

CONTRIBUTIONS February 28th & March 1st	
Offertory	\$3032.25
Building Fund	\$ 680.00
Catholic Missions	\$ 50.00
Initial Offering	\$ 28.00
Dues	\$ 80.00
Shepherds Fund	\$ 80.00
TOTAL	\$3950.25

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

Monday, March 9th at 7:00 pm

Late Tom Kiely req. by Tom & Anita
Late Garry Noseworthy req. by Norma & George Krolik

Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm

Late Damien Drake req. by Mom & Dad
Late Gerves Cormier req. by His Wife

Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 pm

Late Melvin & Lizzy Hynes and Penney Ann & Bert Bennett req. by Rudy Hynes
Late Alphonse & Eileen McCarthy req. by Danny & Carleen Doucette

Late Regina LeCoure req. by The Family

Thursday, March 12th at 9:30 am

Late Michael White, The White and Blanchard Families req. by Joan White

Late Brian Lush req. by Joan White

Friday, March 13th at 9:30 am

Late Monica & Raymond Hynes req. by Dana Sheppard, Pat Hynes & Riza Villanueva
Late Mr. & Mrs. Corea req. by Eddie Corea

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: March 8th to 14th

Sunday, March 8th

1st Reading: Exodus 17.3-7
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 **(R.7c+8a)**
2nd Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4.5-42
OR: John 4.5-15, 19-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday, March 9th

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5.1-15a
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 42.1-2, 3;, 43.3, 4 **(R.see 42.2)**

Gospel: Luke 4.24-30

Tuesday, March 10th

1st Reading: Daniel 3.25, 34-43
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 25.4-5a, 6-7, 8-9 **(R.6a)**

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

Wednesday, March 11th

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 147.12-13, 15-16, 19-20 **(R.12a)**

Gospel: Matthew 5.17-19

Thursday, March 12th

1st Reading: Jeremiah 7.23-28
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 **(R.7c+8a)**

Gospel: Luke 11.14-23

Friday, March 13th

1st Reading: Hosea 14.1-9
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 81.5c-7a, 7bc-8, 9-10ab, 13+16 **(R.see 10+8a)**

Gospel: Mark 12.28b-34

Saturday, March 14th

1st Reading: Hosea 5.15b-6.6++
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 51.1-2, 16-17, 18-19ab **(R.Hos 6.6)**

Gospel: Luke 18.9-14

STEWARDSHIP 3rd Sunday of Lent

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." **JOHN 4:13**

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

HUMOR The Baptism

There was a baptism in church, and five-year-old Emma watched intently as the pastor poured water on the tiny infant's head and said some important sounding words. Confused by what she saw, Emma leaned over and whispered in her father's ear, "Daddy, why is Pastor Bob brainwashing that baby?"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **St. Anne's Guild** will be hosting the Rosary the second Monday of the month at 2:00 pm starting on March 9th. All are welcome.

- **Sacred Heart Icon Special Mass:** The Knights of Columbus Council 3742 and 4th Degree Assembly will be sponsoring a special mass with the Sacred Heart Icon on Friday, March 13th at 9:30 am. Each year these Icons travel to Knights of Columbus throughout the world and we have one here at this time. The Icon will be available for veneration after mass until noon.

- **Confirmation Enrollment** will take place on Sunday, March 15th during the 10:30 am Mass

- **Parish Coffee Time** will take place on Sunday, March 15th after the 10:30 am Mass.

- **On Track for Justice:** Share Lent with Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. Join our workshop on Sunday, March 15, 2 pm to 3 pm at St. Stephen's Parish downstairs meeting room. This Lent we share the story of the people in the state of Maranhão, Brazil and our partner *Justiça nos Trilhos* (Justice on Rails, JnT). Regional Animator Patricia Walsh Warren will present on our partner and this year's Share Lent campaign. We encourage you to come learn about our partner and work at home and in the global south. For more information you may contact: John Hanratty or Linda Sheppard.

- **The Chrism Mass** is on Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 pm in the Cathedral in Corner Brook. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing a bus, free of charge, to those wishing to attend. A sign up sheet can be found at the Church entrance.

- **Stations of the Cross** will take place Monday to Friday 1/2 hour before Mass and Friday's at 7:00 pm during Lent.

- **Envelopes are available** at the Church entrance for those wishing to make a donation toward the purchase of Easter flowers.

