

CONTRIBUTIONS September 7th & 8th

Offertory \$2006.15
Building Fund \$ 100.00
Total \$2106.15

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, September 17th at 7:00 pm

Int. Meghan req. by donor
Late Julie LaFitte & Margaret White req. by Barbara LaFitte Copple

Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 pm

Int. Maureen Brockway req. by donor
Late Sandra O'Quinn req. by Deb & Tom Keough
Late Margaret & Michael Gale req. by Peggy & Aaron Bennett

Thursday, September 19th at 9:30 am

Late Troy White req. by Pat & Dave Sharp
Late Mark Russell req. by The Russell Family Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 20th at 9:30 am

Int. George & Madeline White req. by Cecilia Walsh
Late Robert White req. by Shane & Annette Downey
Late Regina Sheppard -Young req. by Her sister, Linda.

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM

& GOSPEL: September 16th to September 22nd
Monday, September 16th

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 11.17-26, 33
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 40.6-7a, 7b-8, 9,
16 (R.7 Cor 11.26b)
Gospel: Luke 7.1-10

Tuesday, September 17th

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-14,
27-31a
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 100.1-2, 3, 4, 5 (R.3c)
Gospel: Luke 7.11-17

Wednesday, September 18th

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 19th

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 20th

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17.1, 6-7, 8b+15 (R.15b)
Gospel: Luke 8.1-3

Saturday, September 21st

1st Reading: Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19.1-2, 3-4ab (R.4a)
Gospel: Matthew 9.9-13

Sunday, September 15th

1st Reading: Wisdom 2.12, 17-20
Responsorial: Ps 54.1-2, 3, 4+6 (R.4b)
2nd Reading: James 3.16-4.3
Gospel: Mark 9.30-37

STEWARDSHIP Stewardship Lifestyle

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34

Living a **Stewardship** lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

CHURCH HUMOR Middle-Aged Woman

A middle-aged woman has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital. While on the operating table

she has a near death experience. During this experience, she sees God and asks him, "Is this it"? God says, "No" and explains that she has another 30 years to live.

Upon her recovery, she decides to just stay in the hospital and have a face lift, liposuction, tummy tuck, and so on. She even has someone come in and change her hair color. She figures since she's got another 30 years, she might as well make the most of it.

She walks out of the hospital after the last operation and is killed by an ambulance speeding by. She arrives in front of God and complains, "I thought you said I had another 30 years."

God replies, "I didn't recognize you!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Nominations for Parish Council** have closed. The three positions have been filled.
- There will be a **Parish Council** meeting on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:30 pm.
- **The Knights of Columbus** will be having their 4th degree meeting on Thursday, September 19th at 8:00 pm
- **Grenfell Campus** in Corner Brook will be having a Mass for all Catholic Students and Staff on September 21, 2024 at 9:30 am followed by a brief social. Parents and Grandparents are encouraged to attend. Information is posted on the Bulletin Board at the Church entrance.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** will take place on Sunday, September 22 at the 10:30 am Mass. We ask all our children to bring their backpacks (old or new, empty or full, it doesn't matter) so that the priest can bless them and bless the children as well. Please mark your calendar.
- **"Coffee Time"** will take place on September 22nd after the 10:30 am Mass.
- **Father Joseph** will be travelling to his home town in India and will be on **medical leave** from September 23rd to October 29th. We wish Father Joseph safe travel's and a speedy recovery.
- **The annual Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital Radiothon** will be held on September 26th from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm broadcasting on AM870. All monies raised stays at our local hospital in Stephenville. More information

including the list of equipment in which the money is being raised, is posted on the Bulletin Board at the Church entrance.

- **Religious Education Classes** will be scheduled to start in October. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office and online.
- Tuesday to Friday, **praying of the Rosary** will start 1/2 hour before Mass.
- **St. Stephen's Parish** is opened daily from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm for private prayer.
- **We are recruiting volunteers. A description of each ministry is enclosed.**

OUR LADY OF MERCY HERITAGE CHURCH AND MUSEUM, PORT AU PORT WEST

- Open daily, including Tea Room & Café, Tuesday through Saturday until September 27, 2024.
- For additional information call 709-648-2439

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 Francis Prayer Intention for September 2024

"For the cry of the earth~We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climate change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live."



