**St. Stephen’s Rule of Life**

† **STUDY** the Scripture every day. *In light of what I have read, what is God calling me to be or to do today?*

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**Readings for Next Sunday - November 23rd, 2014 (Proper 34)**

Eze. 34: 11 - 16, 20 - 24; Psalm 100; Eph. 1: 15 - 23; Matthew 25: 31 - 46

† **PRAY** at least three times a day [Please add to your prayers on the day specified]

**Housebound**

George Barnett, Dophne Bolden, Irene Canfield, Beulah Grey, Andrew Gunraj, Zelpha Johnson & Dophnia Lindsay.

**Sick & Recovering**


**Sick Friends of the Parish**

Abigail Barran, Rosette Bartley, Lawlette Ellis, Rob Ford, Duayne Haywood, Donna Henriques, Lilian Hutchinson, Mohani Budhwa, Kyle McIntosh, Patrice McIntosh, Smatt Omologe, Charles Price & Mina Thompson.

**College & University Students**

Zachary & Zyreeta Allder, Kristen Alliecock, Ellen Asiedu, Allan Austin, Alichea Brissett, Neion George, Fenton Jagdeo Jr., Shalon Jeffers, Banria & Brian John, Iris, Khalessa & Lauren Linton, Ethel & George Quaccoo, Carlitha Shortte-Letts, Dylan Telfer, Natasha Thompson, Chrystal Walker & Shanice Wright.

† **GIVE** regularly to support the Church’s ministry [envelopes, gifts, talents and time]

† **LIVE** for God, our Church and others [be just, loving, peaceful and caring]

**23rd Sunday After Pentecost**

**November 16th, 2014**

9:00 AM - Said Eucharist
10:30 AM - Sung Eucharist

**MISSION**

To worship God, creating a caring, Christian community, through growth and celebration, using our gifts and talents to reach out in love to others.

**OUR MOTTO**

Bearing witness by faith and works

**OUR PRIORITIES**

Christian Education, Youth & Outreach

**WELCOME**

Special Welcome to all parishioners, visitors & friends.

*We invite visitors to sign our visitors book.*

*If you do not have a Church home we invite you to make the Church of St. Stephen your spiritual haven.*

**BE THOUGHTFUL AND REVERENT**

**Before Service:** Talk with God

**During Service:** Let God talk to you

**After Service:** Talk with each other
Today, I would like to share with you an extract from ‘Can You Drink The Cup?’ by Henri J.M. Nouwen.

“Drinking wine is more than just drinking. 
1. You have to know what you are drinking and
2. You have to be able to talk about it.

Similarly, just living life is not enough. We must know what we are living. A life that is not reflected upon isn’t worth living. It belongs to the essence of being human that we contemplate our life, think about it, discuss it, evaluate it and form opinions about it. Half of living is reflecting on what is being lived. Is it worth it? Is it good? Is it bad? Is it old? Is it new? What is it all about? Poverty and wealth, success and failure, beauty and ugliness aren’t just facts of life. They are realities that are lived very differently by different people, depending on the way they are placed in the larger scheme of things. Reflection is essential for growth, development and change. It is the unique power of the human person.

Holding the cup of life means looking critically at what we are living. This requires great courage, because when we start looking, we might be terrified by what we see.

- Questions may arise that we don’t know how to answer.
- Doubts may come up about things we thought we were sure about.
- Fear may emerge from unexpected places.

Still, we intuitively know that without looking at life critically we lose our vision and our direction. When we drink the cup without holding it first, we may simply get drunk and wander around aimlessly.

Holding the cup of life is a hard discipline. We are thirsty people who like to start drinking at once. But we need to restrain our impulse to drink, put both our hands around the cup and ask ourselves, “What am I given to drink? What is in my cup? Is it safe to drink? Is it good for me? Will it bring me health?”

Just as there are countless varieties of wine, there are countless varieties of lives. No two lives are the same. We often compare our lives with those of others, trying to decide whether we are better or worse off, but such comparisons do not help us much. We have to live our life, not someone else’s. We have to hold our own cup. We have to dare to say: “This is my life, the life that is given to me and it is the life that I have to live, as well as I can. My life is unique. Nobody else will ever live it. I have my own history, my own family, my own body, my own character, my own friends, my own way of thinking, speaking and acting—yes, I have my own life to live. Many people can help me to live my life but after all is said and done, I have to make my own choices about how to live.”

Doing so confronts us with our radical aloneness but it also acknowledges our radical uniqueness.

We must hold our cup and fully claim who we are and what we are called to live. Then we too can shoot for the stars!”

Think on these things.

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**St. Stephens Activity Corner**

The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. Matthew 25:18

Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

**Today’s Ministers**

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**Last Week’s Answers**

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This Week At St. Stephen’s

- Mon. to Fri. - 11am - 12:30pm - St. Stephen/St Felix Café
- Mon. to Fri. - 4 - 6pm - Homework Club
- Tue. Nov. 18th @ 7pm - Bible Study (Acts 17)
- Wed. Nov. 19th @ 12noon - Holy Communion & Study (Acts 12)
- Thu. Nov. 20th @ 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal
- Fri. Nov. 21st @ 7:00pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. Nov. 22nd @ 2:00pm - Meeting of the Women of St. Stephen
- Sun. Nov. 23rd - Last Sunday After Pentecost / The Reign Of Christ
  9:00am - Said Eucharist & Sermon - 2nd Talent InGathering
  10:30am - Sung Eucharist & Sermon - 2nd Talent InGathering

