5th Sunday of Lent March 21st, 2021



Jeremiah 31. 31-34 **Hebrews 5.7-9** John 12.20-33

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Confessions:

Monday

Tuesday

8:30am - 8:55am **Tuesday:** 8:30am - 8:55am Thursdays: Saturday: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00pm!

March 19th – St. Paul's Youth Group March 26th – Catechism special presentation April 2nd – Cursillo Group

Weekday Masses & Intentions for March 22nd-28th

9:00am + Louis Arsenault

9:00am Chantal Gagnon

Wednesday	9:00am	+ Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	9:00am	+ Deceased members
		of the Hynes Family
<u>Friday</u>	9:00am	+ David Gallant
	9:30am	Holy Hour of Adoration
Saturday	4:30pm	+ Linus & Anne MacKinnon
	7:00pm	+ Bridget Hashie
<u>Sunday</u>	9:00am	+ M. Kristina L. Stehling
	11:00am	Intentions of Parishioners
	4:00pm	+ Margaret Cooke

(A cross (+) before a name indicates prayers for a deceased person.)

Anniversaries... Mary Geizer, Wayne Gaudet

Holy Week at St Pauls Parish

Holy Thursday Mass – April 1, 7:00 PM Good Friday Service – April 2, 12 noon, 2:00 PM & 4:00PM

Easter Vigil – Sat, April 3, 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday Mass – April 4, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Baptism Inquiries ... contact the Parish Office at (902) 436-5112 or office@stpaulsparish.ca

Prayer Line ... To have prayers said for family/friends please call 436-5039 or 436-6135.

Catholic Women's League ... www.cwl.ca

Knights of Columbus... Meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. The K of C also lead the Rosary on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 6:30pm and offer it for the peace of the world.

Parish update... we are back to 150-person capacity for weekend masses. **Registration is not required**; entrance will be based on a first come first serve basis.

Daily masses, Baptisms and Funerals remain at a 50-person capacity.

A reminder of Public Health protocols ... physical distancing, hand-sanitizing, mask-wearing, and staying home if feeling unwell.

Last Week's Offerings

Sunday Offering: 4,523.70 Automatic Debits: 1,502.75 E-transfers: 15.00 **Building Fund:**

6,419.45 Total

Cost to operate St. Paul's Parish each week: \$7,440 Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!

Donations... can also be made by E transfer at office@stpaulsparish.ca or by direct deposit. Call or email the office to find out more.

Donation Receipts for 2020... Donation receipts for Parish and St. Vincent de Paul are still available for pick up outside the Parish Office.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul... Suggested food items for this week, coffee, canned fruit, and cookies. Thank you!

Caring for God's beloved poor has the power to rescue us from selfishness, pride and self-suffering. It teaches us to serve as Jesus does.

Prayers for the Sick/Suffering... Norma Gallant, Brian Spin, Wayne Spin, David Allen, Carrie MacQuarrie, Jason MacQuarrie, Laurlyn Ley, Peggy Dunville, Kathleen Gaudet, Gail Bernard, Shirley Hardy, Jean Profit, Adam Bourque, Matthew Ricard, Clay Rayner, Mary Dunbar, Raymond Caissie, Glen Birt, Myrtle Smith, Monique Arsenault, Janine Landry, Rosalie Folland, Ann Boyle, Mary Keith, Harold Langille, Frances Hamill, Joshua Gallant, Gary Gallant, Jeannette Arsenault, Sharon MacNeill, Donald MacDonald, Susan Lynn MacLean, Colette Cormier, John & Mary Veerabathina, Mary Linn Bridges, Della Arsenault, Lemma Rose, Mary Jones Blair Creelman, Stephen Gaudet, Cecil Gallant, Gina Hall, Father Joe Brazel, Edna Gallant, Weston Rayner, Gloria Maillet, Daniel Arsenault, Barbara McInnis. Liam Hammets & Garlet Duetta that Jesus may bring them healing.

Catechism Update... Catechism for all grades resumes this Sunday, March 21st

Catechism Way of the Cross... This Way of the Cross will feature tableaus of the final moments of Jesus' life to help people of all ages better experience the great love involved in Jesus' Passion. This event is open to everyone, and all catechism students and their families are especially encouraged to attend. If any students would like to participate in the event as candle bearers, please email education@stpaulsparish.ca for more information.

