

CONTRIBUTIONS May 11th & 12th	
Offertory	\$2191.05
Building Fund	\$ 45.00
Shepherd's Fund	\$ 80.00
TOTAL	\$2316.05

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 21st at 7:00 pm

Late Barbara Barter req. by Tom & Venita
Late Marie Colombe req. by Ken & Isabel Hawco
Late Judy Tucker req. by donor

Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm

Late Mary Morris-Colombe req. by Bernice Benoit
Late Herman Wheeler req. by Edward Michaud
Special intentions req. by donor

Thursday, May 23rd at 9:30 am

Int. Herb Short req. by Hilda Short
Int. Mary Cooper req. by Madeline & George White
Int Cormier Family req. by donor

Late Terrance White req. by Michelle Young & Family
Friday, May 24th at 9:30 am
Int. Peggy Bennett req. by Mom
Late Gerald Schumph req. by Francis & Kathleen King-Joy
Late Delores White req. by Shelly, Jackie, & Trevor

Sanctuary Candle

*In loving memory of Wishie Gaudet
Req. by Mom & Dad*

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL

PSALM & GOSPEL: May 20th to May 24th

Monday, May 20th

1st Reading: Genesis 3.9-15, 20
Responsorial Psalm: Judith 13.18bc, 19-20ab (R.15.9d)
Gospel: John 19.25-27

Tuesday, May 21st

1st Reading: James 4.1-10
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 55.6-7, 8-9a, 9b-10, 22 (R.22a)
Gospel: Mark 9.30-37

Wednesday, May 22nd

1st Reading: James 4.13-17
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 49.1-2, 5-6, 7-9, 10+13 (R.Mt 5.3)
Gospel: Mark 9.38-40

Thursday, May 23rd

1st Reading: James 5.1-6
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 49.13-14ab, 14cd-15,16-17, 18-19(R.Mt 5.3)
Gospel: Mark 9.41-50

Friday, May 24th

1st Reading: James 5.9-12
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103.1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 (R.8a)
Gospel: Mark 10.1-12

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Service

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of ser-

vice but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each **Steward** must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ MONTHLY SCHEDULE

1st Thursday	Legion
2nd Thursday	Lions Club
3rd Thursday	Knights of Columbus
4th Thursday	Pentecost Church
*5th Thursday	DAWN (Lions Club)

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.
- The last **"Coffee Time"** until September is this Sunday, May 19th after the 10:30 am Mass in the downstairs meeting room.
- **St. Anne's Guild** will be holding an important meeting on Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 pm in the downstairs meeting room.
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving, **MADD**, cordially invites you to attend their Candlelight Vigil on May 23, 2024 at Stephenville High School, 1 Bruce Blvd, Stephenville beginning at 7:00 pm. This service is open to then general public.
- **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 offset 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 @7:00pm. All Parishioners welcome and encourage to attend this special celebration.
- Tuesday to Friday, **praying of the Rosary** will start 1/2 hour before Mass.
- The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 20th.



Pentecost

May 19th, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

What is Pentecost?

“Pentecost Sunday marks the end of the [first novena](#).

Pentecost (Whitsunday), with Christmas and Easter, ranks among the great feasts of Christianity. It commemorates not only the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Disciples, but also the fruits and effects of that event: the completion of the work of redemption, the fullness of grace for the Church and its children, and the gift of faith for all nations.

After Jesus had ascended to heaven from Mt. Olivet, the apostles and disciples returned to the Holy City. They remained together in the Upper Room or Cenacle, the place where Jesus had appeared to them and which may well be called the first Christian church. About a hundred and twenty persons were assembled there. They chose Matthias as an apostle in place of the unhappy Judas; they prayed and waited for the Paraclete.

Ten days had passed, it was Sunday, the seventh Sunday after the resurrection. At about nine o'clock in the morning, as they were together praying fervently, the Holy Spirit descended upon them.

The small community of Christians had prepared themselves through prayer for the coming of the Paraclete (Holy Spirit). The same is true at Mass today, every day; through prayer we ready our souls for the advent of the Spirit.

The descent upon the apostles was internal and invisible in nature although accompanied by certain visible phenomena. There came a mighty roar, like the onrush of a violent wind. It came suddenly, from heaven; but unlike storms that strike a structure from without, this one penetrated and filled the room where the disciples were gathered. Therefore it was not a natural wind, it was a miracle peculiar to the occasion. A second visible sign consisted in tongues of fire that descended upon each one present. These fiery tongues gave visible evidence that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them.

There was still another external manifestation of the Holy Spirit; the apostles and disciples were enabled to speak various languages.

After the roar of the wind many of Jerusalem's pilgrims hurried to the Cenacle. Pentecost was one of the three festivals which obliged all Jews to be present in Jerusalem.

Now the apostles, who so shortly before had hid in fear behind locked doors, came forth and courageously walked among the multitude speaking to each in his native tongue. It was indeed amazing! Galileans, and multilingual?

One final question: why the miracle of tongues? In answer, recall the story regarding the tower of Babel. Puffed up by pride, men attempted to build a tower that would touch the heavens. To punish their sin, God confused their speech. Sin causes confusion and division. Now Christ came to gather all men into His Church and thereby to unite them to Himself. This should result in creating but one family of nations again. To this blessed state the miracle of tongues points.”

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-05-19>

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May 19th, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

- 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.