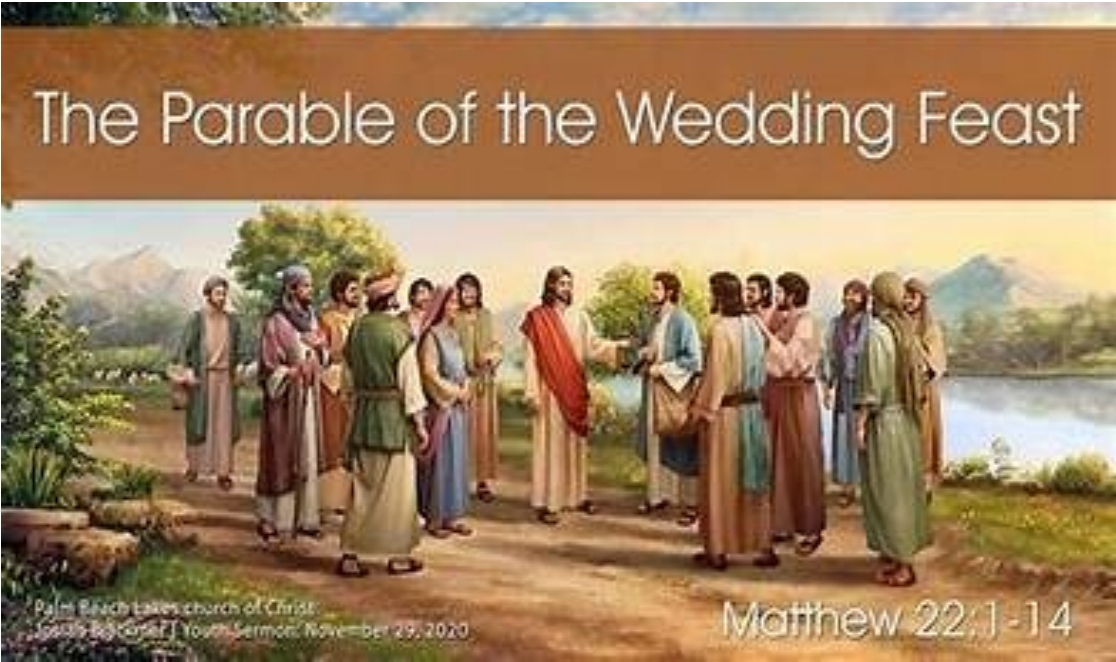


“Christ did not ask anyone to do the impossible. He led the way, and millions have followed him to eternal glory. He has called us too and has placed within our easy reach in his Church all the grace we need. If we fail to use these divine helps, we will have no one to blame but ourselves. We have been called with the many. We can be among the ‘chosen.’”

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2026-10-11>



St. Stephen's Parish

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October 11th, 2026	The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador.....	Most Rev. Bart van Roijen
Pastor.....	Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuruvithadathil CST
Associate Pastor.....	Fr. George Attuchalil CST
Parish Council Chair.....	Warren Quinton
Finance Chair.....	Rosa Dollard
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Ryan
St. Anne's Guild President.....	Hilda Short
Religious Education	Team Volunteers
Liturgy Coordinator.....	Bernice Maddock
Responsible Ministry Coordinator.....	Debbie Wilton
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight.....	Roger Hynes
4th degree Assembly Faithful Navigator.....	Clyde Russell

MASS TIMES

- *St. Stephen's Parish:
Saturday Evenings at 6:00pm
Sunday Mornings at 10:30am
Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00pm
Thursday and Friday at 9:30am
- *Maria Regina, Port au Port East:
Saturday at 4:30pm & Sunday at 9:00am
Thursday at 3:30pm
- *Our Lady of Fatima, Piccadilly:
1st, 2nd, & 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30am
- *St. Columcille, St. Fintans:
1st & 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00pm

RECONCILIATION

- The Priest is available 30 minutes before Mass
- After the Healing Mass

HEALING MASS

The 1st Friday of the month.
< Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and reconciliation: 9:30am to 12noon>

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30am to 4:30pm
Wednesday: 8:30am to 12noon
Friday: 8:30am to 4:00pm
*Closed daily from 12noon to 1:00pm

MARRIAGES

Six months required; One year recommended.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please call the Parish Office to register.

