

**CONTRIBUTIONS September 14th & 15th**

Offertory	\$3522.00
Building Fund	\$ 140.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3712.00</b>

*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 24th at 7:00 pm**

Int. Pauline Abbott req. by Sister Gladys  
Late Troy White req. by Deb & Tom Keough  
Late Kyle O'Quinn req. by Della & Tim  
Souls in Purgatory req. by donor

**Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 pm**

Int. Candace Gillis req. by donor  
Late Pius Tourout req. by Lucy Tourout  
Late Ellen Maude & Douglas Walsh req. by Lucy Tourout

**Thursday, September 26th at 9:30 am**

Late Pius Tourout req. by donor  
Late Donna Ingram req. by Deb & Tom Keough  
Late Phylis Young req. by Barbara Langillille

**Friday, September 27th at 9:30 am**

Int. Brandon Kerney req. by His Mom Marie, Bernice & Linda  
Late Robert White req. by Bob & Cathleen McCourt

Youth intentions req. by donor

**DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: September 23rd to September 29th**

**Sunday, September 22nd**

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

**Monday, September 23rd**

1st Reading: Proverbs 3.27-34  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15.1b-3a, 3b-4a, 4b-5 (R.1b-2)  
Gospel: Luke 8.16-18

**Tuesday, September 24th**

1st Reading: Proverbs 21.1-6, 10-13  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119.1+27, 30+34, 35+44 (R.35a)  
Gospel: Luke 8.19-21

**Wednesday, September 25th**

1st Reading: Proverbs 30.5-9  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119.29+72, 89+101, 104+163 (R.105a)  
Gospel: Luke 9.1-6

**Thursday, September 26th**

1st Reading: Revelations 7.9-17  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 124.2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 (R.5a)  
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.7-15  
Gospel: Luke 9.23-26

**OR**

Gospel: John 12.24-26

**Friday, September 27th**

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 3.1-11  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144.1a+2abc, 3-4, 9+15b (R.1a)++  
Gospel: Luke 9.18-22

**Saturday, September 28th**

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 11.9-12.8  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90.3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17 (R.1)  
Gospel: Luke 9.43b-45

**STEWARDSHIP Stewardship Servants**

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all. " MARK 9:35*

Jesus teaches us that we as Christian **Stewards** are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of

sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

**CHURCH HUMOR The Hungry Lion**

Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears the lion saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **The annual Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital Radiothon** will be held on Thursday, September 26th from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm broadcasting on AM870. More information is posted on the Bulletin Board at the Church entrance.
- Once again, we are asking for donations to our local food bank. As part of our **Thanksgiving service** we have a table in front of the Church where we ask you to place your charitable donations. We will be collecting up to October 14th. Thank you for your kindness.
- **We are recruiting volunteers.** A description of the different ministries can be found on the table at the Church entrance. Please take a copy and consider offering your services.
- 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.

**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
<b>3rd Thursday</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus</b>
4th Thursday	Pentecost Church
*5th Thursday	DAWN (Lions Club)

**\*Note from Father O'Quinn (regarding funerals)**

"It has been my privilege to officiate at many funerals here in St. Stephen's, even in retirement. However, I am very aware that is the responsibility and mandate of the parish priest to celebrate the sacraments and special liturgies with his parishioners. Therefore, on a go-forward basis, Father Joseph will, as pastor be celebrant in most cases. I will happily concelebrate with him if invited by family. I ask your understanding and cooperation in this matter."

**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 22nd 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

“All Christians know that Christ suffered and died for their salvation, and that he asked his followers to take up their cross and follow him if they wished to be his disciples. The first generations of Christians fully understood this and faithfully followed him even to martyrdom. However, as time went on and opposition to the Christian faith disappeared, so too did the zeal and fervor of many Christians. For centuries we have had nominal Christians in Christ's Church -- men and women who tried to make their paradise in this world, and forgot the everlasting heaven.

Our own age has seen an unprecedented increase in this falling away of Christians. Leaving aside the parts of Europe which are professedly atheist, but where in spite of the leaders there are many sincere and devout Christians, the number of lapsed and nominal Christians in the other Western countries is frightening. These non-practicing Christians, unwilling to carry their crosses, have decided to make this earth their paradise. They want prosperity, comfort and happiness in this world. The vast majority of them, of course, refuse to look to the future; it could be an unpleasant thought, yet they must see that in every town and village there is a mortician, an undertaker who makes a good living disposing of human "remains." Die they must; "and what then?" should be a question which overshadows their lives.

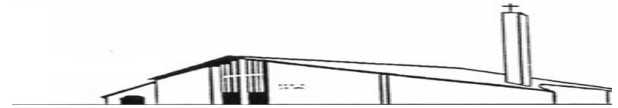
Many of these people who in practice have abandoned Christianity, try to salve their consciences by devoting any time they can spare to making this planet a better place in which to live. It is an excellent aim with a possibility of success, if the Fatherhood of God and the true brotherhood of man are upheld. But otherwise it is a vain Utopia. If God, and Christ's teaching are left out of our reckoning, we shall ever have jealousies, enmities, hatred and wars. Christians have made war on Christians because neither side in the struggle was truly Christian. What chance then has the world when Christ and Christianity are banished from it?"

*Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*  
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-09-22>



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September 22nd, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

### REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES

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

### MARRIAGES

Six months noticed required; a years notice recommended

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please call Parish office to register.

### RECONCILIATION

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

### 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

### ROSARY GROUP

Saturday at 11:00 am

### ST. STEPHENS PRAYER GROUP

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.