

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?*



This Week's Readings for Daily Devotion

Mon.	-Ps. 106: 1-18	Hos. 14: 1-9	Lk. 6: 39-49
Tue.	-Ps. [120], 121, 122, 123	Mic. 1: 1-9	Lk. 7: 1-17
Wed.	-Ps. 119: 145-176	Mic. 2: 1-13	Lk. 7: 18-35
Thu.	-Ps. 131, 132, [133]	Mic. 3: 1-8	Lk. 7: 36-56
Fri.	-Ps. 140, 142	Mic. 3: 9-4: 5	Lk. 8: 1-15
Sat.	-Ps. 137: 1-9, 144	Mic. 5: 1-4, 10-15	Lk. 8: 16-25

Readings for Next Sunday - October 14, 2018 (21st Sunday After Pentecost)

Job 23: 1-9, 16-7; Psalm 22: 1-15; Hebrews 4: 12-16; Mark 10: 17-31

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

♦ Matthew Austin (7th), Beverley Ross (7th), Catherine Walters (11th), Norma Hutchinson (11th), Kanier Hodge-Simon (13th), Georgiana Cummings (13th)

Birthday Prayer:

Watch over these, Your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when they are discouraged and sorrowful, raise them up if they fail, and in their hearts may your peace which surpasses all understanding abide with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SICK & RECOVERING

Alton Ballantyne, George Barnett, Courtney Bolden, Dophne Bolden, Coralee Campbell, Thelma Edwards, Kathleen Ellis, Rueben Grant, Nellie Greenidge, Lily Griggs, Andrew Gunraj, Carmen Hibbert, Ena Hordatt, Rita John, Torrette Knight, Felicia McCalla, Paul Patterson, Kathleen Reid, Rema Yellery, Joan Singh, Hyacinth Nwosu, Dorine Russell, Fitzgerald Grant.

SICK FRIENDS

Abigail Barran, Rosette Bartley, Jacqueline Brady, Mohani Budhwa, Joyce Burpee, Angie Chung, Aubrey, Diane and Veronica Eastman Norma Elcock, Donna Henriques, Evelyn Hordatt, Margaret Hudson, Enric Johnson, Audrey Laidlaw, Tania Leon, Kyle McIntosh, Robert Sinclair, Nolan Telfer, Charles Warrington, Joyce Williams, Junior Williams, Michael Alder, Ken Bahadur, Randy Peters, Kushal Umashankar, James Mungra, Taticia Linton, Susan Budnic, Roland Coy, Ian Nero, Benedicta Emilia Hadad, The Venerable Gbenga Oniye, Mary Lee Taylor.

† **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]

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING

OCTOBER 7TH, 2018
SAID EUCHARIST: 9:00AM
SUNG EUCHARIST: 10:30AM



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy

Psalm 126:6

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

A 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 & REVERENT

Before Service:

Talk with God

During Service:

Let God talk to you

After Service:

Talk with each other

LETS REFLECT Mathew 6: 25-33

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you--you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.



- **Harvest Thanksgiving** - We give God thanks for all of the bountiful blessings we have received; a token of which is displayed here today. A special thank you is extended for all of the donations of food and flowers for this day; thank you for your generosity.
- **Altar Servers Practice** - The next practice for altar servers will be on Saturday, October 13th at 10am. Any persons interested in being trained are especially invited to attend. For more information, please speak with George Quarcoo or Fr. Theadore. All altar servers are also asked to bring their robes to the church by Sunday October 7th so that we may take a full inventory of robes and their condition. Please speak with Wendy Cottle if you will not be present on that date.
- **Attention ALL WOSS!** October 20th @ 3pm You are cordially invited to a delightful gathering that will culminate into an evening of Fun, Food and blissful Fellowship.
- **St. Stephen's Bowl-a-thon 2018** - Are you a bowler? Or, would you like to sponsor a bowler? If so, please support our upcoming bowl-a-thon on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 3:30pm at Bowlerama Rexdale located at: 115 Rexdale Blvd, Etobicoke. Bowl as a family, as friends, church ministry, country or island group; you decide! We are looking to form eight (8) teams of no more than 4-6 persons per team. A registration fee of \$20 per bowler is required, and pledge forms are now available. There will be prizes for the bowler and team with the highest score. Come out to bowl, support or heckle.
- **Special Vestry** - In accordance with Canon 14(12), notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the Vestry on **Sunday, October 21, 2018** immediately following the 10:30 am service. The purposes of this meeting will be to: i) Present the findings of a recent feasibility study for renovations to the Rectory prepared by Larkin Architect Ltd, and determine the next course of action, and ii) Elect a new deputy warden to serve until the next annual meeting of Vestry.

