

CONTRIBUTIONS	September 5th & 6th
Offertory	\$2540.55
Building Fund	\$ 424.00
Shepherd's Fund	\$ 80.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 10.00
Christmas Day	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$ 3059.55

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, September 15th at 7:00 pm
Late Jacinta Cormier req. by Braeden Cormier
Late Jennifer Lynn Joy req. by Francis & Kathleen King-Joy
Late Angela LeCoure req. by Audrey LeCoure
Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 pm
Int. Tony Paul req. by Patrick Hynes
Late Morris Felix req. by Liz Felix
Late Norbet Lainey req. by Patrick, Danica & Chelsea Hynes & Riza Villanueva
Thursday, September 17th at 10:00 am
Int. Laurie Anne req. by Donor

Pray for Israel req. by Danny
Late Adeline Salamarie req. by Patrick Hynes
Friday, September 18th at 9:30 am
Late George White req. by Madeline White
Late Mark White req. by Jamie Keating

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: September 13th to 19th

Sunday, September 13th
1st Reading: Sirach 27.30-28.7
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103.1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 **(R.8)**

2nd Reading: Romans 14.7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35
Monday, September 14th
1st Reading: Numbers 21.4-9
OR: Philippians 2.6-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 78.1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 **(R. see 7b)**
Gospel: John 13-17
Tuesday, September 15th
1st Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 31.1-2b, 2c-3, 4-5, 14-15, 19 **(R.16b)**
Gospel : Luke 2.33-35
OR: John 19.25-27
Wednesday, September 16th
1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33.2-3, 43-5, 12+22 **(R.12b)**
Gospel: Luke 7.31-35
Thursday, September 17th
1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118.1-2, 16ab-17, 21+28 **(R.1a)**
Gospel: Luke 7.36-50
Friday, September 18th
1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17.1, 6-7, 8b+15 **(R.1)**
Gospel: Luke 8.1-3
Saturday, September 19th
1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.35-37, 42-50++
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 56.3-4, 9b-11,12-13 **(R. see 13b)**
Gospel: Luke 8.4-15

STEWARDSHIP

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." ROMANS 14:8
This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

HUMOUR

A guy buys a parrot at an auction, but as soon as he brings it home, the bird start yelling non-stop insults and squawking at the top of its lungs. After an hour of constant noise, the guy has had enough. He grabs the parrot and shoves it into the freezer to cool off. For a few seconds the parrot squawks angrily inside. Then suddenly, total silence.
Fearing he went too far, the guy quickly opens the freezer door. The parrot calmly steps out onto his arm, bows its head, and says softly: "I apologize deeply for my rude behavior. I promise to be polite and quiet from now on."
The guy is stunned. "Wow...thank you! I appreciate that."
The parrot looks back at the freezer, shivers, and whispers, "If you don't mind me asking... what did the chicken do?"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a **Parish Council Meeting** on Wednesday, September 16th at 7:45 pm.
- The **Knights of Columbus 4th Degree** meeting will take place on Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 pm
- **Parish Coffee Time** will take place on Sunday, September 20th after the 10:30 am Mass

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 Pentecost Church
*5th Thursday DAWN (Lions Club)

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the month of September 2026: *For the care of water;* "Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it."

Prayer for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things, and,
that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever. **Amen**



The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BISHOPS UPDATE TO PARISHES

Though all Catholic dioceses function independently, they are bound together by a common faith, their unity with Rome, liturgical norms and ways and means of operating set out in Canon Law. In order to foster unity between dioceses and within particular regions, bishops come together in order to collaborate on common concerns and ministries. In early September and early April, the bishops of Atlantic Canada come together in Halifax for two days. In late September, the bishops of Canada come together in Montreal for five days. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops also has a small staff to work on common issues ranging from the Offices of Faith Formation, Family Life and Liturgy, to the offices of ecumenical relations, indigenous ministry and communications with the government. Though, in the day to day running of things, the Church follows the rule of subsidiarity: “a decentralized model” (i.e. enabling the person/family/parish/diocese in what is in their capacity to do), there are certain things that no single person/family/parish/diocese could do alone. By contributing to the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada, each person gives what they can to help support the work, ministry and collaboration that needs to take place on the regional and national level.



**31 I do not say to you seven times,
but seventy times seven."**

Gospel Reflection on Matthew 18:21-35

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<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2026-09-13>

Rosary: Summer Break. Will resume in September.