

<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	September 12th & 13th
Offertory	\$2913.05
Building Fund	\$ 210.00
TOTAL	\$ 3123.05

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, September 22nd at 7:00 pm
Int. Ab Cooper req. by Donor
Late Jacinta Cormier req. by Braeden Cormier
Late Nan Cormier Love Nicholas & Vanessa
Late Owen Sheppard req. by Theresa
Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00 pm
Late Maude & Douglas Walsh & Marilyn Mayo req. by Lucy Tourout
Special Intentions req. by Donor
Thursday, September 24th at 10:00 am
Int. Seniors in Acadian Village & Silverwood Manor req. by Donor
Late Norbert Lainey req. by Patrick, Danica & Chelsea Hynes & Riza Villanuava
Friday, September 18th at 9:30 am

Late Natasha Flynn & Loni Flynn-White req. by Bernice Flynn
Late Jim Dwyer & John Ezekiel req. by Bernice Flynn

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: September 20th to 26th

Sunday, September 20th
1st Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145.2-3, 8-9, 17-18 **(R.18)**

2nd Reading: Philippians 1.20-24, 27
Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16
Monday, September 21st
1st Reading: Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19.1-2, 3-4ab **(R.4a)**

Gospel: Matthew 9.9-13
Tuesday, September 22nd
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 23rd
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 24th
1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1.2-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90.3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17 **(R.1)**

Gospel: Luke 9.7-9
Friday, September 25th
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 26th
1st Reading: Revelation 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: John 12.24-26

STEWARDSHIP
“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last”.
MATTHEW 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

HUMOUR

A Church was going door to door selling Bibles to raise money for their building fund.
A 77 year old member with a really bad stuttering problem insisted on helping.
Some of the other Church members thought that he would hurt their sales.
At the end of the week, the stuttering man had sold more Bibles than all of other Church members combined.

When asked how he did it, the man replied, “I, I, I, I I just asked , asked if they wanted , t, t, t, to, t, to buy a, a, a, bi, bi, bi, Bible or d, d, d, do, do they want me to read it t, t, t, to them?”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Office Administrative Assistant** will be out of the office from Monday, September 21st to ~ Monday, October 5th. There will be limited access until that time. Sorry for any inconvenience.
- **Nominations for a member for St. Stephen’s Parish Pastoral Council** are being accepted. Please find nomination forms at the Church entrance.
- **The Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital Foundtion** is holding their annual fundraiser this year on Thursday, September 24th between 9-5. Money raised will be used to buy 3 Cuddle Beds for Palliative Care, a new bladder scanner, and a piece of equipment for surgery. Donations may be dropped of at the Foundation Office, called in at 709 643 7478 or etransferred to strfoundation@nlhealthservices.ca.
- **MADD Bay St. George Chapter** will hold its Annual Candlelight Vigil at 7:00 pm in the Stephenville High School. Victim families will gather there to remember their loved ones in a poignant memorial service.
- **COR Men’s Group** will be meeting in the down stairs meeting room on Saturday, September 26th at 10:00 am. All men from the Parish are wel-

- come.
- **St. Anne Guild** will be having a meeting on Monday, September 28th at 2:00 pm. New members welcomed.
 - **The Religion program** for years Kindergarten to Confirmation will be starting in October. Registration is open and forms can be found on St. Stephen’s website at www.ststephensparish.com
 - **Children’s Liturgy** will start on Sunday, October 4th at the 10:30 am Mass.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ MONTHLY SCHEDULE
Thursday’s 11:00 am-1:00 pm

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

Pope Leo’s Prayer Intention for the month of September 2026: *For the care of water*; “Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.”



“He could have made the attainment of heaven so much more difficult. He could have demanded extraordinary mortifications and renunciations and the reward (heaven) would still be exceedingly great. Instead He allows us to live our everyday life, to enjoy the love and friendship of our family and friends, to satisfy the natural desires of our bodies, within the commandments, and yet to merit a supernatural reward while so doing. As He tells us through St. Paul: ‘*whether you eat or drink or whatever else you do, do all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10 : 31).*’”

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2026-09-20>



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and the first will be last”
Matthew 20.16

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September 20th, 2026	The Twenty-Fifth 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.....	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

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.