

December 31st , 2023
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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Office Hours: Office will be closed December 25th – Jan 2nd

Confessions

Tues & Thurs: 8:30am -8:55am **Sat:** 11:00am-12:00pm

Baptisms: Baptisms take place on the Frist Sunday of the month. If you would like to schedule a baptism, please call or visit the office.

Mass Times & Intentions

Jan 1st – Jan 7th

Friday 9:30

Holy Hour of Adoration

Monday 9:00am

+Norma Hashie

Saturday 4:00pm

+Claude & Ernest Gaudet
Living & Deceased Members
of the McKinnon family

Tuesday 9:00am

+Kenny Bridges

+Norma Hashie

Saturday 7:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

+Sylvina Richard

Wednesday 9:00am

+Anne Perry

+Ellery Arsenault

+ **Sunday 11:00am**

Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday 9:00am

+Theresa Perry

*A cross (+) before a name
indicates intentions
for a deceased person*

Friday 9:00am

Evelyn Arsenault

**Anniversary Memorial:
Peter Sonier**

Mary, Mother of God Masses

Sunday Dec 31 - 4:00pm

Monday, Jan 1 – 9:00am

Prayers for the Sick

*Whitney Profit, Rose Arsenault, Mervyn McNally, Joe Peters, Blake Culleton, Sherry Gallant, Leona Gaudet, Leona MacDonald, John Richard, Derek Rowe, Lydia Myers, Vera Gallant, Anita Murray, , Juanita Adams, Paul Birch, Shirley Arsenault, Lewis Riley, Trista Roddick, Shirley(Katie Lou) Gallant, Heather Wolfe, Debbie MacDougall, Della van Vliet, Yvonne Gallant, Gail & Thomas Cybulski, Raymond Brown, Robin Brown, Carl “Agape” Arsenault, Jason & Matthew Perry, Katlin McGary, Ted Dalton, Maurice Gallant, Kathleen Gaudet, Jean Gallant, Paula Kirev, David P. Doucette, & Florence Rooney. **That Jesus may bring them healing.***

St. Peregrine Prayer list... If you have a loved one who is battling cancer and would like to have their name added to The St. Peregrine prayer at our Thursday Masses, please call or visit the office.

Last week’s offerings will be updated next week

Sunday Offerings: \$

Building: \$

E Transfers: \$

Automatic Debits: \$

Total:

Cost to operate St. Paul’s Parish each week: **\$7,440**

Sincere appreciation for your continued generosity!

LEGACY FUND UPDATE... Thank you for your amazing and ongoing support!! We are getting closer to reaching the final goal for stage 1 (completing the roof replacement) of \$200,000.00. Total Funds Raised to date: **\$183,096.97**

Memorial Book... On the 30th of each month, **Mass intentions** are offered for all our loved ones in the Memorial Book.

Lights of Love Christmas Trees Thank you to all who contributed to the Lights of Love fundraiser, your generosity is greatly appreciated. .

Society of St. Vincent de Paul ... (902)-724-3454.

Suggested items: Treats for Christmas such as Chocolates, canned nuts, bagged candies, chips etc., cereal, canned fish & canned meat, gravy & meat balls. Thank You!!

We recently donated \$1500.00 to the Kin Christmas Hamper Appeal Program based on your donations that were earmarked for this initiative. Thank you for your generosity! Still not too late to adopt a family - please call Sue at 902-303-0135 if interested.

Food bank hours are Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 10-12 and evening appointments can be arranged by calling **902-724-3454**

Feed My Sheep breakfast...On Saturday, December 30th St. Paul’s is hosting the Feed My Sheep complimentary hot breakfast from 8:30-10:00AM.

2024 Donation Envelopes... envelope packets are available for pickup in the hallway outside of the church

Mass Readings for Sunday Jan 7th

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Mathew 2.1-12

Catechism Calendar... Classes will resume January 14th, 2024. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Knights Christmas Poster Contest...Congratulations to the winners of the Knights Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest!

Ages 5 to 7

1st Place - Valerie Maia Calanada

2nd Place - Rebecca Theresa Sijo

3rd Place- Rilan Jaziel Gallo

Ages 8-10

1st Place - Sebastian Binkley

2nd Place - Havin Nguyen

3rd Place - Shawna Celin Saju

Ages 11-14

1st Place - Seraphine Maria Sijo

2nd Place - Clare Esther Yep

3rd Place - Liam Dsouza

All children’s entries will be posted in the church entrance for everyone to enjoy their talent!

CWL... Next meeting will be January 6th, at 1pm. Reminder if you have any used stamps, to bring them to this meeting please. **President of CWL:** Louise Doiron (902) 432-0377
The CWL would like to with everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

CWL Provincial Bursary... The PEI Catholic Women’s League (CWL) invites Catholic girls and women attending colleges and universities to apply for the PEI Catholic Girls Bursary by the **deadline of January 31st, 2023**. Applications are available at the back of the church, parish office or online at

.Prayer Line ... to have prayers said for family/friends experiencing health problems, call 436-5039 or 436-6135

Knights of Columbus... Knights meet on the third Tuesday of the month. Next meeting will be January 16th at 7:00pm. **Grand Knight:** John van Vliet (902) 303-3798

Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men... The next session of COR will be **7 am, January 13th** in the parish hall. Come join your brother parishioners for coffee and snacks, prayer, and fraternity. We are also hoping to determine what times work best for everyone moving forward. If you have additional questions, please reach out to John van Vliet at jmvanvliet1@gmail.com .

Sisters of the Sacred Heart (902) 436-5386... Along with their daycare center, the sisters visit the hospitals and seniors’ homes regularly, have you got a loved one that you would like for them to visit? Please call or email the sisters for more information. sacredheartpei@gmail.com

Bishop’s Levee 20204... The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA, Bishop of Charlottetown, cordially invites all to attend his first annual New Year’s Levee on January 1, 2024 at SDU Place, 45 Great George Street, Charlottetown, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM.

Annual Retreat...The Annual General Retreat at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre will be held January 19-21, 2024. This year’s retreat director is Fr. Walter Flynn and the theme is “A Journey from Christ’s Suffering to Our Suffering.” The cost for the retreat is \$215 per person / \$325 per couple. Register with Martin or Earla at the Centre: 902-621-1952 or ourladyofhope@gmail.com.

Dear Parishioners,

The birth of Christ reminds us of the precious gift of God’s love. May you and your family be blessed with the grace and joy of His presence this Christmas. May the light of Christ’s love guide you through the darkness and fill your life with His eternal joy. May the blessings of the Holy Night be with you today and always. Merry Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous New Year. 2024

With Blessing and prayers,

Fr.Benedict Paulraj O.Prem , Fr.

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