September 15th 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

“How do we answer the question Jesus addresses to his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8:29). If we acknowledge that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the One who has become our Savior, then we are obligated to take up our crosses for his sake, joining them to his cross. We participate in his cross when we carry our crosses, accept help from others in carrying them, and assist others in carrying theirs.”

PASTORAL PATTERNS - AUTUMN 2024—August 11—November 28

Twenty-Fourth Sun-

day in Ordinary Time

Prayer

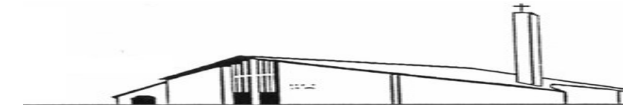
Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-09-15>



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September 15th, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary

- Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador..... Most Rev. Bart Van Roijen
- Pastor..... Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuruvidathil CST
- Associate Pastor..... Fr. Jaison Joseph Vizhukipara CST
- Seminarian..... Joseph Kibuule
- Parish Council Chair..... Debbie Wilton
- Finance Committee Chair..... Rosa Dollard
- Administrative Assistant..... Kim Ryan
- St. Anne's Guild..... Hilda Short
- 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 at 6:00 pm
Sunday Morning at 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION

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

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Thursday and Friday at 9:30 am

MASS TIMES

*Maria Regina, Port au Port East:
Saturday at 4:30 pm & Sunday at 9:00 am
*Our lady of Fatima, Piccadilly:
The 1st, 3rd, & 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30 am
*St. Vincent de Paul, Point au Mal:
Second Sunday of the month at 10:30 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday and 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

ROSARY GROUP

Saturday at 11:00 am

MARRIAGES

Six months noticed required; a years notice recommended

ST. STEPHENS PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the downstairs meeting room

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please call Parish office to register.

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.

Welcome to the Ministries of St. Stephen's Parish

Ministries Description

Bereavement Ministry: This group consists of individuals who help families to plan funerals whether a Mass of Christian Burial or a funeral home liturgy. A team member offers support, compassion, and consolation to the family while preparing and coordinating the Mass / Service. The team member works with the family and assists at the funeral home vigil and the Mass / Service. Training and a timely schedule will be worked out between each person and the team coordinator. If interested in offering your much needed volunteer service to this group, please call the Parish office at 709-643-2523. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Calling all Singers and Musicians: Were you ever in a school choir? Maybe you can read music? Can you make a weekly commitment to sing for Sunday Mass? If so, why not consider becoming a choir member and sharing your talent? Can you play a musical instrument? If so, your talents are needed also. If you are interested in music ministry, please contact the Parish office at 709-643-2523.

Sacristan: Welcome to the world of the Sacristan. They arrive a half hour early to open the Church, set up for Mass and make sure that lights go on and candles are lit at the proper time. When Mass is over, they extinguish the candles, put everything away, clean the vessels, shut the lights off and secure the building. They work behind the scenes, the unsung hero, who make everyone else look good! If you would like to be a part of the team, either for weekdays or one of the

weekend Masses, please call the Parish office at 709 643-2523. Training and mentorship will be provided.

Eucharistic Minister: Have you thought about being an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist? Eucharistic ministers, as they are usually called, assist the Priest with the distribution of the Holy Communion during Mass. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the Parish office at 709 643-2523

Lector (Reader): Would you like to become a more active participant in Mass? Are you a good reader? Have you ever considered becoming a lector here in the Parish? A good lector proclaims the Word of God in the first and second reading of the Mass. Effective proclamation of the Word involves the delivery of the message with clarity, conviction with appropriate volume and pace. The lector also leads the Prayers of the Faithful. If this sounds like something you could do and would like to try, please call the Parish office at 709 643-2523.

Hospitality Minister: These ministers look at the overall welcome a person receives, entering and leaving our Parish Masses. They put out the bulletins after Mass and return the Offertory boxes to the sacristy. If you are interested in this committee, please call the Parish office at 709 643-2523.

Cross Bearer: A Cross Bearer is someone who carries the cross at the beginning and end of the church service; they also hold the Missal for the Priest. If you are interested in volunteering please call the Parish office at 709 643-2523.