## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Acts 4.3-35 1 John 5.1-6 John 20.19-31



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**Confessions:** 

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

## Weekday Masses & Intentions Apr 12th-Apr 18th

Monday<br/>Tuesday9:00am<br/>9:00amBishop Grecco<br/>+ Fidele ArsenaultWednesday<br/>Thursday9:00am<br/>9:00am+ Mary Alice Wedge<br/>+ Raymond G Gallant<br/>+ Deceased members of KofC

<u>Friday</u> 9:00am Marcia Gagnon

+ Edmond R. Gaudet
9:30am Holy hour of Adoration

Saturday 4:30pm + Daniel Sheer

7:00pm + Margaret Cooke Sunday 9:00am + Vernon Pineau

11:00am Intentions of Parishioners

**4:00pm** + E.J. Arsenault

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

**Anniversaries...** Gerorge Power, Arnold Power, Raymond G. Gallant & Raymond Gauthier

Last Week's Offerings

Sunday Offering: 5,440.35 Automatic Debits: 1,502.75 E-transfers: 310.00 Building Fund: 120.00

Holy Thursday: 1,732.50 Good Friday: 2,449.00

Cost to operate St. Paul's Parish each week: <u>\$7,440</u> Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity! **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 6:30pm and offer it for the peace of the world.

**Parish update...** we have a 150-person capacity for weekend masses. **Registration is not required**; entrance is 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.

**Donation options...** 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.

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

**CWL Meeting...** executive meeting April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30pm in the main hall Followed by regular meeting at 7:00pm. Public Health protocols will be followed.

Attention Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers for 4:00pm, 9:00am and 11:00am masses... Your new schedule is ready and can be picked up in the sunken room in the back of the church Monday to Friday between 10:00am and 4:00pm.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul...** Suggested food items for this week: apple or orange juice, jam, canned meat or fish and canned vegetables. Thank you!

We would also like to give a **Big Thank You to ADL** for their continuous support.

**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

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, 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, Edna Gallant, Weston Rayner, Gloria Maillet, Daniel Arsenault, Barbara McInnis, Liam Hammets, Garlet Duetta & Marie Doucette that Jesus may bring them healing.

**Catechism Update...** Catechism classes resume this Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>. We only have a few classes remaining for this year! Our last Sunday of Catechism for 2020-2021 will be on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. A big thank you to all the parents and students for doing your part to help make catechism possible this year by following all the Public Health Regulations.

Prayer Partners – Notes Due April 18<sup>th</sup>... Our Confirmation and First Communion students need your prayers! Envelopes are available at the entrances 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 is a small way that you can make a big difference! Please return envelopes on or before April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Important Confirmation Update...The date for our 2021 Confirmation Ceremony has been set for Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7pm. There will be a rehearsal on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for all students and sponsors, which parents are welcome to attend. In preparation for Confirmation, all students preparing to receive this Sacrament are asked to attend a retreat on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm at the Parish Center.

**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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> **OR** August 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. 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 <a href="https://vbspro.events/p/events/treasuredatstpaulspei">https://vbspro.events/p/events/treasuredatstpaulspei</a> or by contacting the main office.

The K of C/ Sisters of the Sacred Heart Bottle Exchange... If you are interested in supporting the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, you can do so using your recyclables. Don's Bottle Exchange & Highland Bottle Exchange accept cans and bottle donations. All donations will aid in the programs the Sisters are involved in.

The Diocesan Council of Development and Peace-Caritas Canada.... extends our thanks for your contribution to the Share Lent Campaign. You can still donate through your parish or send it direct to devp.org or 1-888-234-8533. Our faith tells us that everybody in the world is our neighbour. Pope Francis is trying to bring the Church closer to the poorest in our world, our neighbors on the fringes of society, who Jesus loved very much, "that they may have life" and overcome the root causes of their poverty.

Martha Spirituality Centre... A Zoom book study of 5 sessions on Ron Rolheiser's text on the Eucharist: Our One Great Act of Fidelity on Friday mornings 10:00-11:00am of April 23, 30 May 7. 14 and 21. Fee is \$10. And each registrant will be asked to purchase their text which have been pre-ordered at Bookmart in Charlottetown. Register with srgemma@eastlink.ca

**PEI LIFE...** continues with its Change4LIFE Baby Bottle Campaign. Your donation goes to helping women in need, building a culture of LIFE for a People of LIFE on PEI! We support new moms; moms returning to their education and engage Islanders in pro-life values. Be part of the CHANGE4LIFE and make a donation today. Online donations can be made at: PEILIFE.org/donate. Bottles are to be returned Sunday, May 2 to your church

Easter's Not Over - It is Just Getting Started...Easter Season is the most important of all the church seasons. Easter is the celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. It is so important that Easter is **celebrated for 50 days**, from the first Sunday to Pentecost Sunday! It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia!

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the Altar throughout Easter Time and is lit for all liturgical celebrations.

**Divine Mercy Sunday...** This Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> is Divine Mercy Sunday. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy.

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (*Diary*, no. 742). This is the image that hangs over the Baptismal Font in our Church.

We invite you to take some time this weekend to gaze at this image and behold the great mercy that God has for each of us and join us in praying "Jesus, I trust in You."