LET’S COMMUNICATE, CONNECT AND COLLABORATE

- Ebola Relief Fund: We have collected $1390.65 so far.
- Evening of Elegance: To date we have realized a profit of $4,587.
- Men of St. Stephen Annual Fees: This is a reminder that Annual fee is $60 and is payable in full or in instalments (Jan - Dec). If you have not already paid in full, please speak to Foster Odlum.
- An Evening with Michael Harvey: Bishop Poole invites you to a special evening entitled “The Culture of Invitation” at Christ the King, Etobicoke, 475 Rathburn Rd., Toronto on Nov. 25th, 2014 at 7:00 pm. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church.
- Rattle Them Bones: The Men of St. Stephen invite you to a Double-Six Dominos Tournament on Nov. 29th at 2:30pm. Open to all church members (M or F). Registration: $5.00 per person - payable to Foster, Hyacinth N, Alwyn, Allan or Steve. Prizes galore!! Come join the fun!!
- Caribbean Chorale of Toronto, Christmas Concert: will be on Dec. 07th, 2014 at 5:00pm at St. Hilda’s Anglican Church, 2353 Dufferin Street. Tickets $20. For information contact Bev Brown on 416-614-1184.
- Nov. 23rd - Feast of Christ the King
- Nov. 30th - Advent Begins: The theme I propose for Advent this year is “The Identity of Jesus.” The One who has come, is here and will come again.

BIRTHDAYS

- Natasha Thompson (16th)
- Savanna Forde (19th)
- Coralee Campbell & Talema Khooblall (20th)
- Neion George & Greg Russell (22nd)

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Sentence:

Prayer of Approach (All):

Holy God, glorious above comprehension, gentle beyond comparison, and intimately present within each moment, we come to you with wonderment. That we are allowed to actually speak with you is amazing! That you are ready to be lovingly involved in our joys and sorrow is a sublime marvel! Help us to embrace this time of communal worship. Let us savour the minutes and embark with joy and gratitude on journeys of thanksgiving and praise. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

Processional Hymn: 104BB - O Worship The King

Call To Worship:

Priest: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
All: And also with you.

Priest: Whenever you come to worship God, give it your best!
All: For our praise can never be high enough, our songs never sweet enough, our prayers never loving enough, to be worthy of the God who is perfectly beautiful and loving.

Priest: Holy, holy holy, is the God of Hosts!
All: The whole universe is filled with the glory of the Lord. Hallelujah!

Kyrie: Lisa Narcisse

For the Gloria: 113AAHH - Total Praise

Collect for the Day: page 392

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Judges 4: 1 - 7
Psalm: 123
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11
Gradual Hymn: 666BB - A Charge To Keep I Have

After the Gospel: Matthew 25: 14 - 30
Sermon:
The Apostles Creed:
Prayers of the People:
Leader: Let us pray for the needs of the world and for ourselves:
    Holy God, you welcome us into your joy and entrust us with your
    gospel. In hope for the world to come and with love for the world you
    made, we offer our prayers for your church, your earth and your people.
    God of grace,
All:  Hear our prayer.

Leader: For your church, in this community and around the world, that your
    good news may be proclaimed to all. For Justin, Archbishop of
    Canterbury, Fred, our Primate, Colin, our Metropolitan, Bishops Linda,
    Patrick, Peter and Philip, for the Church of San Lorenzo, Dufferin,
    Natasha Austin our Kitchen Coordinator and Ethel, George, Margaret &
    Orphtee Quarcoo in our parish family. God of grace,
All:  Hear our prayer.

Leader: For oppressors, that they might know justice, and those oppressed, that
    they might know peace. For the people of Potiskum, Nigeria in the
    recent terrorist attack on the Government Technical Science College
    which killed 48 and injured dozens. God of grace,
All:  Hear our prayer.

Leader: For your creation, that we may be the caretakers you intend. God of
    grace,
All:  Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the young, especially our children and young people and those
    enrolled in colleges and universities, that they might be nurtured in love.
    God of grace,
All:  Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the old, that they might be secure in your care. God of grace,
All:  Hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who fight the demons of addiction, that they might find relief.
    God of grace,
All:  Hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who face an early death and those they leave behind, that they
    might be comforted. God of grace,
All:  Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those who care for the suffering and those in their charge, that
    they would be freed from pain and fear. God of grace,
All:  Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those about whom we worry and those whose troubles are known only to you. God of grace,
All:  Hear our prayer.

Leader: All this we pray with gratitude for your eternal love and extravagant grace; in the name of Jesus Christ.
All:  Amen.

Confession & Absolution:  page 191
The Peace:

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn:  363CPWI - Angel Voices Ever Singing

Prayer over The Gifts:  page 393
Eucharistic Prayer 3:  page 193
- Sanctus (Lisa Narcisse)
- Acclamation (Lisa Narcisse)
- Doxology (Lisa Narcisse)
- Lord’s Prayer (Fr. Holung)

Communion Hymns:  Sax & Organ - “I Surrender All”
- 597BB - Take My Life And Let It Be Consecrated
- 757BB - Soon And Very Soon
- 690BB - He Leadeth Me

Ablutions:  527BB - I Know Whom I Have Believed

Prayer after Communion:  page 393

The Blessing:
Priest: When you leave the house of prayer, do so with a resilient heart.
All:  God is all powerful, all loving, is everywhere and in all things.

Priest: There is no difficulty that God has not foreseen, no error or sin that God
    cannot ultimately correct, no suffering where God will make you go on
    all alone and no joy that cannot be enriched by God’s happiness within
    you.
All:  We can do all things, through Christ who strengthens us.

Priest: May the God of creation work wonders in
    you by the power of the Holy Spirit and the
    blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the
    Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and
    remain with you always.
All:  Amen! Amen! Amen!

Welcome & Announcements

Recessional Hymn:  474AAHH - Lead Me,
  Guide Me