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	BUDGET	YTD
	115	\$1,683.80	\$2,966	\$97, 247.20

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S

- **Mondays** @ 11am-12:30pm Saints Café
- **Tuesday** @7pm Prayer & Bible Study
- **Wednesdays** @ 11am-12:30pm Saints Café
- **Wednesday** @1pm-2pm Soul Food
- **Thursday** @7pm Bible Study
- **Thursday** @7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. Service

Ushers Lotoya
Chalice: Hilton R.
Readers: Myrna B.
Gospeller:
Intercessor:
Altar Guild:
Counters:
Servers: TBA

10: 30 a.m. Service

Winsome, Daisy, Wendy
 Leroy P., Emmerson J.
 Margaret Q., Chinyere N.
 Rev' Theadore H.
 Dwight R.
 All Members
 Pauline, Wendy, Tellece, Orphtee
 George, Rakim, Chika, Chante

TODAY'S MINISTERS

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

9:00 a.m. Service

Ushers TBA
Chalice: Hilton R.
Readers: Ravi & Rachel V.
Gospeller:
Intercessor:
Altar Guild:
Counters:
Servers: TBA

10: 30 a.m. Service

Pauline, Tellece, Leroy
 Leroy P., Emmerson J.
 Kameel B., Jean S.
 Rev' Theadore H.
 Hyacinth N.
 Natasha A., Orphtee Q.
 Janet, Winsome, Hyacinth, Monica
 Lanre, Bisi, Kanier, Chika, Shanique

Luke 5:29-32

As in our own context, tax collectors in ancient Judea get no respect. Seen as traitors, tax collectors in Jesus' context—especially those who are Jews—are working for the Romans. Their communities feel that they are collaborating with the Roman occupation. The Pharisees lump tax collectors with the rest of the “sinners,” expressing their disdain for this deeply despised occupation.

Whereas the Pharisees shun tax collectors like Levi as sinners, Jesus extends forgiveness of sins and an invitation into a beloved community; rather than punishment and shame, Jesus offers healing. Levi's banquet is a foretaste of the kingdom's great feast, where tax collectors and other “sinners” will eat and drink with Jesus.

WALKING THROUGH SCRIPTURE

OUR COMMUNITY

THE GATHERING

(Hymns for 10:30 AM Service)

Processional Hymn **790BB** - We Gather Together

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People And also with you.



Priest Almighty God,
To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Priest Glory to God in the Highest, **Page 186**

The Collect: **Page 396**

Praise & Worship: Jesus Bids Us Shine

THE WORD

First Reading: Joel 2: 21-27

Psalm: 126

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Gradual Hymn: **797BB** - Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Chorus: Ancient Words

Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-33

Chorus: Ancient Words

THE SACRAMENT

Sermon :

Rev. Theadore Hunt

THE RESPONSE

The Apostle's Creed Page 189

Prayers of the People

The Response to each petition is:
We thank you, Lord.



Confession & Absolution

Priest Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Priest Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Priest Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen



Offertory Hymn 793BB - For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer over The Gifts Page 397

Eucharistic Prayer #3 Page 198

- The Lord's Prayer (Fr. Ho Long)

Communion Hymns - For the Fruits
794BB - Let All Things Now Living
796BB - In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him

Ablutions 786BB - Count Your Blessings
485BB - Into My Heart

Prayer after communion Page 397

Glory to God Page 214

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Priest: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and Love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Welcome & Announcements

Recessional Hymn 383RB - We Plough The Fields

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.