

<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	August 16th
Offertory	\$1563.00
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
TOTAL	\$ 1603.00

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, August 25th at 7:00 pm
Int. Todd Webb req. by Donor
Late Arthur White req. by Madelyn White
Late Jacinta Cormier req. by Braeden Cormier
Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00 pm
Late Pius Tourout req. by Judy, Terry, Lenny, & Dan-ny
Late Clinton Felix req. by Liz Felix
Youth Intentions req. by Donor
Thursday, August 27th at 9:30 am
Int. Wayne Lucas req. by Donor
Late Doreen McCann Gillis req. by Madelyn White
Late Jack Taylor req. by Donor
Friday, August 28th at 9:30 am
Int. Murial req. by Patrick Hynes

Late Vince Oake req. by Donor
Late Damien Drake Love Mom & Dad

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

Sunday, August 23rd
1st Reading: Isaiah 22.15, 19-23
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138.1-2a, 2b-3, 6+8b **(R.8b)**

2nd Reading: Romans 11.33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20

Monday, August 24th
1st Reading: Revelation 21.9b-14
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145.10-11, 12-13ab, 17-18 **(R. see 12)**

Gospel: John 1.45-51

Tuesday, August 25th
1st Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a, 14-17
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96.10, 11-12a, 12b-13 **(R.13b)**

Gospel : Matthew 23.23-26

Wednesday, August 26th
1st Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-10, 16-18
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128.1-2, 4-5 **(R.1)**

Gospel: Matthew 23.27-32

Thursday, August 27th
1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145.2-3, 4-5, 6-7 **(R.see 1)**

Gospel: Matthew 24.42-51

Friday, August 28th
1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.17-25
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33.1-2, 4-5, 10ab+11 **(R.15b)**

Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

Saturday, August 29th
1st Reading: Jeremiah 1.17-19
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 3371.1-2, 3-4a, 5-6, 15ab+17 **(R.15ab)**

Gospel: Mark 6.17-29

STEWARDSHIP

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we, too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else’s prayer.

HUMOUR Little Johnny

Little Johnny took one bite...then immediately started a family war at the dinner table. Everyone was seated around the table as food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. “Johnny, wait until we’ve said our prayer,” his mother reminded him. “I don’t have to,” the little boy replied. “Of course you do,” his mother insisted. “We say a prayer before eating at our house.” “That’s at our house,” Johnny explained, “but this is Grandma’s house...and she knows how to cook!!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

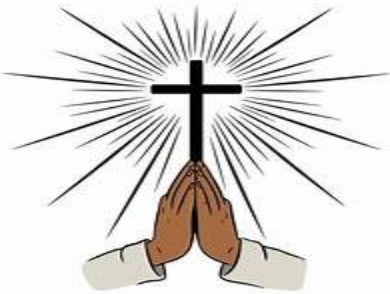
- **The Twilight 50+ Club** located at 10 Hynes Rd, Port au Port East, next to the Town Office, will be hosting an afternoon tea on Wednesday, August 26 beginning at 2:00 pm. All are welcome.
- **In honor of the 150th Anniversary of St. Stephen’s Parish** there will be an image of the *Divine Mercy* erected on the outside front of the Parish to the left when entering. There will be an official blessing of the image by Bishop Bart van Roijen on Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00 pm as part of the evening Mass. There will be a social following at the Knights of Columbus. All feedback and/or comments are welcomed.
- **Schedules** for all Ministries can be found at the Church entrance.

Prayer for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose,
grant Your people to love what
You command and to desire what
You promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.
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

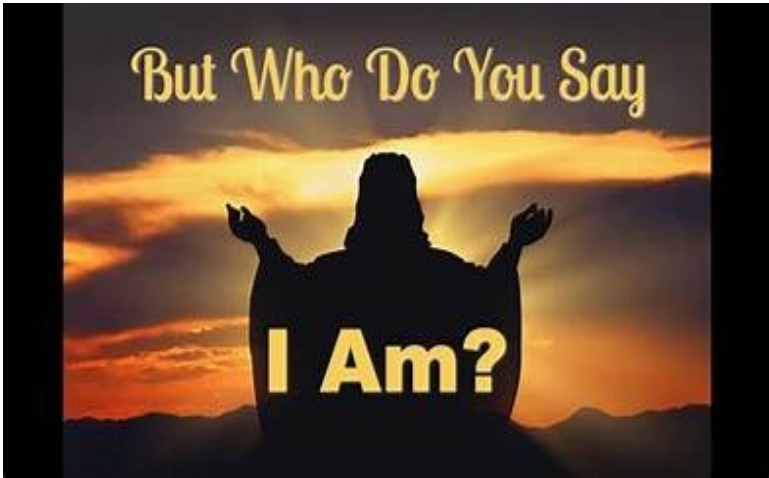
Pope Leo’s Prayer Intention for the month of August 2026:For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



BISHOPS UPDATE TO PARISHES

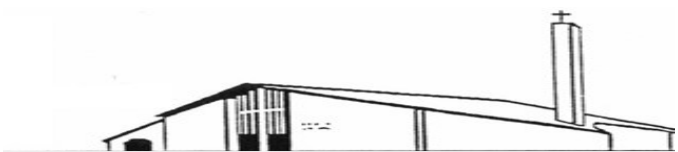
- In response to the many conversations that need to take place for pastoral renewal to thrive in our diocese, a number of Diocesan committees have been formed. Each priest, together with a number of lay people and a diocesan staff member, will sit on one of the committees. Committees will meet monthly for one hour, and a short update of each conversation will be provided to all Parish Pastoral Councils. Key updates will also be provided through this column, ensuring that our conversations are not held in isolation, but will provide opportunity for a larger conversation to take place. In the next few updates, I would like to introduce each of the committees and their scope of conversation.
- We would like to inform all students and parents throughout the diocese that there is a Catholic presence at Grenfell Campus in Corner Brook. Mass is celebrated on every second Tuesday of the month starting on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 in the multi-faith room, followed by a faith discussion over lunch. There will be other activities offered throughout the year. This is a great way to remain grounded in your faith, connect with new friends, and be involved. Please look for our booth, manned by some of our students, at the *“Get Involved Fair”* on September 16th, 2026 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.



“He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ “

Matthew 16.15-16

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August 23rd, 2026 The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador.....	Most Rev. Bart van Roijen
Pastor.....	Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuvithadathil 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 Coordinator.....	Michelle Hawco
Liturgy Coordinator.....	Bernice Maddock
Responsible Ministry Coordinator.....	Debbie Wilton
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight.....	Conrad Benoit
4th degree Assembly Faithful Navigator.....	Clyde Russell
District Master 4th degree.....	Bob Miller

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

HEALING MASS

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

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.

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: Summer Break. Will resume in September.