Confirmation Class Reminder... Confirmation students are asked to attend the rehearsal for the Way of the Cross on Sunday March 21^{st,} at 7:00 pm. Reminder that all baptismal certificates and sponsor information should be submitted.

First Communion Preparation Seminar... All students who are preparing to receive First Communion this spring, and their parents, are reminded of the First Communion Preparation Seminar taking place on Saturday April 10th from 1-3pm in the Main Hall. All students should attend with one parent/guardian.

Prayer Partners for Students... Our Confirmation and First Communion students need your prayers! Envelopes are available at the back of the church with the name of a student to pray for. We are inviting parishioners to take an envelope home and pray for your student from now until May when they are scheduled to receive these Sacraments. We invite you to write a short note to the student letting them know what you will be doing for them, and place it in the envelope provided and drop it in the offering boxes at the church entrances. We will distribute notes to students prior to them receiving their Sacraments. It's a small way that you can make a big difference! Please return envelopes on or before April 18th

Youth group...Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:30pm (grades 5-12). Senior Youth Group meets every Friday from 7:00pm-9:00pm (grades 9-12) All youth are invited and welcome to join us for fun, friends, food, and faith.

St. Paul's Library... New titles in our library! We recently received a small donation of Catholic books to our library. The books cover a variety of topics. Please stop by and have a look.

Volunteer Income Tax Clinic... There will be a tax clinic this year, for an appointment call 1-855-888-6837.

Diocesan Administrator.... The Diocesan College of Consultors met on Tuesday March 9th, 2021 at the Catholic Centre. They held an election and Fr. Brian MacDougall was elected and accepted to be the Diocesan Administrator for the Diocese of Charlottetown. Fr. Brian will oversee the diocese until a new bishop is appointed by Pope Francis. Please pray for the selection of our new bishop. As well, pray for Bishop Grecco, our former bishop.

Virtual Marriage Encounter weekend... a special enrichment opportunity for husbands and wives as well as for clergy and religious. This will take place April 9-11, 2021 from the comfort and safety of your own home. Get more information: renewmarriage@gmail.com or 506-856-9485.

Calling all Teen Encounter Alumni... There will be an online Teen Encounter Reunion on Sunday, March 21, at 2pm. Join us on Zoom for praise and worship, and to hear how the Spirit has been at work! For more information check out the Diocese of Charlottetown Youth Office Facebook Page, or email Lauren at youth@dioceseofcharlottetown.com.

Development and Peace... Solidarity Sunday is here. It's a special day. A day of fraternity, and love toward the poorest of the poor in our world. During Lent we set out on a path of solidarity, humanity and compassion, a path of love and sharing, inspired by our faith, "that God willed for every person to be able to live in dignity." Your Lenten contribution helps to change the conditions of the poorest. Please give generously.

Treasured: Summer Camp for 2021... Send your kids on an amazing adventure this summer where they will discover that they are priceless to God! Due to popular demand, we are offering two separate weeks of camp this year August 16th-20th **OR** August 23rd-27th. Please indicate which week you would like to your children to attend when you register. Our summer camp is for all children who will be in grades K-6 this fall, is completely FREE to attend, and will run from 9am-3pm each day. Registration is now open and is available online at https://vbspro.events/p/events/treasuredatstpaulspei or by contacting the main office.

Knights of Columbus Silver Rose.... A Silver Rose on a ninemonth pilgrimage will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service at eight churches on Prince Edward Island starting on March 18. This program is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus councils in these localities to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and express both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life. The Rose will end its pilgrimage at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe near Mexico City on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All members of the community are invited to attend. The schedule of services is as follows:

March 18...Tignish, St. Simon & St. Jude, 6:30pm + Mass

March 20...Summerside, St. Paul's...10:00am

March 22...Kensington, St. Mary's-Holy Family...7:00pm

March 23...Rustico, St. Augustine's...7:00pm

March 24...Montague, St. Mary's...7:00pm

March 27...Stratford, Our Lady of the Assumption...10:00am

April 6......Charlottetown, Holy Redeemer...7:00pm

April 8......Cornwall, St. Francis of Assisi...7:00pm

I encourage you to dedicate time to the Word of God, to the Sacraments, and to fasting and prayer, to renew our relationship with God, ourselves, and our neighbor.

— Pope Francis