

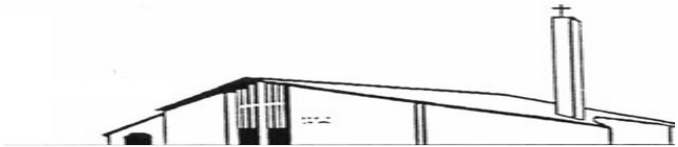
Bishop's Update to the Diocese

- Due to the potential of securing a large one-time grant, renovations are being planned for our Cathedral Church. The renovations will reduce the present seating capacity from 800 to just over 400 per Mass, and will provide a generous space, at the back of the Church, for pastoral ministry of all kinds, including family ministry, evangelization ministry, parish and diocesan workshops and conferences (both in-person and virtual), gathering and reception space before and after parish and diocesan celebrations, providing a fuller presence to the larger community and the wider diocese. This space will continue to remain sacred, dedicated to the mission of Christ and the coming together of the people of God. It's proximity to the Christ's Divine Presence in the Eucharist, will be a constant reminder that the mission of the Church brings all people closer to Christ and that He is the source and summit of all that we are called to do. The space will be created, mainly with glass, to preserve the integrity of the Cathedral's unique architecture and will provide generous glass doors and windows to retain the overall visual beauty of the Cathedral intact. By renovating our present space, the parish and diocese are using the existing space, that has largely sat unused (we average around 150 people per Mass), while providing a pastoral space that is much needed if the Church wants to live up to its vibrant, viable and missionary calling. The overall project is presently in the planning stages.
- In our September Diocesan Faith Formation Conversation, we began by looking at the state of faith formation in our diocese by asking the questions: “what are we trying to accomplish? Are we accomplishing it? And what do we need to do in order to accomplish it?” Some of our conversation focused on the importance of a deeper encounter with Christ. This was important at all stages of life, from children to seniors, from lay people to clergy. There was also a strong expressed need to support our catechists, priests and parents in their respective efforts in this area. Towards the end of the conversation, a question was asked: how would a retreat style setting enhance the faith formation process (over and against a classroom setting alone)? This conversation has just begun, nor is it a closed one, and we encourage parishes and parishioners to engage with it, sharing their thoughts with one another on the local level and especially in their Parish Pastoral Council meetings. We will continue to keep you updated on its progress and welcome your input.

Fraternally in Christ,
Bishop Bart



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October 4th, 2026	The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador	Most Rev. Bart van Roijen
Pastor	Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuruvithadathil 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	Team Volunteers
Liturgy Coordinator	Bernice Maddock
Responsible Ministry Coordinator	Debbie Wilton
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight	Roger Hynes
4th degree Assembly Faithful Navigator	Clyde Russell

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**
- **After the Healing Mass**

HEALING MASS

The 1st Friday of the month.

**< Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and reconciliation: 9:30am to 12noon>**

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; second Monday of the Month.

All are welcome.

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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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
No weekday Mass for October 6th to 9th

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: October 4th to 10th



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STEWARDSHIP
In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. These are the words from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians that we hear in today's second reading. Elsewhere in his letter to the Thessalonians he says "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." St. Paul is urging us to pray in all circumstances and at all times.

HUMOUR
A man who made coffins was on his way to deliver one when his car suddenly broke down. He was already running late, so instead of waiting for help, he lifted the coffin onto his shoulders and continued walking down the road. After a while, a group of police officers stopped him. One officer looked at the coffin and asked suspiciously, "Where are you taking that? Do you have any documents or proof?" The man calmly replied, "I'm just moving to another place." "Why?", the police officer asked. The man shrugged and said, "I didn't like where they buried me, so I decided to move!" The officers stared at him for a moment...then they quickly walked away and decided not to ask any more questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Nominations for a member for St. Stephen's Parish Pastoral Council are being accepted. Please find nomination forms at the Church entrance. The Knights of Columbus is hosting the Rosary Sunday at 7:00 pm for the month of October starting Sunday, October 4th.. Fr. Joseph and Fr. George will be away on Retreat from October 5th to 9th. Week day masses are cancelled for this period. St Anne's Guild will be hosting the Rosary on Monday, October 19h at 1:30 pm. Due to the limited space in the new location of the Diocesan Pastoral Centre many library books are in need of a new home. If you are interested in religious books, you can visit 469 Curling St., Corner Brook, Monday to Friday, between 9:30 am and 3:30 p.m. (closed noon to 1:00 pm) from September 28th to October 9th.

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Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the month of October 2026: For mental health ministry
Let us pray that the mental ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

Table with 2 columns: Saint Name, Date. Rows include October Saints Days from Saint Therese of the Child Jesus to Saints Simon and Jude.

