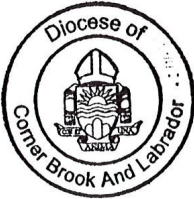
In addition to signing this petition for debt relief for the poorest nations, we will be invited to participate generously in our annual Development and Peace Lenten collection. This sign of our generosity and solidarity with the Global South helps in funding development projects on the grassroots level, helping villages and communities towards greater self-sufficiency.

Lastly, I make a special appeal for charity at home, especially in our speech. As more and more of us experience the effects of what is happening in our world today, it is important that we do not take it out on one another. The stress we experience is often manifest in uncharitable speech or a general moodiness. None of us is immune to stress in our lives, let us be mindful of what is happening to us, take steps to mitigate it, and treat one another with charity.

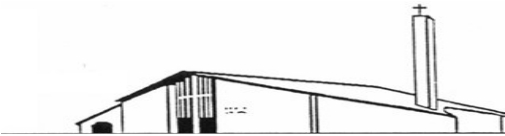
Faternally in Christ,

Bart van Roijen

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March 9th, 2025	
First Sunday of Lent	
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. Columille, 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.