

CONTRIBUTIONS May 4th & 5th	
Offertory	\$2514.10
Dues	\$ 60.00
Building Fund	\$ 615.00
Seminary	\$ 65.00
Development & Peace	\$ 40.00
Good Friday	\$ 60.00
Popes Pastoral Work	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$3374.10

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, May 14th at 7:00 pm

Late Barbara Barter req. by donor
Late Pat Doyle and her parents req. by Bernie & Terri White

Natasha Flynn and Loni White req. by Mom

Special intentions req. by Irene Chalk

Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm

Late Terrance Young req. by Tina Murphy & Family
Late Damian Drake req. by His Parents

In Memory of Mary Ellen Target req. by Allison
Thursday, May 16th at 9:30 am
Late Pius Ryan req. by Martin Ryan
Late Fintan March req. by Wayne and Marg Lee
Late Wishie Gaudet req. by The Aucoins
Friday, May 17th at 9:30 am
Int. Madeline Drake req. by Her Grandparents
Late Marie Colombe req. by Isabel & Ken Hawco
Late Jimmy O'Gorman req. by Theresa & Ivan MacDonald

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL

PSALM & GOSPEL: May 13th to May 17th

Monday, May 13th

1st Reading: Acts 19.1-8
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68.1-2, 3, 4ac, 5-6ab (R.32)
Gospel: John 16.29-33

Tuesday, May 14th

1st Reading: Acts 1.15-17,20-26
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 113.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (R.7-8)
Gospel: John 15.9-17

Wednesday, May 15th

1st Reading: Acts 20.28-38
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68.28-29, 32-33, 34, 35 (R.32)
Gospel: John 17.11b-19

Thursday, May 16th

1st Reading: Acts 22.30;23.6-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16.1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10 11 (R.1)
Gospel: John 17.20-26

Friday, May 17th

1st Reading: Acts 24.27; 25.13b-21++
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103.1-2,11-12, 19-20ab (R.19)
Gospel: John 21.15-19

STEWARDSHIP Stewardship Faith

*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."
1 JOHN 4:15*

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be a strong Christian **Steward** in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- **Every Sunday at 7:00 pm** for the month of May, Prayer of the Rosary will take place in St. Stephen's Parish, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
- **An Evening of Healing:** Bishop Bart Van Roijen together with the Newfoundland Catholic Renewal (NCR) will be offering an evening of healing. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bart Van Roijen with healing ministries to follow after Mass. It will be held at the Holy Redeemer Cathedral on Thursday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m. To help off set the cost of traveling expenses for the NCR, a goodwill offering will be taken up.
- **The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth** will be hosting the annual Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference in Halifax July 5 -7, 2024 for all high school aged youth. All youth of our Diocese are invited to participate. For detailed information please visit www.steubenville.ca or contact John Stevens at jstevens@halifaxyarmouth.org or phone (902)429-9800, Ext. 331.
- **The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be on Monday, May 27th @6:00pm.
- There will be a **Parish Council** meeting on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:30 pm.
- The **Knights of Columbus** will be hosting the "Community Café" on Thursday, May 16th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- The **Knights of Columbus** will be having their 4th degree meeting on Thursday, May 16th at 8:00 pm.
- Congratulation to **Our Lady of Mercy Heritage Church** for coming in 1st place in the "Next Great Save Contest".

- **Congratulations** to all the Youth in our Parish who will be Celebrating their Prom this weekend.
- Tuesday to Friday, **praying of the Rosary** will start 1/2 hour before Mass.

THE ASCENSION

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. The Ascension of our Lord in his human nature, to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness. **Excepted from *The Sunday Readings*, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.**
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-012>

May 12th, 2024

Ascension of The Lord

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY WISHES AND BLESSINGS.

Today I want to say a few words to my mother-“Dear mom, you made me the luckiest person in the world by being my mother. I cannot repay you what you did for me. I just want to express my love to you. You’re the woman that has sacrificed all her life just to build mine”. Did you know? The word “Mother” is derived from the Sanskrit word “maatri” which means a woman who gives birth & a mother is the most influential character in everyone’s life. She is our first well-wisher, our first teacher, and also our first friend. She has to awake many nights just for taking care of her child.

In philosophy, it is said that when God found it tough to protect the whole world, he made mothers. A mother is a beautiful gem in everyone’s life and cannot be replaced by anyone else. She is the one who takes care of us in our childhood, encourages us in our teenage, and supports us in our hard times. When we were kids and could not be able to help ourselves, she took care of us and devoted her days and nights to the sake of our comfort. But, today we are mature enough to take responsibility. Now we must serve our Mother with love.

So we need to respect her cordially. We must always try to keep her happy and relaxed. Mothers are a great invention of God. All the mothers on the planet, be humans, animals, or any other species, are greatly appreciable. They are a combination of love, strength, and limitless courage. I am very thankful to God for blessing me with my mother. I want to say a few words dedicated to my mother; “Dear mom, whatever I am today is because I have you. You taught me to be myself even during hard times. I wish you nothing more than fulfillment and happiness. Thank you for always being my defense, fortress, and shield. Your love has been the pillow I rest on during the hard times, I can’t afford to repay you.” Love you, Mom.

At last, I want to dedicate some of my words to my mother; “my angel, my strength and my supermom. For replacing my shame with boldness, my sadness with happiness and my fear with courage, thank you. Even after all these years, you are the most gorgeous and kindest woman I know. No wonder you don’t age. I’m so glad to be called your son. Looking at you reminds me that not all angels have wings and not all Superheroes wear special costumes. You have been my guardian angel from the first day and I love you, forevermore”.

Yours loving son in Christ,
Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuruvidathil CST.

Happy Mother's Day



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- Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador Most Rev. Bart Van Roijen
- Pastor.....Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuruvidathil CST
- Associate Pastor 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 pm
Sunday Morning -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: 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
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 notice required; a year's notice recommended

RECONCILIATION

1st Saturday of each month at 2:15 pm (or)
Priest available 30 minutes before Mass

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please call parish office to register.

MARIA REGINA PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturdays at 4:30 pm & Sundays at 9:00 am

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS TIMES

Sunday at 10:30 am the 1st, 3rd, & 4th Sunday of each month.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHAPEL

Second Sunday of the month @ 10:30 am

St. Stephens Prayer Group

St. Stephen's prayer group meets every 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.

recommended.