ST.STEPHEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday at 1:30pm

ROSARY GROUP

Saturday at 11:00am

SAINT ANNE'S GUILD

Rosary; second Monday of the Month.
All are welcome.

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.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Offertory (\$3604.95), Needs of the Canadian Church (\$33.00), World Mission Sunday (\$27.00), Shepherd's Fund (\$80.00), Building Fund (\$617.00), and a TOTAL of \$4361.95.

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 St. Stephen's Parish is a FRAGRANT FREE place of worship as we have many parishioners who are asthmatic and/or have severe allergies. Thank you

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm
Int. Chantel Simon req. by a Grateful Friend
Int. Abigale White req. by Donor
Late Norbert Lainey req. by Bernice & Herb
Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 pm
Int. Edna Harnett req. by Ursula & Theresa
Late Madeline & Patrick Marche req. by Marie Hynes
Late Francis Ballard req. by Paula & Family
Late Tom Rotchford req. by The Family
Thursday, October 15th at 9:30 am
Late Jim, Von & Roy O'Leary req. by Donor

Late Carolyn White req. by Donor
Late Mary Alyward req. by St. Anne's Guild
Friday, October 16th at 9:30 am
Int. T.J. req. by Donor
Late Regina LeCour req. by Family
Late James Johnson req. by Ed & Susan Johnson

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: October 11th to 17th

Sunday, October 11th
1st Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (R. 6cd)
2nd Reading: Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14
OR: Matthew 22.1-10
Monday, October 12th-Happy Thanksgiving
1st Reading: Galatians 4.22-24, 26-27, 31-5.1
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 113.1-2, 3-4, 5a+6-7, (R. see 2)
Gospel: Luke 11.29-32
Tuesday, October 13th
1st Reading: Galatians 5.1-6
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119.41+43, 44-45, 47-48 (R.41a)
Gospel: Luke 11.37-41
Wednesday, October 14th
1st Reading: Galatians 5.18-25
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1.1-2, 3, 4+6 (R. see Jn 8.12)
Gospel: Luke 11.42-46
Thursday, October 15th
1st Reading: Ephesians 1.1-10
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 98.1, 2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6 (R. 2a)
Gospel: Luke 11.47-54
Friday, October 16th World Food Day
1st Reading: Ephesians 1.11-14
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33.1-2, 4-5, 12-13 (R. 12b)
Gospel: Luke 12.1-7
Saturday, October 17th
1st Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 8.1-2a, 3-4, 5-6 (R. 6)
Gospel: Luke 12.8-12

STEWARDSHIP

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." PHILIPPIANS 4:19
God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just co-incidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month; be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

HUMOUR

In the grocery store a woman was frantically digging through the frozen poultry section. She inspected bird after bird, clearly frustrated that none were large enough for her Thanksgiving dinner.
Spotting a young employee restocking shelves near by, she called out, "Excuse me, do these turkeys get any bigger?"
The kid stopped, stared at her with a completely deadpan expression, and bluntly replied: "No, ma'am. They're dead."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 12th.
- Nominations for a member for St. Stephen's Parish Pastoral Council are being accepted. Please find nomination forms at the Church entrance.
- The Knights of Columbus is hosting the Rosary on Sundays at 7:00 pm for the month of October.
- St Anne's Guild will be hosting the Rosary on Monday, October 19h at 1:30 pm.
- Tuesday, October 20th the 7:00 pm Mass will be a memorial mass for the cemetery in Kippens, also known as the "Kippens Mi'kmaw cemetery". All are welcome.

The Start dates for the Religion Program are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Program, Date, Time. Rows include Kindergarten (Tues., Oct 20th @6:00 pm), Year 1 (Tues., Oct 15th @6:00 pm), Year 2 (Thurs., Oct 22nd @ 6:00 pm), Year 3/4 (Tues., Oct 27th @ 6:00 pm), Year 5/6 (Mon., Oct 26th @ 6:00 pm), Pre-Confirmation (Wed., Oct 14th @ 6:30 pm), Confirmation (Wed., Oct 14th @ 7:30 pm)

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

Table with 2 columns: Day, Location. Rows include 1st Thursday (Legion), 2nd Thursday (Lions Club), 3rd Thursday (Knights of Columbus), 4th Thursday (Pentecost Church), *5th Thursday (DAWN (Lions Club))

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the month of October 2026: For mental health ministry

"Let us pray that the mental ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness."

