

CONTRIBUTIONS **September 19th & 20th**
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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 29th at 7:00 pm
Late Damien Drake req. by Mom & Dad
Late Nan Downey Love Nicholas & Vanessa
Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 pm
Youth Int. req. by Donor
Special Intentions req. by Donor
Thursday, October 1st at 10:00 am
Late Raymond & Monica Hynes req. by Patrick, Chelsea, Danica, Dana & Riza
Late Kevin Joy req. by Judy & Vince Parsons
Friday, October 2nd at 9:30 am-Healing Mass
Late Joseph Dollard req. by The Family
Late Douglas & Margaret White & Family Members req. by The Family

DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL

PSALM & GOSPEL: September 27th to October 3rd
Sunday, September 27th
1st Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9 (R.6)
2nd Reading: Philippians 2.1-11
OR: Philippians 2.1-5
Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32
Monday, September 28th
1st Reading: Job 1.6-22
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17.1, 2-3, 6-7 (R. 6b)
Gospel: Luke 9.46-50
Tuesday, 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)
Gospel : John 1.47-51
Wednesday, September 30th
1st Reading: Job 9.1-12, 14-16
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88.9bc-10, 11-12, 13-14 (R.2a)
Gospel: Luke 9.57-62
Thursday, October 1st
1st Reading: Job 19.21-27
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 27.7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 (R.13)
Gospel: Luke 10.1-12
Friday, 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
Saturday, October 3rd
1st Reading: Job 42.1-3, 5-6, 12-13, 15-17++
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119.66+71, 75+91, 125 + 130 (R.35)
Gospel: Luke 10.17-24

STEWARDSHIP
“Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...”
Philippians 2:3
Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are su-

prior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

HUMOUR **Crocodile Shoes**
A woman wanted crocodile skin shoes, but they were way too expensive.
She complained, “Why are these so expensive?”
The shop owner joked, “Then go catch your own crocodile!”
The woman actually went to the river with a rifle.
A few hours later, she had five dead crocodiles on the riverbank.
She looked at the fifth one and screamed: “UGH! THIS ONE DOESN’T HAVE ANY SHOES EITHER!!!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS
• **Nominations for a member for St. Stephen’s Parish Pastoral Council** are being accepted. Please find nomination forms at the Church entrance.
• **St. Anne’s Guild** will be having a meeting on Monday, September 28th at 2:00 pm. New members welcomed.
• **The Parish Office** will be closed on Wednesday, September 30th in recognition of the “National Day of True and Reconciliation”.
• **The Office Administrative Assistant** will be out of the office until ~ October 5th. There will be limited access until that time. Sorry for the inconvenience.
• **The Knights of Columbus** will be having a Meeting on Thursday, October 1st at 7:00 pm.
• **Blessing of the animals** will take place in Our Lady of Mercy Heritage Church on Friday, October 2nd at 4:30 pm.
• **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 Parish website; www.ststephensparish.com.
• **Children’s Liturgy** will start on Sunday, October 4th at the 10:30 am Mass.
• **Fr. Joseph and Fr. George** will be away on Retreat from October 5th to 9th. Week day masses are cancelled for this period.

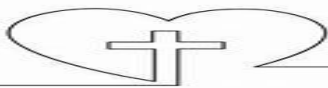
COMMUNITY CAFÉ MONTHLY SCHEDULE Thursday’s 11:00 am-1:00 pm
1st Thursday Legion
2nd Thursday Lions Club
3rd Thursday Knights of Columbus
4th Thursday Pentecost Church
*5th Thursday DAWN (Lions Club)

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.”



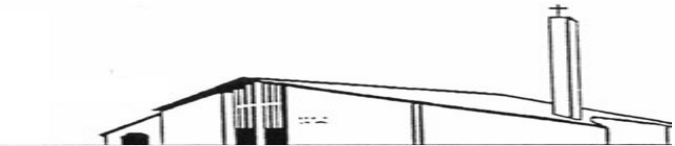
“We answered the call to God's vineyard by accepting baptism and membership of His Church. If we have grown lax in our fervor and refused to do the tasks allotted to us, we still have time, thanks to God's mercy and patience, to put things right. Today, look into your conscience and see how much of your past life you have given to God and how much you have kept for yourself. If you were called tonight to render an account to the Lord, would the balance sheet be in your favor? Is your corner of the vineyard producing abundant crops, or is it perhaps filling up with weeds, briars and brambles? If the latter, then we will say a heartfelt ‘Thank you, God, for not calling us to judgment today. We will begin right now to understand our sinful past, so that our corner of your vineyard will be in good order when you do call us. Thank you, Lord, for your mercy. God grant that we shall never abuse it.’”

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2026-09-27>



“The Parable of two sons”
Matthew 21.28-32

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September 27th, 2026	The Twenty-Sixth 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.