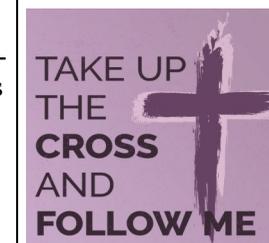
- **Lenten envelopes** are available at the Church entrance.

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ Monthly Schedule
Thursdays 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

1st Thursday	Legion
2nd Thursday	Lions Club
3rd Thursday	Knights of Columbus
4th Thursday	Zion Pentecost Church
*5th Thursday	DAWN (Lions Club)

The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of March, 2026: *For disarmament and peace.*

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



REMINDER: Spring ahead one (1) hour on Sunday, March 8th



March 8th 2026

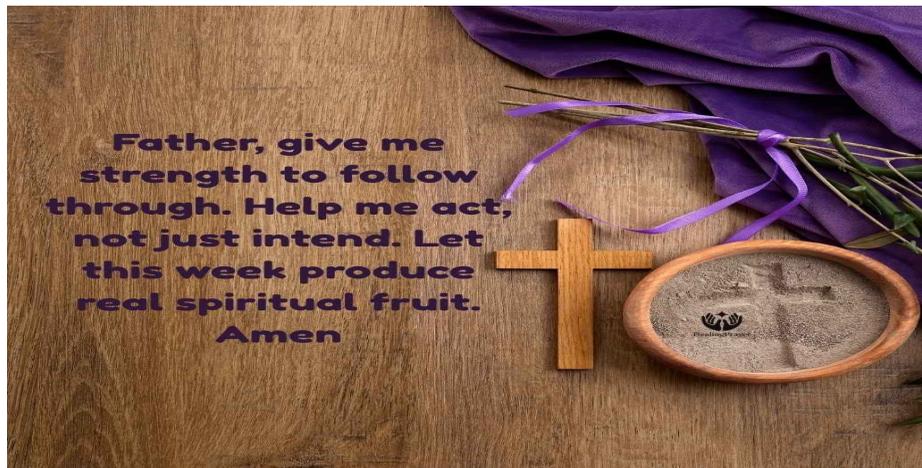
The Third Sunday of Lent

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, with wisdom typical of saints, explained why we should give ourselves to God: *“Why should we give ourselves completely to God? Because God has given Himself to us. If God who owes us nothing is ready to give us nothing less than Himself, can we respond with only a small part of ourselves? Giving ourselves totally to God is a way of receiving God. I am for God and God is for me. I live for God and renounce myself, in this way I allow God to live for me. To possess God we must allow Him to possess our souls.”*

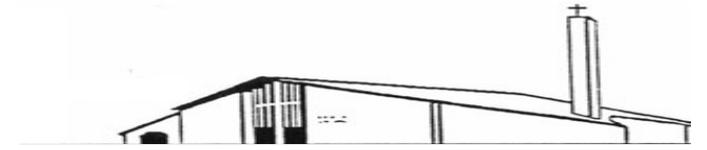
*Blessed Teresa di Calcutta
Mgr Luciano Alimandi, Ave Maria, Agenzia Fides 27/2/2008
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2026-03-08>*

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada, The theme for our [reflection this week is Dare to Encounter](#). Prepared by Françoise Lagacé, a theologian and member of Development and PeaceCaritas Canada in Gatineau, it leads us to think about the daily gestures we make to connect with each other, the art of encounter.

Women protecting the Earth In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajás railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the air, water and soil pollution that they cause. This pollution damages their kitchen gardens and harms the health of their children, families and neighbours. Courageously, these women resist to continue to exist on their land. To assert and protect their rights, they formed a women’s association called Seeds of the Earth with the support of Justiça nos Trilhos (JnT), a partner of Development and Peace-Caritas Canada.



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March 8th, 2026

The Third Sunday of Lent

Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador.....Most Rev. Bart van Roijen
Pastor.....Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuruvidathil 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 Bennett
4th degree Assembly Faithful Navigator.....Clyde Russell
District Master 4th degree.....Bob Miller

MASS TIMES

***St. Stephen’s Parish:**
Saturday Evenings at 6:00 pm
Sunday Mornings at 10:30 am
Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Thursday and Friday at 9:30 am
***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:**
Finished for the season
***St. Columcille, St. Fintans:**
1st & 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm

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; the second Sunday of the month at 2:00pm
All are Welcome.

RECONCILIATION

The Priest is available 30 minutes before Mass

HEALING MASS

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

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.