#### CONTRIBUTIONS September 20th & 21st Offertory \$2763.55 **Building Fund** 75.00 Needs of the Canadian Church 5.00 Insurance 4.00 **TOTAL** \$2847.55

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 vour 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 fragrantfree place of worship as we have many parishioners who are asthmatic and/or have severe scent allergies. Thank you.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

# Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00 pm

Int. Fr. Maurice O'Quinn reg. by Donor Late Peter MacIsaac reg. by Marlene & Family Late Jackie Young reg. by Madeline Hawkins-Campbell

# Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00 pm

Late Eileen Drover req. by Kay Bouzane & Family Late James MacArthur req. by his Wife

## Thursday, October 2nd at 9:30 am

Late Natasha Flynn & Lori Flynn-White req. by Bernice Flynn

Late Jim Dwyer & John Ezekiel reg. by Bernice Flynn

# Friday, October 3rd at 9:30 am

Int Dominic Boulas req. by Boulas Sisters

Special Int. req. by Susan Sheppard Special Int. req. by Elizabeth Joseph

#### DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM

# & GOSPEL: September 28th to October 4th

Sunday, September 28th

Amos 6.1a, 4-7 1st Reading: Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (**R**.1)

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6.11-16 Gospel: Luke 16.19-31

Monday, September 29th

1st Reading: Revelation 12.7-12a

**OR** Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138.1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5 (**R.**1c)

John 1.47-51 Gospel:

Tuesday, September 30th

1st Reading: Zechariah 8.20-23 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 87.1-3, 4-5, 6-7 (**R.** Zech 8.23)

Luke 9.51-56

Wednesday, October 1st

Gospel:

1st Reading: Nehemiah 2.1-8

Ps 137.1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (*R*.6ab) Responsorial Psalm: Gospel:

Luke 9.57-62

Thursday, October 2nd

1st Reading: Exodus 23.20-23a Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, 10-11 (**R**.11)

Gospel: Matthew 18.1-5, 10

Friday, October 3rd

1st Reading: Baruch 1.15-22

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79.1-2, 3-4, 5+8, 9 (**R**.9b)

Gospel: Luke 10.13-16

Saturday, October 4th

1st Reading: Baruch 4.5-12, 27-29 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 69.29+32, 33-34,

35-36 (**R.**33a)

Gospel: Luke 10.17-24

#### STEWARDSHIP Stewardship Bridge

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world, He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own Stewardship we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

#### **Polygamy HUMOR**

A Mormon acquaintance once pushed Mark Twain into an argument on the issue of polygamy. After long and tedious expositions justifying the practice, the Mormon demanded that Twain cite any passage of Scripture expressly forbidding polygamy.

"Nothing easier," Twain replies. "No man can serve two masters."

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday September 30th, in recognition of The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- There will be a St. Anne's Guild meeting on Monday, September 29th at 2:00 pm in the Church downstairs meeting room. New members are welcome.
- In remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi. there will be a blessing of the animals in Our Lady of Mercy Heritage Church on Friday, October 3rd at 4:00 pm. All are welcome.
- The Parkinson Support Group will be meeting on Sunday, October 5th at 2:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus building. Care Partners, family members and home care workers are welcome to attend.
- Religious Education will be starting mid October. Registration forms can be found on our website at www.ststephensparish.com or picked up at the Parish Office. Please have registration forms submitted by October 6th. Families will be notified of the start date.
- Development and Peace-Caritas Canada

**Fall Workshop-***Ethiopia and the Burden of* Debt - Corner Brook and Labrador Diocese -Tuesday, October 16, 2025, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. The workshop will be hosted virtually. https:// us02web.zoom.usj/88568856455? pwd=SB0OXDshaWbmjet0FDH2VcVbnxuS9 **v.1** 

**NOTICE:** Fr. Joseph and Fr. George will be away on Retreat for the week of Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. There are no weekday masses during this week. The Parish Office will be closed during this period and will reopen on Tuesday, October 14th.

# 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 Pentecostal Church \*5th Thursday DAWN (Lions Club)



# September 28th, 2025

# The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the parable about the Lazarus, "Jesus never says how Lazarus came to be poor, hungry, and covered with sores. Perhaps he dissipated what little money he had, like the prodigal son. Perhaps he had committed crimes and had served time in prison. Perhaps he was mentally ill or physically ill and could not hold down a job. But by not giving any history on Lazarus, perhaps Jesus intended to teach the Pharisees that this didn't matter. The rich man should have reached out to help him no matter what led him to the dire straits he was in. The rich man's job was not to judge if Lazarus was worthy of his help. It was to offer him compassion and charity. After all, none of us are truly worthy of God's mercy. And yet, God reaches out to us, as to Lazarus, with compassion and salvation."

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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday

## September 28th, 2025

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Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador	Most Kev. Bart van Koijen
	Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuruvithadathil CST
Associate Pastor	
Parish Council Chair	Warren Ouinton
Finance Chair	
Administrative Assistant	

Administrative Assistant	Kim Rvan
St. Anne's Guild President	Hilda Šhort
Religious Education Coordinator	Michelle Hawco
Liturgy Coordinator	Bernice Maddock
Responsible Ministry Coordinator	

Responsible Ministry Coordinator	Vacant
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight	Conrad Benoit
4th degree Assembly Faithful Navigator	
District Master 4th degree	

#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

## Saturday Evenings at 6:00 pm Sunday Mornings 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 & 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 required; One year recommended.

### BAPTISM PRERARATION

Please call Parish office to register.

#### RECONCILIATION

The Priest is available 30 minutes before Mass

#### **MASS TIMES**

\*Maria Regina, Port au Port East: Saturday at 4:30 pm & Sunday at 9:00 am

\*Our Lady of Fatima, Piccadilly:

1st, 3rd, & 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30 am

\* St. Vincent de Paul, Point au Mal: 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 am

\*St. Columcille, St. Fintans:

1st & 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm

# **ROSARY GROUP**

Saturday at 11:00 am

# ST. STEPHEN'S 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.

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